

Birthday Book Club Selections:

Capitol Choices Noteworthy Books for Children and Teens

“The mission of Capitol Choices is to identify and select a yearly list of outstanding titles for children and teens. We consider books and audiobooks published in the current calendar year for readers from birth through the high school years. We look not only for those books and audiobooks that are obviously remarkable but also for those whose charm, art, information, or depth of feeling may enhance a young person’s world. We especially look for books that may not find an audience without the benefit of special attention.”
Capitol Choices

If you click on the link above you will find more information about the Capitol Choice Books listed below. Mrs. Tantillo, SHA Librarian, attended an In-service, October 2017, at Bishop O’Connell High School with the other Arlington Diocese Librarians. We were treated to a presentation by one of Capitol Choice members.

- *Thunder Boy, Jr.* by Sherman Alexie
- *The Airport Book* by Lisa Brown
- *Maybe Something Beautiful: How Art Transformed a Neighborhood* by F. Isabel Campoy and Theresa Howell
- *A Hungry Lion or a Dwindling Assortment of Animals* by Lucy Ruth Cummins
- *Sleep Tight Farm: A Farm Prepares for Winter* by Eugenie Doyle
- *Du Iz Tak?* by Carson Ellis
- *A Night Gardener* by Eric and Terry Fan
- *Jane Foster’s First Words* by Jane Foster
- *Owl Sees Owl* by Laura Godwin
- *The Sound of Silence* by Katrina Goldsaito
- *In Plain Sight* by Richard Jackson
- *Cat on the Bus* by Aram Kim
- *Life According to Dani* by Rose Lagercrantz
- *Tell Me A Tattoo Story* by Alison McGhee
- *Hare and Tortoise* by Alison Murray
- *Crocopotomus* by Mary Murphy

- *A Family is a Family is a Family* by Sara O’Leary
- *School’s First Day of School* by Adam Rex
- *Best in Snow* by April Pulley Sayre
- *There is a Tribe of Kids* by Lane Smith
- *Oops, Pounce, Quick, Run!: An Alphabet Caper* by Mike Twohy
- *The Water Princess* by Susan Verde and Georgie Badiel
- *They All Saw A Cat* by Brendan Wenzel
- *Home At Last* by Vera B. Williams
- *Preaching to the Chickens: The Story of Young John Lewis* by Jabari Asim
- *The White Cat And The Monk: A Retelling of the Poem “Pangur Ban”* by Jo Ellen Bogart
- *Smart About Sharks* by Owen Davey
- *Olinguito, De La AA La Z!/Olinguito, From A to Z!* by Lulu Delacre
- *When Green Becomes Tomatoes: Poems for all Seasons* by Julie Fogliano
- *I Am Pani* by Mordicai Gerstein
- *The First Step: How One Girl Put Segregation On Trial* by Susan E. Goodman
- *Hippotomister* by John Patrick Green
- *Garvey’s Choice* by Nikki Grimes
- *Book Uncle and Me* by Uma Krishnaswami
- *I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark* by Debbie Levy
- *When Mischievous Came To Town* by Katrina Nannestad
- *Jazz Day: The Making of a Famous Photograph* by Roxane Orgill
- *A Poem for Peter* by Andrea Pinkney
- *Prairie Dog Song* by Susan L. Roth and Cindy Trumbore
- *Some Writer! The Story of E.B.White* by Melissa Sweet
- *The Storyteller* by Evan Turk
- *Weekends With Max and His Dad* by Linda Urban
- *A Piece of Home* by Jeri Watts
- *Freedom in Congo Square* by Carole Boston Weatherford
- *Ashes* by Laurie Halse Anderson
- *Ms. Bixby’s Last Day* by John David Anderson
- *My Life With The Liars* by Caela Carter
- *It Ain’t So Awful, Falafel* by Firoozeh Dumas
- *Fannie Never Flinched: One Woman’s Courage in the Struggle for American Labor Union Rights* by Mary Cronk Farrell
- *We Will Not Be Silent: The White Rose Student Resistance Movement that Defied Hitler* by Russell Freedman
- *Lily and Dunkin* by Donna Gephart
- *The Inquisitor’s Tale: or, The Three Magical Children and Their Holy Dog* by Adam Gidwitz

- *Full of Beans* by Jennifer L. Holm
- *When the Sea Turned to Silver* by Grace Lin
- *Ten Days A Madwoman* by Deborah Noyes
- *The Best Man* by Richard Peck
- *Pax* by Sara Pennybacker
- *Ghost* by Jason Reynolds
- *As Brave As You* by Jason Reynolds
- *Towers Falling* by Jewell Parker Rhodes
- *Let Your Voice Be Heard: The Life and Times of Pete Seeger* by Anita Silvey
- *Ghosts* by Raina Telgemeier
- *Samurai Rising: The Epic Life of Minamoto Yoshitsune* by Pamela S. Turner
- *Save Me a Seat* by Sarah Weeks and Gita Varadarajan

