

Unit of Inquiry Recommended Reading List

Who We Are

Check out the recommended reading for each program of inquiry. The recommended list includes a small summary, along with a link to the King County Library System's catalog to see if the book is in stock there. If there is no KCLS link, then they do not carry the title. If there is a star after the date that means that Bellevue Children's Academy, also, carries the title.

Pre-K

- Beaumont, Karen. *I Like Myself!* Orlando : Harcourt, 2004.*
 - A child lists the reasons why she likes herself, and as the suggestions become more fantastical, the narrator still likes herself as she is inside.
 - [King County Library Service \(KCLS\)](#)
- Appelt, Kathi. *Incredible Me!* New York : HarperCollins, 2003.*
 - A child explains why she is special.
 - [KCLS](#)
- Rosenthal, Amy Krouse. *Little Pea*. San Francisco : Chronicle, 2005.
 - Little Pea's parents won't let him eat his spinach for dessert until he has had his candy for dinner.
 - [KCLS](#)
- Parr, Todd. *The Family Book*. New York : Little, Brown, 2003.*
 - Demonstrates that all types of families have similarities, and differences, but all are important and special.
 - [KCLS](#)
- Peete, Holly Robinson. *My Brother Charlie*. New York : Scholastic, 2010.
 - A child whose twin has autism relates how their family is just like any other.
 - [KCLS](#)
- Rotner, Shelley. *Families*. New York : Holiday House, 2015.
 - Modern interpretation of the many different types of families.
 - [KCLS](#)
- Le, Minh. *Drawn Together*. Los Angeles : Hyperion/Disney, 2018.*
 - A grandfather and son bridge a language barrier through art.
 - [KCLS](#)
- Miyares, Daniel. *Float*. New York : Simon & Schuster, 2015.
 - A wordless picture book about a boy playing with his paper boat in the rain, and how he copes with its loss.
 - [KCLS](#)
- Santat, Dan. *The Adventures of Beekle*. New York : Scholastic, 2015.*
 - An imaginary friend goes on an adventure to find the right child.
 - [KCLS](#)

Kindergarten

- De La Pena, Matt. *Last Stop on Market Street*. New York : Putnam Sons, 2015.*
 - A boy is traveling with his grandmother on the bus, and wonders why he can't ride in a car or have a small computer device. On the bus ride the grandmother helps the boy to see that what he has is beautiful.
 - [KCLS](#)
- Andrae, Giles. *Giraffes Can't Dance*. New York : Orchard Books, 2001.
 - The animals are having a party, and each animal has their own dancing style. Until giraffe comes along and starts to dance. The other animals laugh at him, and he runs away. When he has calmed down, he dances by himself, and the other animals happen to see him complete a graceful ballet-like dance. They applaud him.
 - [KCLS](#)
- Harrison, Hannah. *Friends Stick Together*. New York : Dial Books for Young Readers, 2018.*
 - A rhino has a new friend that is annoying him to pieces. He finds out how to get the bird to leave him alone, but something is still missing.
 - [KCLS](#)
- Becker, Bonny. *A Visitor for Bear*. Cambridge : Candlewick, 2008.*
 - Bear is content with living on his own, however, a mouse has his own ideas.
 - [KCLS](#)
- Willems, Mo. *Sam the Most Scaredy-Cat Kid in the Whole World*. New York : Hyperion, 2017.*
 - Sam and his friend, monster Leonardo, come across another monster-kid duo who is as scaredy-cat as Sam is. The monsters leave the kids to work it out.
 - [KCLS](#)
- Dewdney, Anne. *Llama Llama books*. New York : Viking, 2005-2016.
 - The llama books feature on a llama who encounters and works out growing pains with either his Mama, school, or other relatives.
 - [KCLS](#)
- Rohman, Eric. *My Friend Rabbit*. New York : Roaring Book, 2002.*
 - Rabbit and mouse are playing when their plane gets stuck in a tree. Rabbit has a "great idea" but ends up angering the rest of the animals instead.
 - [KCLS](#)

1st Grade

- Arnold, Caroline. *Too Hot? Too Cold?* Massachusetts : Charlesbridge, 2013.*

- Demonstrates how your body, and other animals' bodies, regulate their internal temperature.
- [KCLS](#)
- Rabe, Tish. *Oh the Things That You Can Do That Are Good For You!* New York : Random House, 2001.*
 - A book written with Dr. Seuss' rhyming scheme that details healthy habits.
 - [KCLS](#)
- Rockwell, Lizzy. *Good Enough to Eat.* New York : HarperCollins, 1999.*
 - Outlines how the body digests food, and what the body receives from the food it digests.
 - [KCLS](#)
- Dyckman, Ame. *Wolfie the Bunny.* New York : Little, Brown, 2015.
 - Dot's family adopts a Wolf whom Dot is sure is going to "eat them all up." When she runs into a bear in the grocery store even Dot's reaction is a surprise to her.
 - [KCLS](#)
- Dyckman, Ame. *Horrible Bear.* New York : Little, Brown, 2016.*
 - A girl loses a kite in a bear cave, and the bear accidentally breaks it. She stomps away mad before trying to understand what had happened from Bear's point of view.
 - [KCLS](#)
- Barnett, Mac. *Rules of the House.* Los Angeles : Hyperion, 2016.*
 - Ian and Jenny are spending their summer in a cabin in the woods. Ian likes to follow the rules, and Jenny tends to find a way to break them. What happens when they open the one door they are not supposed to?
 - [KCLS](#)
- Curtis, Jamie Lee. *Today I Feel Silly & Other Moods That Make My Day.* New York : HarperCollins, 1998.
 - A girl explains all of the moods she can feel in one day.
 - [KCLS](#)

