

SOCIETY OF CHILDREN'S BOOK WRITERS AND ILLUSTRATORS

OFFICIAL READING LIST — 2018

SOUTHEAST

(Florida / Georgia / South Carolina / North Carolina / Alabama)

PRE-K-K

BOARD BOOK

Two by Two

by Lisa Lowe Stauffer, illustrated by Angelika Scudamore

Book Description: This playful, rhyming story is sure to have little ones laughing and dancing along as two mischievous monkeys let loose the zoo aboard Noah's ark.

Author's Residence: Roswell, Georgia

Publisher: Zonderkidz

Publication Date: July 31, 2018

Author's Website: lisalowestauffer.com

NONFICTION PICTURE BOOK

Little Kids: First Big Book of the Rain Forest

by Moira Rose Donohue

Book Description: Tree frogs! Jaguars! Exotic birds! Meet these fascinating animals and more in this introduction to Earth's tropical rain forests, filled with brilliant photographs.

Author's Residence: St. Petersburg, Florida

Publisher: National Geographic Kids

Publication Date: July 17, 2018

Author's Website: moirarosedonohue.net

PICTURE BOOK

Doll-E 1.0

by Shanda McCloskey

Book Description: A STEM-friendly tale of a girl and the doll she upgrades to be her new friend, for fans of *The Most Magnificent Thing* and *Rosie Revere, Engineer*.

Author's Residence: Ball Ground, Georgia

Publisher: Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

Publication Date: May 1, 2018

Author's Website: ShandaMc.com

Inky's Amazing Escape

by Sy Montgomery, illustrated by Amy Schimler-Safford

Book Description: A fictionalized account based on a true story of Inky the octopus' escape from the New Zealand Aquarium.

Illustrator's Residence: Roswell, Georgia

Publisher: Paula Wiseman Books

Publication Date: October 2018

Illustrator's Website: amyschimler.com

Pirate Jack Gets Dressed

by Nancy Raines Day, illustrated by Allison Black

Book Description: Jaunty pirate Captain Jack uses every color of the rainbow to pick out his outfit in this bright and bold read-aloud.

Author's Residence: St. Simons Island, Georgia

Publisher: Beach Lane Books

Publication Date: September 18, 2018

Author's Website: nancyrainesday.com

Shark Nate-O

by Tara Luebbe and Becky Cattie, illustrated by Daniel Duncan

Book Description: A shark-obsessed boy learns to swim. Includes shark facts.

Author's Residence: Fort Mill, South Carolina

Publisher: little bee books

Publication Date: April 3, 2018

Author's Website: beckytarabooks.com

Step by Step

by Loreen Leedy

Book Description: Who made the animal tracks? Young readers are eager to turn the page to see each baby animal, including mammals, reptiles, birds, and invertebrates.

Author's Residence: Chuluota, Florida

Publisher: Holiday House

Publication Date: May 8, 2018

Author's Website: loreenleedy.com

Teach Your Giraffe to Ski

by Viviane Elbee, illustrated by Danni Gowdy

Book Description: Great spotties! It's snowing and your giraffe wants to ski! While trying to restrain his fearless giraffe, a cautious little boy learns something about courage.

Author's Residence: Charlotte, North Carolina

Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company

Publication Date: November 1, 2018

Author's Website: VivianeElbee.com

What if Dinosaurs were Pink?

by Jarrett Whitlow, illustrated by Daniela Dogliani

Book Description: Maybe dinosaurs went to school or rode in cars and played sports too. One day we may know and not think how cool it was dinosaurs were pink!

Author's Residence: Oviedo, Florida

Publisher: Warren Publishing

Publication Date: May 11, 2018

Author's Website: thinkpinkdinos.com

GRADES 1-2

BILINGUAL PICTURE BOOK

Galápagos Girl

by Marsha Diane Arnold, illustrated by Angela Dominguez

Book Description: Valentina lives on the Galápagos Islands, spending her days in the natural world. When she learns her wild companions are threatened, she promises to protect them. Bilingual.

Author's Residence: Alva, Florida

Publisher: Lee & Low
Publication Date: September 18, 2018
Author's Website: marshadianearnold.com

BIOGRAPHY

Spring After Spring: How Rachel Carson Inspired the Environmental Movement

by **Stephanie Roth Sisson**

Book Description: A biography of Rachel Carson and her journey from observing the connections in nature as a child to growing up to become a writer and ultimately inspiring the modern environmental movement.