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Picture Books

- *7 Ate 9* by Ross MacDonald
- *Argyle Fox* by Marie Latourneau
- *The Bad Mood and the Stick* by Lemony Snicket
- *Be Quiet* by Ryan T. Higgins
- *Big Words for Little Geniuses* by Susan and James Patterson
- *A Birth Day for Hannah* by Linda Petrie Bunch
- *The Blue Hour* by Isabelle Simler
- *Did You Take the "B" from My Book?* By Beck and Matt Stanton
- *Bruce's Big Move* by Ryan T. Higgins
- *Chester Raccoon and the Almost Perfect Sleepover* by Audrey Penn
- *D is for Duck* by David Melling
- *Draw the Line* by Kathryn Otoshi
- *Egg* by Kevin Henkes
- *Escargot* by Dashka Slater
- *Ghost Cat* by Eve Bunting
- *Give Thank You a Try* by James Patterson
- *Goldfish Ghost* by Lemony Snicket
- *Good Night, Planet* by Liniers
- *Goodnight Lab* by Chris Ferrie
- *A Greyhound, A Groundhog* by Emily Jenkins
- *Hattie & Hudson* by Chris Van Dusen
- *Here We Are, Notes for Living on Planet Earth* by Oliver Jeffers
- *Hooray for Birds!* By Lucy Cousins

- *Invisible Lizard* by Kurt Cyrus
- *The Journey Trilogy* by Aaron Becker
- *La La La: A Story of Hope* by Kate DiCamillo
- *The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors* by Drew Daywalt
- *Little Excavator* by Anna Dewdney
- *Maisy Goes to the Local Bookstore* by Lucy Cousins
- *Mighty, Mighty Construction Site* by Sherri Duskey Rinker
- *More Blueberries!* By Susan Musgrave
- *Morris Mole* by Dan Yaccarino
- *Mrs. White Rabbit* by Giles Bachelet
- *Nibbles the Book Monster* by Emma Yarlett
- *Nico Draws a Feeling* by Bob Raczka
- *Nothing Rhymes with Orange* by Adam Rex
- *Olga de Polga* by Michael Bonet
- *On a Magical Do-Nothing Day* by Beatrice Alemangna
- *On the Spot* by Amy Krouse
- *Owl Bat Bat Owl* by Marie-Louise Fitzpatrick
- *Penguin Problems* by Jory John
- *Pete With No Pants* by Rowboat Watkins
- *Plume* by Isabelle Simler
- *Princes Cora and the Crocodile* by Laura Amy Schlitz
- *Professional Crocodile* by Giovanna Zoboll
- *The Purloining of Prince Oleomargerine* by Mark Twain and Philip C. Stead
- *The Queen of the Frogs* by Davide Cali
- *A River* by Marc Martin
- *Robinson* by Peter Sis
- *Roof Octopus* by Lucy Branam
- *Sarabella's Thinking Cap* by Judy Schachner
- *Say Zoop!* By Herve Tullet
- *The Scariest Book Ever* by Bob Shea
- *Snowflake in My Pocket* by Rachel Bright
- *The Star Wars Little Golden Book Library* by Golden Books
- *Stay: A Girl, a Dog and a Bucket List* by Kate Klise
- *The Teacher's Pet* by Anica Mrose Rissi
- *There's Nothing to Do* by Dev Petty
- *Triangle* by Mac Barnett
- *Unit the Unicorn and the Dream Come True* by Amy Krouse Rosenthal
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- *Wake* by Shawn Dougherty
- *When a Wolf is Hungry* by Christine Naumann-Villemin
- *Where Will I Live* by Rosemary McCarney
- *Wolf in the Snow* by Matthew Cordell
- *The Wonderful Things You Will Be: A Growing-Up Poem* by Emily Winfield Martin
- *The X-Files: Children Are Weird* by Kim Smith

Picture Books – Nonfiction

- *ABC Pop-Up* by Courtney Watson McCarthy
- *A Bear's Life* by Ian McAllister & Nicholas Read
- *Before She was Harriet* by Lesa Cline-Rensome
- *Breathe Like a Bear* by Kira Willey
- *Her Right Foot* by Dave Eggers
- *Imagine That! How Dr. Seuss Wrote the Cat in the Hat* by Judy Sierra
- *The Life and Times of Martin Luther* by Meike Roth-Beck
- *The Story of Barbie and the Woman who Created Her* by Cindy Eagan
- *Wake Up!* by Henen Frost
- *What's Cooking?* by Joshua David Stein
- *Wolf Island* by Ian McAllister and Nicholas Read

