

SOCIETY OF CHILDREN'S BOOK WRITERS AND ILLUSTRATORS

OFFICIAL READING LIST — 2018

WEST

(Washington / Oregon / Alaska / Idaho / Montana / North Dakota / South Dakota)

PRE-K-K

Author's Website: drawdrawdraw.com

NONFICTION

Look & Learn: Before and After

by Ruth A. Musgrave

Book Description: Penguins, raccoons, and other adorable animals demonstrate the important preschool concept of "before and after," inviting readers to count down from five to one.

Author's Residence: Tualatin, Oregon

Publisher: National Geographic Kids

Publication Date: July 2018

Author's Website: ruthamusgrave.com

PICTURE BOOK

Adrian Simcox Does NOT Have a Horse

by Marcy Campbell, illustrated by Corinna Luyken

Book Description: Adrian Simcox tells everyone he has a horse. Chloe does not believe him. This story about empathy and imagination, and shows that friendship is the best gift.

Illustrator's Residence: Olympia, Washington

Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers

Publication Date: August 14, 2018

Illustrator's Website: www.corinnaluyken.com

Bub

by Elizabeth Rose Stanton

Book Description: Bub is a little monster caught in the middle of, and wanting to be seen by, his boisterous little monster family.

Author's Residence: Seattle, Washington

Publisher: Paula Wiseman Books

Publication Date: January 16, 2018

Author's Website: penspaperstudio.com

Catalina and the King's Wall

by Patty Costello, illustrated by Diana Cojocar

Book Description: Catalina the baker uses her wily baking skills to stop the king from building a wall that is intended to keep people who are "different" out.

Author's Residence: Boise, Idaho

Publisher: Eifrig Publishing

Publication Date: May 5, 2018

Author's Website: pattycostellobooks.com

Cycle City

by Alison Farrell

Book Description: When little Etta Elephant goes to her Aunt Ellen's house, she takes a journey through a city filled with bikes of all kinds!

Author's Residence: Portland, Oregon

Publisher: Chronicle Books

Publication Date: March 20, 2018

Finn's Feather

by Rachel Noble, illustrated by Zoey Abbott

Book Description: Finn knows his brother is gone; he also knows that his brother sent him the beautiful white feather. A story about resilience, memory, and friendship.

Illustrator's Residence: Portland, Oregon

Publisher: Enchanted Lion Books

Publication Date: June 12, 2018

Illustrator's Website: zoeydraws.com

I'm Done!

by Gretchen Brandenburg McLellan, illustrated by Catherine Lazar Odell

Book Description: A sweet tale of a distractible little beaver's attempts to make his first dam, and his triumph when he perseveres and can say, "I'm Done!"

Author's Residence: Camas, Washington

Publisher: Holiday House

Publication Date: September 25, 2018

Author's Website: gretchenmclellan.com

Neck & Neck

by Elise Parsley

Book Description: In this crowd-pleasing read-aloud, a giraffe's self-esteem is tested during a hilarious confrontation between unlikely lookalikes!

Author's Residence: Beresford, South Dakota

Publisher: Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

Publication Date: June 5, 2018

Author's Website: eliseparsley.com

Snow Sisters!

by Kerri Kokias, illustrated by Teagan White

Book Description: Just like snowflakes, no two sisters are alike, but that doesn't mean they can't work together to make the perfect snow day!

Author's Residence: Seattle, Washington

Publisher: Knopf Books for Young Readers

Publication Date: January 2, 2018

Author's Website: kerrikokias.com

Vincent Comes Home

by Jessixa Bagley and Aaron Bagley

Book Description: Vincent the cat has spent his whole life sailing around the world on a cargo ship, but the one place he's never been is "home."

Authors' Residence: Seattle, Washington

Publisher: Roaring Brook Press

Publication Date: February 13, 2018

Authors' Websites: jessixa.com & aaronbagley.com

What Do They Do with All that Poo?

by Jane Kurtz, illustrated by Allison Black

Book Description: Hilarious but accurate look at poo in the zoo. Nonfiction/STEM connections. Saving the Earth one poo at a time. #scienceisaverb
 Author's Residence: Portland, Oregon
 Publisher: Beach Lane
 Publication Date: June 2018
 Author's Website: janekurtz.com

Where do Diggers Celebrate Christmas?

by Brianna Caplan Sayres, illustrated by Christian Slade

Book Description: Join many different trucks as they celebrate Christmas. Watch them decorate their tree, put out milk and cookies for Santa, and help pull Santa's sleigh.
 Author's Residence: Seattle, Washington
 Publisher: Random House Children's Books
 Publication Date: September 2018
 Author's Website: briannacaplansayres.com