Author's Residence: Sarasota, Florida

Publisher: Roaring Brook Press

Publication Date: August 14, 2018

Author's Website: Stephanitely.com

NONFICTION PICTURE BOOK

Pride: The Story of Harvey Milk and the Rainbow Flag

by **Rob Sanders, illustrated by Steven Salerno**

Book Description: This moving and inspiring story traces the life of the LGBTQ+ Pride flag. This remarkable true story is one of equality, pride, hope, and love.

Author's Residence: Brandon, Florida

Publisher: Random House Books for Young Readers

Publication Date: April 2018

Author's Website: robsanderswrites.com

What if You had an Animal Tail?!

by **Sandra Markle, illustrated by Howard McWilliam**

Book Description: What if you could have any animal tail? There are tons of amazing animal tails. But your tailbone is just what your body needs!

Author's Residence: Lakewood Ranch, Florida

Publisher: Scholastic

Publication Date: August 2018

Author's Website: sandra-markle.blogspot.com

PICTURE BOOK

Cece Loves Science

by **Shelli R. Johannes and Kimberly Derting, illustrated by Vashti Harrison**

Book Description: Cece, a budding and inquisitive scientist, and her equally curious best friend, Isaac, conduct experiments to see whether Cece's dog, Einstein, will eat his vegetables.

Author's Residence: Atlanta, Georgia

Publisher: Greenwillow Books

Publication Date: June 19, 2018

Author's Website: cecelovesscience.com

A Tuba Christmas

by **Helen L. Wilbur, illustrated by Mary Reaves Uhles**

Book Description: Playing the tuba is difficult. But with encouragement from her music teacher, Ava finds a place for herself and her tuba in a special holiday celebration!

Author's Residence: Hilton Head Island, South Carolina

Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press

Publication Date: September 2018
Author's Website: helenwilbur.com

No, No Elizabeth

by **Carmen Jimenez, illustrated by Claudia Tenorio Pearl**

Book Description: Elizabeth wants to play all day! Her family and even the kitty can't always play and sometimes they must say "no." Spanish.

Author's Residence: Columbia, South Carolina

Publisher: Warren Publishing

Publication Date: April 30, 2018

Author's Website: carmenpride.com

GRADES 3-5

CHAPTER BOOK

Art Smart Science Detective: The Case of the Sliding Spaceship

by **Melinda Long, illustrated by Monica Wyrick**

Book Description: Art and his friends are stargazing when they see a spaceship racing toward Earth. They need a plan, fast! STEM/STEAM friendly. Space science.

Author's Residence: Greenville, South Carolina

Publisher: Young Palmetto Books

Publication Date: December 15, 2018

CONTEMPORARY FICTION

Wonderland

by **Barbara O'Connor**

Book Description: A big-hearted story about the meaning of friendship, the challenges of growing up, and one lovable runaway dog.

Author's Residence: Asheville, North Carolina

Publisher: Farrar, Straus and Giroux

Publication Date: August 28, 2018

Author's Website: barbaraconnor.com

FOLKTALE

Little Orange Honey Hood: A Carolina Folktale

by **Lisa Anne Cullen**

Book Description: During an unexpected encounter with a hungry alligator, Blossom realizes that she must fight to save Grandma from more than just mosquito fever.

Author's Residence: Ridgeway, South Carolina

Publisher: Young Palmetto Books

Publication Date: May 15, 2018

Author's Website: lisaannecullen.com

HISTORICAL FICTION

The Rhino in Right Field

by **Stacy DeKeyser**

Book Description: In this hilarious novel, a baseball-loving boy must get past his strict immigrant parents—and the rhino in the outfield—to become a batboy.

Author's Residence: Sarasota, Florida

Publisher: Margaret K. McElderry Books

Publication Date: July 10, 2018

Author's Website: stacydekeyser.com

HUMOR**Mr. Puffball: Escape from Castaway Island**

by Constance Lombardo

Book Description: All paws on deck! Everyone's favorite Hollywood cat is ready for his big break in the final book of the Mr. Puffball trilogy.

Author's Residence: Asheville, North Carolina

Publisher: HarperCollins

Publication Date: April 24, 2018

Author's Website: constancelombardo.com**NONFICTION****Anole Invasion**

by Marta Magellan, illustrated by Mauro Magellan

Book Description: The green anoles, small lizards that are helpful to plants, are native. Invading anoles from other countries are taking over their territory. How will they cope?