Early Readers & Chapter Books/Activity

- *All the Animals Where I Live* by Philip C. Stuart
- *BB-8 On the Run* by Drew Daywalt
- *Baby Monkey, Private Eye* by Brian Selznick & David Serlin
- *Be Kind* by Pat Zietlow Miller
- *Can I Be Your Dog?* By Troy Cummings
- *Charlie & Mouse* by Laurel Snyder
- *Charlie & Mouse & Grumpy* by Laurel Snyder
- *Come, Snap, App!: My First Animated Coloring Book* by Claire Fay
- *Doodles Canine Coloring Fun* by Sertia James
- *Fizz and the Police Dog Tryouts* by Lesley Gibbes
- *Hello Lighthouse* by Sophie Blackall
- *Heartwood Hotel: A True Home* by Kallie George
- *A Hippie-Hoppy Toad* by Peggy Archer
- *I See a Cat* by Paul Meisel
- *Walk With Vanessa: A Story About a Simple Act of Kindness* by Keracoet
- *If You Had a Jetpack* by Lisl Detlefsen
- *Joan Proctor Dragon Doctor: The Woman Who Loved Reptiles* by Patricia Valdez

- *Magic Tree House: A Big Day for Baseball* by Mary Pope Osborne
- *Moon* by Alison Oliver
- *Natsumi!* by Susan Lendroth
- *The Princess in Black: 3 Smashing Adventures* by Shannon and Dean Hale
- *The Rabbit Listened* by Cori Doerrfeld
- *Smartphone Movie Maker* by Bryan Michael Stoller
- *Snarf Attack, Underfoodle, and the Secret of Life: The Riot Brothers Tall All* by Mary Amato
- *Where's Waldo? Destination: Everywhere* by Martin Handford
- *Wordplay* by Ivan Brunetti
- *Wordy Birdy* by Tammi Sauer

Great & Graphic

- *5 Worlds #1: The Sand Warrior* by Mark & Alexis Siegel
- *Fish Girl* by Donna Jo Napoli
- *Hilo Book 3: The Great Big Boom* by Judd Winick
- *Invisible Emmie* by Terri Libenson
- *Laser Moose and Rabbit Boy: Disco Fever* by Doug Savage
- *Phoebe and Her Unicorn in the Magic Storm* by Diana Simpson
- *Real Friends* by Shannon Hale
- *Tyrannosaurus Ralph* by Nat Evans
- *Unicorn Crossing: Another Phoebe and Her Unicorn Adventure* by Dana Simpson
- *Zen Pencils: Inspirational Quotes for Kids* by Gavin Aung Than

Mythology and Folklore

- *The Iliad/The Odyssey Boxed Set* by Gillian Cross
- *Kid Beowulf: The Song of Roland* by Alexis E. Fajardo
- *Norse Myths: Tales of Odin, Thor and Loki* by Kevin Crossley-Holland
- *Snow & Rose* by Emily Winfield Martin
- *Yvain: The Knight and the Lion* by M.T. Anderson

Middle Grades

- *The Apprentice Witch* by James Nicol
- *Arlo in the Valley of Fire* by John August
- *Aru Shah and the End of Time* by Roshani Chokshi
- *The Book of Boy* by Catherine Gilbert Murdock
- *Diary of an 8-Bit Warrior: Path of the Diamond* by Cube Kid
- *The Dreadful Tale of Proper Redding* by Alexandra Bracken

- *Elementals: Ice Wolves* by Arnie Kaufman
- *The End of the Wild* by Nicole Heiget
- *Flowers for Sarajevo* by John McCutcheon
- *Granted* by John David Anderson
- *How to be a Supervillain* by Michael Fry
- *Ivy Aberdeen's Letter to the World* by Ashley Herring Blake
- *Lemons* by Melissa Savage
- *The Losers Club* by Andrew Clements
- *The Mad Wolf's Daughter* by Diane Magras
- *Marabel and the Book of Fate* by Tracy Barrett
- *Matylda, Bright & Tender* by Holly M. McGhee
- *Me and Marvin Gardens* by Amy Sarig King
- *Molly's Story: A Dog's Purpose Novel* by W. Bruce Cameron
- *Orphan Island* by Laurel Snyder
- *The Parker Inheritance* by Varian Johnson
- *The Perfect Score* by Rob Buyea
- *Posted* by John David Anderson
- *Samantha Spinner and the Super-Secret Plans* by Russell Gins
- *The Serpent's Secret* by Sayantani DasGupta
- *Slider* by Pete Hautman
- *Timeless: Diego and the Rangers of the Vastlantic* by Armand Baltazar
- *The Unicorn Rescue Society: The Creature of the Pines* by Adam Gidwitz
- *Until Tomorrow, Mr. Marsworth* by Sheila O'Connor
- *Warren the 13th and the Whispering Woods* by Tania del Rio
- *The Whiz Mob and the Grenadine Kid* by Colin Meloy
- *Wishtree* by Katherine Applegate
- *The Wizards of Once* by Cressida Cowell
- *You Go First* by Erin Entrada Kelly