GRADES 1-2

MYSTERY

King & Kayla and the Case of the Lost Tooth

by Dori Hillestad Butler, illustrated by Nancy Meyers

Book Description: Kayla's tooth disappears before the tooth fairy has a chance to visit. Can her dog King help her find it?
 Author's Residence: Kirkland, Washington
 Publisher: Peachtree Publishers
 Publication Date: March 2018
 Author's Website: kidswriter.com

PICTURE BOOK

Alligator Jazz

by Samuel Pittman II, illustrated by Sheila Bailey

Book Description: Alligator Slim is tired of playing the blues down in the swamp. From now on, he's going to play jazz! So he packs up his saxophone and heads to the big city.
 Illustrator's Residence: Portland, Oregon
 Publisher: Pelican Publishing
 Publication Date: October 15, 2018
 Illustrator's Website: sheilabaileyart.com

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: Bonney Lake, Washington
 Publisher: Greenwillow Books
 Publication Date: June 19, 2018
 Author's Website: cecelovesscience.com

Gran, Gran, Granny

by Rae McDonald, illustrated by Eric Groff

Book Description: Following a fierce autumn windstorm, a family treks through the forest to celebrate an ancient Douglas fir tree on her annual measurement day.

Author's Residence: Puyallup, Washington
 Publisher: Clear Fork Publishing
 Author's Website: raemcdonald.com

Grizzly Boy

by Barbara Davis-Pyles, illustrated by Tracy Subisak

Book Description: One morning Theo decides he's a grizzly bear—no easy task, thanks to his clever mother and a school full of rules!
 Author's Residence: Everson, Washington
 Publisher: Little Bigfoot
 Publication Date: September 4, 2018
 Author's Website: barbaradavispyles.com

Jinx and the Doom Fight Crime!

by Lisa Mantchev, illustrated by Samantha Cotterill

Book Description: Jinx and her little brother, the Doom, are pretty typical kids—except when they turn into superheroes and fight crime.
 Author's Residence: Port Angeles, Washington
 Publisher: Paula Wiseman Books
 Publication Date: February 13, 2018
 Author's Website: lisamantchev.com

Hu Wan and the Sleeping Dragon

by Judy Young, illustrated by Jordi Solano

Book Description: Nine-year-old Hu Wan is given the honor of making a special gourd into a cricket cage, but selflessly gives it to cheer someone less fortunate.
 Author's Residence: Preston, Idaho
 Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press
 Publication Date: January 2018
 Author's Website: judyyoungpoetry.com

Luis and Tabitha

by Stephanie Campisi, illustrated by Hollie Mengert

Book Description: Luis is an alley cat who has everything figured out . . . until he meets Tabitha, a beautiful indoor cat.
 Author's Residence: Yacolt, Washington
 Publisher: Familius
 Publication Date: September 1, 2018
 Author's Website: stephaniecampisi.com

Max Explains Everything: Grocery Store Expert

by Stacy McAnulty, illustrated by Deborah Hocking

Book Description: Max knows everything about the grocery store and explains how to make the best out of a shopping trip with one's parent.
 Illustrator's Residence: Portland, Oregon
 Publisher: G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers
 Publication Date: April 10, 2018
 Illustrator's Website: deborahhockingillustration.com

My Red Velvet Cape

by Dana Sullivan

Book Description: For his birthday, Mateo's grandmother is making him a red velvet cape! But is the gift really what he thinks it is?
 Author's Residence: Newcastle, Washington
 Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press
 Publication Date: February 2018
 Author's Website: danajsullivan.com

Papa Bear's Page Fright

by Wade Bradford, illustrated by Mary Ann Fraser

Book Description: When Papa Bear discovers he's inside of a book and readers out there are looking at him, he gets very nervous and forgets his lines.

Illustrator's Residence: Star, Idaho

Publisher: Peter Pauper Press

Publication Date: April 2018

Illustrator's Website: maryannfraser.com

Yellow Kayak

by Nina Laden, illustrated by Melissa Castrillon

Description: On a calm day, a child and "friend" set out for a peaceful kayak paddle, which turns into an unexpected and exciting adventure.

Author's Residence: Lummi Island, Washington

Publisher: Paula Wiseman Books

Publication Date: January 23, 2018

Author's Website: ninaladen.com

PICTURE BOOK BIOGRAPHY

The Diamond & the Boy

by Hannah Holt, illustrated by Jay Fleck

Book Description: This dual-narrative picture book follows the story of natural diamond creation and the life of H. Tracy Hall, the inventor of a diamond-making machine.