Author's Residence: Miami, Florida

Publisher: Eifrig Publishing

Publication Date: June 2018

Author's Website: martamagellan.com**Astronaut-Aquanaut: How Space Science and Sea Science Interact**

by Jennifer Swanson

Book Description: Journey from the deepest trenches in the oceans to the farthest humans have ventured into space and learn what it takes to explore the extremes.

Author's Residence: Jacksonville, Florida

Publisher: National Geographic Kids

Publication Date: January 2018

Author's Website: JenniferSwansonBooks.com**Dog Science Unleashed: Fun Activities to Do with Your Canine Companion**

by Jodi Wheeler-Toppen, photographs by Matthew Rakkola

Book Description: Learn the science of dogs through fun activities, interesting information, and behind-the-scenes peeks into current canine research.

Author's Residence: Atlanta, Georgia

Publisher: National Geographic

Publication Date: August 2018

Author's Website: OnceUponAScienceBook.com**Women in Film (Women in the Arts)**

by Nadine Pinede

Book Description: *Women in Film* introduces readers to some of the film industry's most influential women and describes opportunities in acting, directing, writing, and other roles.

Author's Residence: Sunrise, Florida

Publisher: Essential Library

Publication Date: September 1, 2018

Author's Website: nadinepinede.com**Engineers are Problem Solvers**

by Nikole Brooks Bethea

Book Description: What do engineers do? In this STEAM-based title, follow the engineering design process to solve problems.

Author's Residence: Marianna, Florida

Publisher: Rourke Educational Media

Publication Date: July 1, 2018

Author's Website: NikoleBethea.com**PICTURE BOOK****The Dress and the Girl**

by Camille Andros, illustrated by Julie Morstad

Book Description: A girl and her favorite dress must leave their Greek island home and end up getting separated during the journey.

Author's Residence: Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Publisher: Abrams

Publication Date: August 7, 2018

Author's Website: camilleandros.com**Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race**

by Margot Lee Shetterly, illustrated by Laura Freeman

Book Description: The true story of four female African American mathematicians at NASA, known as "colored computers," and how they overcame gender and racial barriers to succeed.

Illustrator's Residence: Dunwoody, Georgia

Publisher: HarperCollins

Publication Date: January 16, 2018

Illustrator's Website: LFreemanArt.com**POETRY****Can I Touch Your Hair? Poems of Race, Mistakes and Friendship**

by Irene Latham and Charles Waters, illustrated by Sean Qualls and Selina Alko

Book Description: A fifth grade boy and girl have to work together on a poetry project, and they're not sure what to write about . . . at first.

Lathams' Residence: Oneonta, Alabama

Publisher: Carolrhoda Books

Publication Date: January 1, 2018

Lathams' Website: irenelatham.com**GRADES 6-8****CONTEMPORARY FICTION****Hope in the Holler**

by Lisa Lewis Tyre

Book Description: The poignant—and funny—story of a girl trying to be brave and find her place in the world while living with scheming relatives.

Author's Residence: Acworth, Georgia

Publisher: Nancy Paulsen Books

Publication Date: January 9, 2018

Author's Website: LisaLewisTyre.com**HISTORICAL FICTION****Drive**

by Joyce Moyer Hostetter

Book Description: Competition and crisis threaten the close relationship between twins Ida and Ellie Honeycutt. Fourth book in Bakers Mountain Stories.

Author's Residence: Hickory, North Carolina
Publisher: Boyds Mills Press
Publication Date: September 11, 2018
Author's Website: joycemoyerhostetter.com

HUMOROUS FICTION

From Sunset Till Sunrise

by Jonathan Rosen

Book Description: Devin Dexter gets invited by a pretty neighbor to a school dance at the Nosfer Academy of Talented Understudies. Unfortunately, it's a school of vampires!
Author's Residence: Coral Springs, Florida
Publisher: Skyhorse Publishing
Publication Date: August 21, 2018
Author's Website: HouseofRosen.com

MIDDLE GRADE FICTION

Garbage Island

by Fred Koehler

Book Description: Adrift at sea in the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, lost animals use the materials around them to build a new life. Until everything goes wrong.
Author's Residence: Lakeland, Florida
Publisher: Boyds Mills Press
Publication Date: October 9, 2018
Author's Website: ilikefred.com