Middle Grade – Nonfiction

- *Botanicum: Welcome to the Museum* by Kathy Wills
- *Chef Gino's Taste Test Challenge: 90 Winning Recipes That Any Kid Can Cook* by Gino Campagna
- *Dinosaur Atlas* by Lonely Planet
- *The Fantastic Body: What Makes You Tick & How You Get Sick* by Dr. Howard Bennett
- *Grand Canyon* by Jason Chin
- *The Incredible Cabinet of Wonders* by Lonely Planet
- *Isaac the Alchemist: Secrets of Isaac Newton Revealed* by Mary Losure

- *Kid Authors: True Tales of Childhood from Famous Writers* by David Stabler
- *Out of Wonder : Celebrating Poets* by Kwame Alexander
- *The Playbook: 52 Rules to Aim, Shoot, and Score in This Game called Life* by Kwame Alexander
- *Silent Days, Silent Dreams* by Allen Say
- *This is Our Constitution: Discover America with a Gold Star Father* by Khizr Khan
- *A World of Information* by Richard Platt

Girl Power

- *Anne of Green Gables: A Graphic Novel* by Mariah Mursden
- *Feminist Baby* by Loryn Brantz
- *Malala's Magic Pencil* by Malala Yousafzai
- *Race to the Bottom of the Sea* by Lindsay Eagar
- *Wonder Woman: Warbringer* by Leigh Bardugo

Diverse Characters

- *Cinnamon* by Neil Gaiman
- *Clayton Byrd Goes Underground* by Rita Williams-Garcia
- *Coco: Miguel and the Grand Harmony* by Matt de la Pena
- *A Different Pond* by Bau Phi
- *The Gentleman's Guide to Vice and Virtue* by Mackenzie Lee
- *Happy to be Nappy* by Bell Hooks
- *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas
- *On the Spectrum* by Jennifer Gold
- *The Stars Beneath our Feet* by David Barclay Moore
- *Stolen Words* by Melanie Florence
- *When's My Birthday?* By Julie Fogliano
- *Why Am I Me?* By Paige Britt

Recommendations for Kids from Indie Booksellers

- *Alma and How She Got Her Name* by Juana Martinez-Neal
- *The Astonishing Color of After* by Emily X.R. Pan
- *Children of Blood and Bone: The Orisha Legacy* by Tomi Adeyemi
- *Dread Nation* by Justina Ireland
- *Ghost Boys* by Jewell Parker Rhodes
- *Hello Hello* by Brendan Wenzel
- *Hurricane Child* by Kheryn Callender
- *Islandborn* by Junot Diaz

- *Like Vanessa* by Tami Charles
- *The Night Diary* by Veera Hiranandani

Young Adult

- *American Panda* by Gloria Chao
- *The Belles* by Dhonielle Clayton
- *Blood Water Paint* by Joy McCullough
- *For Every One* by Jason Reynolds
- *Girl in Pieces* by Kathleen Glasgow
- *Gemina* by Amie Kaufmann and Jay Kristoff
- *Heart of Iron* by Ashley Poston
- *Illuminae* by Amie Kaufman and Jay Kristoff
- *Orphan Monster Spy* by Matt Killeen
- *Not If I Save You First* by Ally Carter
- *The Poet X* by Elizabeth Acevedo
- *The Price Guide to the Occult* by Leslye Walton
- *The Prince and the Dressmaker* by Jen Wang
- *Tempests and Slaughter* by Tamora Pierce
- *The Wicked Deep* by Shea Ernshaw

Award Winners

- *Ada's Violin* by Susan Hood
- *All Rise for the Honorable Perry T. Cook* by Leslie Connor
- *As Brave As You* by Jason Reynolds
- *Girl in the Blue Coat* by Monica Hesse
- *Jumanji* by Chris Von Allsburg
- *Millions of Cats* by Wanda Gag
- *Salt to the Sea* by Ruta Sepetys
- *School's First Day of School* by Adam Rex
- *The Sun Is Also a Star* by Nicola Yoon
- *There's a Bear on My Chair* by Ross Collins
- *When the Sea Turned to Silver* by Grace Lin