Author's Residence: Hillsboro, Oregon

Publisher: Balzer + Bray

Publication Date: October 2, 2018

Author's Website: HannahHolt.com

GRADES 3-5

ADVENTURE

Following Baxter

by Barbara Kerley, illustrated by Gilbert Ford

Book Description: Jordie loves walking Professor Reese's dog. But what's going on in the professor's basement laboratory? *Following Baxter* is a funny story of mystery and adventure.

Author's Residence: Portland, Oregon

Publisher: Harper

Publication Date: April 3, 2018

Author's Website: barbarakerley.com

Spartacus Ryan Zander and the Secrets of the Incredible

by Molly Elwood

Book Description: Spartacus' human cannonball mom was kidnapped. It'll take a road trip, a sideshow, goths, and a lemur to save her. Funny, adventurous. Some dark themes.

Author's Residence: Portland, Oregon

Publisher: Fitzroy Books

Publication Date: August 3, 2018

Author's Website: mollyelwood.me

CONTEMPORARY FICTION

Rules of the Ruff

by Heidi Lang

Book Description: A twelve-year-old girl gets caught up in a feud between rival dog walkers.

Author's Residence: Richland, Washington

Publisher: Amulet Books

Publication Date: August 14, 2018

Author's Website: HeidiandKatiwrite.com

Where the Watermelons Grow

by Cindy Baldwin

Book Description: Della would do anything to heal her mama's schizophrenia, but the town's magic bees have other plans—healing Della's heart.

Author's Residence: Hillsboro, Oregon

Publisher: HarperCollins Children's Books

Publication Date: July 3, 2018

Author's Website: cindybaldwinbooks.com

FANTASY

Maggie & Abby's Neverending Pillow Fort

by Will Taylor

Book Description: Two best friends are delighted when their pillow forts link up, but soon learn the pillow fort network they've discovered is already inhabited.

Author's Residence: Seattle, Washington

Publisher: HarperCollins Children's Books

Publication Date: April 3, 2018

Author's Website: willtaylorbooks.com

HISTORICAL FICTION

Code Word Courage

by Kirby Larson

Book Description: During WWII, a stray dog helps an eleven-year-old girl and a young Marine overcome their secret fears.

Author's Residence: Kenmore, Washington

Publisher: Scholastic

Publication Date: April 2018

Author's Website: kirbylarson.com

Two-Moon Journey

by Peggy King Anderson

Book Description: An eleven-year-old Potawatomi girl finds a surprising way to save her people and give them hope during the 1838 Indian Removal.

Author's Residence: Kirkland, Washington

Publisher: Indiana Historical Society Press

Publication Date: May 2018

Author's Website: peggyking.com

MYSTERY

Explorer Academy Book #1: The Nebula Secret

by Trudi Trueit

Book Description: Twelve-year-old Cruz Coronado joins an elite group of young explorers, cracking codes and solving puzzles to

unlock a mystery that could change our world forever.
Author's Residence: Everett, Washinton
Publisher: Under the Stars, National Geographic
Publication Date: September 4, 2018
Author's Website: trudittrueit.com

NONFICTION

Biomimic Building (Nature-inspired Innovations)

by Robin Koontz

Book Description: Designers and engineers use nature-inspired building designs, materials, and systems to build safer, more sustainable, and energy-efficient buildings.

Author's Residence: Noti, Oregon

Publisher: Rourke Publishing Group

Publication Date: July 1, 2018

Author's Website: robinkoontz.blog

Children on the American Frontier

by Rachel Hamby

Book Description: Illustrates the experience of children living on the American frontier. Captivating text, informative infographics, and historical photos make a compelling read for history lovers.

Author's Residence: Spokane, Washington

Publisher: Focus Readers

Publication Date: August 1, 2018

Author's Website: rachelhamby.com

Ultimate Predatorpedia: The Most Complete Predator Reference Ever

by Christina Wilsdon

Book Description: Predators from sharks to tiny spiders fill this fact- and photo-packed book about ferocious, fierce, and fantastic animals that prey on others for survival.

Author's Residence: Woodinville, Washington

Publisher: National Geographic Kids

Publication Date: October 2, 2018

Author's Website: christinawilsdon.com

PICTURE BOOK BIOGRAPHY

Thomas Paine and the Dangerous Word

by Sarah Jane Marsh, illustrated by Edwin Fotheringham

Book Description: An inspiring journey of courage, failure, and resilience, Thomas Paine's persuasive *Common Sense* rallied Americans to declare independence against the mightiest empire in the world.

