

Chapter Books (series)

For those children who are very comfortable with "I Can Read" books, there are some beginning, easier chapter books that may be a natural next step. These books still have a controlled reading level. In our library, these books are among our most popular. We can't wait for the next one in the series to be published. (Even some of our older students keep up with what's happening in this area.)

"Geronimo Stilton" series – we can't keep these on the shelves.

"Babymouse" series by Jennifer Holm

"Rainbow Magic" & "Weather Fairies" & "Pet Fairies" series – very popular

"Disney Fairies" by various authors

"Hot Dog and Bob" series by local author Lissa Rovetch

"Roscoe Riley Rules" series by Katherine Applegate

"Keeker" series by Hadley Higginson, for all those horse lovers

"Melvin Beederman" series by Greg Trine

"Flat Stanley" series by Jeff Brown

"A to Z Mysteries" by Ron Roy - we can't keep these on the shelves.

"Capital Mysteries" also by Ron Roy

"Secrets of Droon" series by Tony Abbott - we can't keep these on the shelves

"Deltora Quest" series by Emily Rodda (These are very popular with second through fourth graders)

"Fairy Realm" series by Emily Rodda

"Pixie Tricks" series by Tracey West

"Junie B. Jones" books by Barbara Park

"Magic Tree House" books - real favorites every year by Mary Pope Osborne

"Dragon Slayers' Academy" by Kate McMullan

"**Cam Janssen**" mysteries by David Adler

"Pee Wee Scouts" series by Judy Delton

"Marvin Redpost" series by Louis Sachar

"Stepping Stone" books published by Random House, such as:

Aliens for Breakfast, Aliens for Lunch, Aliens for Dinner

Paula Danziger's series of books about "Amber Brown"

"Springboard" books published by Little, Brown, such as:

Ellen Conford's books like *Nibble, Nibble Jenny Archer and*

Matt Christopher's books like Centerfield Ballhawk

"Redfeather" books published by Holt, such as *Twin Surprises* and *Twin Troubles*

"Horrible Harry" books by Suzy Kline

John Peterson's books about *The Littles*

"Zack Files" series by Dan Greenburg

"Bailey School Kids" series by Debbie Dadey

"The Jewel Kingdom" series by Jahanna Malcolm

"Jigsaw Jones" books by James Preller

"Arthur" chapter books by Marc Brown

"American Girls" series by various authors

"Adventures of Hector Fuller" series by Elizabeth Shreeve

“Beast Quest” series by Adam Blade

“Jack Stalwart” series by Elizabeth Hunt

R.L. Stine’s series “Rotten School”

"Star Wars" series – some better than others – The newer “Boba Fett” series is popular

And last but not least, Dav Pilkey’s “Captain Underpants” and “Ricky Ricotta”

Easier Fiction

(My favorites are in bold, but all are wonderful)

The following list includes some great children's fiction, great for reading alone or together. These are a logical next step for many children. **Note:** Everybody learns to read at a different pace. **Please,** when helping your children choose books to read on their own, don't always get books that are too hard. When children are struggling with the decoding and the defining of many words, it is really easy to lose track of the whole point of the story, and it is much too much like work. A frustrated child is one who may not develop a positive attitude about reading. Not too easy all the time either, everybody needs a reasonable challenge. The point is to have fun with great words and stories.