Smack Dab in the Middle of Maybe

by Jo Hackl

Book Description: Twelve-year-old Cricket runs away to live in a tree house in a ghost town in piney-woods Mississippi to try and solve a complex clue trail left by an eccentric artist with a logic all of his own.
Author's Residence: Greenville, South Carolina
Publisher: Random House Books for Young Readers
Publication Date: July 10, 2018
Author's Website: johackl.com

MYSTERY

The Law of Finders Keepers

by Sheila Turnage

Book Description: In this final book in the best-selling Newbery Honor-winning mystery series, Mo LoBeau and the Desperado Detectives finally tackle the case of Mo's Upstream Mother.
Author's Residence: Farmville, North Carolina
Publisher: Kathy Dawson Books
Publication Date: September 11, 2018
Author's Website: sheilaturnage.com

NONFICTION

Something Rotten: A Fresh Look at Roadkill

by Heather L. Montgomery, illustrated by Kevin O'Malley

Book Description: Contagious cancer, saving species, feeding the elderly—what's the common thread? Roadkill. Fact-filled and humorous, *Something Rotten* offers a hopeful look at a tragic topic.
Author's Residence: Ardmore, Alabama
Publisher: Bloomsbury Children's

Publication Date: October 17, 2018
Author's Website: HeatherLMontgomery.com

REALISTIC FICTION

In Your Shoes

by Donna Gephart

Book Description: Set in a bowling center and a funeral home, Amy and Miles embark on a journey of friendship, family, loss, resilience and . . . of course, bowling.
Author's Residence: South Florida
Publisher: Delacorte Press
Publication Date: October 9, 2018
Author's Website: donnaagephart.com

One True Way

by Shannon Hitchcock

Book Description: When two middle-school girls develop a crush on each other, their feelings are wonderful, confusing, and cause lots of problems.
Author's Residence: Tampa, Florida
Publisher: Scholastic
Publication Date: February 27, 2018
Author's Website: shannonhitchcock.com

SPOOKY ADVENTURE

Evangeline of the Bayou

by Jan Eldredge, illustrated by Joseph Kuefler

Book Description: Twelve-year-old haunt huntress Evangeline Clement gets called to a case in New Orleans and confronts a monster that's been after her family for generations.
Author's Residence: Celebration, Florida
Publisher: Balzer + Bray
Publication Date: May 1, 2018
Author's Website: JanEldredge.com

GRADES 9-12

CONTEMPORARY FICTION

The Last to Let Go

by Amber Smith

Book Description: A twisted tragedy leaves Brooke and her siblings on their own in this provocative novel from the New York Times best-selling author of *The Way I Used to Be*.
Author's Residence: Charlotte, North Carolina
Publisher: Margaret K. McElderry Books
Publication Date: February 6, 2018
Author's Website: ambersmithauthor.com

FANTASY

War of Storms

by Erica Cameron

Book Description: Khya couldn't stop the invasion. Now there isn't much time before her brother, her friends, her home, and her new allies are all destroyed.
Author's Residence: Fort Lauderdale, Florida
Publisher: Entangled Teen

Publication Date: November 5, 2018
 Author's Website: byericacameron.com

PARANORMAL

Crossing the Line

by Ellen Wolfson Valladares

Book Description: Two worlds collide as Laura, a spirit, and Rebecca, a living teen, unite to help a troubled girl and discover new clues about Laura's death.

Author's Residence: Weston, Florida

Publisher: WiDo Publishing

Publication Date: March 2018

Author's Website: ellenvalladares.com

REALISTIC FICTION

Watching You

by Shannon Greenland

Book Description: Viola moves across the country in search of a fresh start. But danger lurks around the corner when she attracts the attention of an unwanted admirer.

Author's Residence: St. Augustine, Florida

Publisher: Entangled Teen

Publication Date: July 2, 2018

Author's Website: shannongreenland.com

ROMANCE

Love Me, Love Me Not

by SM Koz

Book Description: Family, abandonment, and forbidden romance are at the core of this powerful and emotionally charged novel about a teen who falls for her foster brother.

Author's Residence: Pinehurst, North Carolina

Publisher: Feiwel & Friends

Publication Date: June 19, 2018

THRILLER

The Color of Lies

by CJ Lyons

Book Description: Ella trusts her ability to read people's auras. But the new boy in town makes her question everything, including how her parents died.

Author's Residence: Hilton Head, South Carolina

Publisher: HarperCollins Blink

Publication Date: November 11, 2018

Author's Website: CJLyons.net