2nd Grade

- Al Abdullah, Queen Rania. *The Sandwich Swap.* New York : Hyperion, 2010.*
 - Lilly and Salma are best friends in school until one day during lunch where their differences create some tension.
 - [KCLS](#)
- Gemeinhart, Dave. *Some Kind of Courage.* New York : Scholastic, 2016.
 - This book takes place in the late 19th century where a boy from rural Washington state embarks on a quest to get his pony back.
 - [KCLS](#)
- Singer, Marilyn. *Every Month is a New Year.* New York : Lee & Low Books, 2017.*
 - In the shape of a calendar this book is a collection of poems about New Year celebrations around the world.
 - [KCLS](#)
- Delacre, Lulu. *Salsa Stories.* New York : Scholastic, 2012.*

- A party is happening, and Carmen Teresa is gifted a notebook. She spends the rest of the party recording her families own childhood stories from all over Latin America.
- [KCLS](#)
- Del Rizzo, Suzanne. *My Beautiful Birds*. Ontario : Pajama Press, 2016.*
 - As Sami and his family flee from a war torn Syria he releases his birds that he had as pets. In a refugee camp, Sami and the rest of the children learn to adapt to their new home.
 - [KCLS](#)
- Johnson, Angela. *All Different Now*. New York : Simon & Schuster for Young Readers, 2014.
 - Members of a slave family celebrate the day they are emancipated. This day becomes Juneteenth.
 - [KCLS](#)
- Tonatiuh, Duncan. *The Princess and the Warrior*. New York : Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2016.
 - A retelling of a Mexican fable about the beginnings of two volcanoes.
 - [KCLS](#)

3rd Grade

- Assorted Authors. *Who Is/Who Was series*. New York : Penguin Random House for Young Readers, Assorted dates.*
 - The Who Is/Who was series is a great introduction to biographies for children. With modern and historical selections, and relevant information everyone will be happy.
 - [KCLS](#)
- Winter, Jonah. *Ruth Bader Ginsburg: The Case of R.B.G vs. Inequality*. New York : Abrams for Young Readers, 2017.*
 - A book about how Ruth Bader Ginsburg became the symbol for gender equality through her determination and hard work.
 - [KCLS](#)
- Rowell, Rebecca. *Rachel Carson Sparks the Environmental Movement*. Minneapolis : Abdo Publishing, 2016.*
 - A look into Rachel Carson's life as she invigorates the environmental movement.
 - [KCLS](#)
- Hatke, Jack. *Mighty Jack*. New York : First Second, 2016.*
 - A graphic novel, and modern interpretation of Jack and the Bean Stalk. Jack ends up swapping the family's car for a packet of seeds. Chaos ensues, but Hatke balances real world issues with fairy tale heroics.
 - [KCLS](#)
- Pinkney, Andrea Davis. *Sit-In How Four Friends Stood Up By Sitting Down*. New York : Little, Brown, 2010.*
 - An inspiring retelling of the sit-ins at restaurants during the Civil Rights Movement.
 - [KCLS](#)
- Wrede, Patricia. *Dealing with Dragons*. San Diego : Harcourt, 2005.

- A princess is not allowed to do any of her favorite things like dueling or learning new languages. She is always forced to sew or dance. So when she is forced to be kidnapped by a dragon she chooses to stay when wizards decide to try and take the Dragons' kingdom.
- [KCLS](#)
- Applegate, K.A. *One and Only Ivan*. New York : Harper, 2012.*
 - After seeing how his fellow animals are treated at a big top circus, Ivan (who is a gorilla) decides to help the rest of the animals escape.
 - [KCLS](#)

4th Grade

- Green, Dan. *Human Body Factory*. New York : Kingfisher, 2012.
 - Relates the human body system as if the brain was a C.E.O. and the rest of the body is their organization.
 - [KCLS](#)
- Silverman, Buffy. *Who's in Control?* Chicago : Raintree, 2007.
 - With sports and teamwork analogies this book eases children into the brain and nervous system.
- Gold, Martha V. *Learning about the Nervous System*. New Jersey : Enslow Publishers, 2013.*
 - A more in-depth description of the nervous system.
 - [KCLS](#)
- Gold, Dudley Susan. *Learning about the Musculoskeletal System and the Skin*. New Jersey : Enslow Publishers, 2013.*
 - Explains how the musculoskeletal system works and how it helps you in sports.
 - [KCLS](#)
- Swanson, Jennifer. *Brain Games*. Washington, D.C. : National Geographic, 2015.
 - The book includes brain challenges that children can solve, and then on the next page explains what is happening in their brain and the rest of their body as they try and solve the problem.*
- Macauley, David. *The Way We Work*. Boston : Houghton Mifflin, 2008.
 - A highly visual and complex look at the different body systems in double page spreads.
 - [KCLS](#)