Author	Title	Comments
Baglio, Ben	Kitten in the Cold	“Animal Ark” series
Barrows, Annie	Ivy + Bean	great series
Benton, Jim	Fran with four Brains #6	“Franny K Stein” series
Blume, Judy	Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing	a must read
	The Pain and the Great One	now there are 4 of these
Bond, Michael	Paddington Bear	wonderful English series
Brock, Betty	No Flying in the House	fantasy
Byars, Betsy	Seven Treasure Hunts	good mystery
Calmenson, Stephanie	The Gator Girls	summer adventures
Cameron, Ann	Stories Julian Tells	funny, family stories
Chew, Ruth	The Witch and the Ring	lots of magic
Child, Lauren	Utterly Me, Clarice Bean	now a trilogy
Christopher, Matt	Spy on Third Base	good, short sports stories
Cleary, Beverly	Ramona the Pest	a must for all!! + sequels
	Mouse and the Motorcycle	funny + sequels
Cohen, Miriam.	Mimmy and Sophie : all around the town.	
Colfer, Eoin.	The legend of Spud Murphy.	very funny (#3 is just out)
Crilly, Mark	Akiko: pieces of Gax	new title in “Akiko” series
Dahl, Roald	Fantastic Mr. Fox	read all of his books
Danziger, Paula	What a Trip Amber Brown	funny series
DiCamillo, Kate	Mercy Watson series	#6 is coming this summer
Duffey, Betsy	Lucky on the Loose	cute dog stories
Eager, Edward	Half Magic	fantasy - must read
Erickson, Russell	Warton and Morton	animal adventures
Flack, Marjorie	Walter the Lazy Mouse	

Friedman, Laurie	Mallory on the Move	new favorites
Funke, Cornelia	In Business with Mallory	good series
Gannett, Ruth	Ghosthunters (1 – 4)	fantasy trilogy
Griffin, Adele	My Father's Dragon	four in series now
Haas, Jessie	Witch Twins	sweet horse story
Hale, Bruce	Runaway Radish	“Chet Gecko” mysteries
Harper, Charise	The Malted Falcon	very nice series
Honeycutt, Natalie	Just Grace Goes Green	funny stories
Howe, James	The All New Jonah Twist	funny mystery series
Hurwitz, Johanna	Bunnica	guinea pig on the loose
	PeeWee’s Tale	
	Lexi’s Tale	
	Pee Wee & Plush	
Jansson, Tove	Finn Family Moomintroll	great series
Kline, Suzy	Horrible Harry in Room 2B	funny school stories
Krulik, Nancy	Katie Kazoo	very popular series
LeGuin, Ursula	Catwings	and sequels
Lindgren, Astrid	Pippi Longstocking	adventure trilogy
King-Smith, Dick	A Mouse called Wolf	and many more
Look, Lenore	Ruby Lu, Brave and True	
Lovelace, Maud Hart	Betsy-Tacy	I loved these as a kid!!
Lowry, Lois	All About Sam	award winning author
	Gooney Bird Greene	there are now 3 books
MacDonald, Betty	Mrs. Piggle Wiggle	funny short stories
McDonald, Megan	“Judy Moody” series	funny third grader
	“Stink” series	Judy’s little brother
Milne, A.A.	Winnie the Pooh	classic - all should read or have read to them
		these are fun
Moss, Marissa	“Amelia” notebooks	3 rd grade “Alice”
Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds	Starting with Alice	
Pilkey, Dav	The Adventures of Captain Underpants	very popular
	Ricky Ricotta’s Mighty Robot	animal fantasy
Rylant, Cynthia	Gooseberry Park	"Cobblestone Cousins" series
	In Aunt Lucy's Kitchen	“Time Warp Trio” series
Scieska, Jon	Knights of the Kitchen Table	
	Hey Kid, Want to buy a Bridge	
Selden, George	Harry Kitten and Tucker Mouse	animal fantasy series
Smith, Janice Lee	The Kid Next Door and....	"Adam Joshua" stories
Sobol, Donald J.	Encyclopedia Brown	short mysteries to solve
Taylor, Sydney	All-of-a-Kind-Family	old fashioned family stories
Van Leeuwen, Jean	Benjy in Business	plus two more about "Benjy"
Warner, Gertrude	The Boxcar Children	popular mystery series
White, E.B.	Charlotte's Web	classic - read these many times
	Stuart Little	3 rd & 4 th graders love these
Whybrow, Ian	“Little Wolf” books	American classic
Wilder, Laura Ingalls	Little House in the Big Woods	

Non-Fiction Books

For the dinosaur lovers and all those children who always want "true" books, there are some wonderful non-fiction books that are well written and beautifully illustrated. Encourage your child to pick out some for you to read and some for them to read on their own.

Biographies

There are some very good biographies and autobiographies written for this age group. Look through the biography section at the library and/or the bookstore.