Author's Residence: Seattle, Washington

Publisher: Disney Hyperion

Publication Date: May 29, 2018

Author's Website: sarahjanemarsh.com

REALISTIC FICTION

Curious McCarthy's Electric Ideas

by Tory Christie

Book Description: Curious McCarthy hypothesizes that when there is no electricity at the house, one of the seven McCarthy kids will get in trouble. Curious' interest in electricity has been sparked.

Author's Residence: Fargo, North Dakota

Publisher: Capstone

Publication Date: January 2018

Author's Website: torychristie.com

SCIENCE FICTION

Redworld, Year One

by AL Collins, illustrated by Tomislav Tikulin

Book Description: A biracial girl, Belle, hates being the new kid on Mars. She faces dangerous criminals, stumbles onto ancient sites, makes alien friends, and discovers a new belonging.

Author's Residence: Redmond, Washington

Publisher: Stone Arch Books

Publication Date: February 2, 2018

GRADES 6-8

BIOGRAPHY

The Big, Bold, Adventurous Life of Lavinia Warren

by Elizabeth Raum

Book Description: Lavinia Warren (1842-1919) never grew taller than 32 inches. This biography tells Lavinia's remarkable story and explores the social and political history of her time.

Author's Residence: Fargo, North Dakota

Publisher: Chicago Review Press

Publication Date: September 4, 2018

Author's Website: ElizabethRaumBooks.com

CONTEMPORARY FICTION

Dickensen Academy

by Christine Grabowski

Book Description: When Autumn discovers her boarding school is secretly teaching dream conveyance, it may be a dream come true. Or is it her worst nightmare?

Author's Residence: Newcastle, Washington

Publisher: The Wild Rose Press

Publishing Date: September 12, 2018

Author's Website: christinegrabowski.com

Lovely, Dark, and Deep

by Justina Chen

Book Description: When she suddenly and inexplicably becomes allergic to the sun, renegade journalist Viola Li is imprisoned in the dark. Wait: imprisoned? Think again.

Author's Residence: Seattle, Washington

Publisher: Scholastic

Publication Date: July 31, 2018

Author's Website: justinachen.com

HUMOROUS FICTION

I am Fartacus: Electric Boogerloo

by Mark Maciejewski

Book Description: Alanmoore Middle School's mascot is stolen and Chub is the prime suspect. Can he find the real thief before the new principal expels him?

Author's Residence: Issaquah, Washington

Publisher: Aladdin

Publication Date: July 17, 2018

Author's Website: Markmaciejewski.com

NONFICTION

Martin and Bobby: A Journey to Justice

by Claire Rudolf Murphy

Book Description: This book reveals the final days and words of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Senator Robert Kennedy in 1968 as allies fighting poverty and racism.

Author's Residence: Spokane, Washington

Publisher: Chicago Review Press

Publication Date: October 2, 2018

Author's Website: clairerudolfmurphy.com

REALISTIC FICTION

Stu Truly

by Dan Richards

Book Description: When Stu lies to impress his new crush, he finds that keeping up the charade might just tear his whole world apart.

Author's Residence: Bothell, Washington

Publisher: Bonnier

Publication Date: July 3, 2018

SPECULATIVE FICTION

R is for Rebel

by J. Anderson Coats

Book Description: Sent to reform school, Malley is determined to resist the conquering empire's plans to reeducate her.

Author's Residence: Everett, Washington

Publisher: Atheneum

Publication Date: February 20, 2018

Author's Website: jandersoncoats.com

GRADES 9-12

CONTEMPORARY FICTION

Antipodes

by Michele Bacon

Book Description: After her future implodes, Erin Cerise, an ambitious American teen, is forced to study abroad in Christchurch, New Zealand to augment her Ivy League prospects.

Author's Residence: Seattle, Washington

Publisher: Sky Pony Press

Publication Date: April 3, 2018

Author's Website: michelebacon.com

Jacked Up

by Erica Sage

Book Description: Nick's sister is dead and his parents are shipping him to Jesus camp. He's also being followed by Jack Kerouac, who's annoying for a genius.

Author's Residence: Lake Tapps, Washington

Publisher: Sky Pony Press

Publication Date: June 5, 2018

Author's Website: ericasagebooks.com

FANTASY

Poison's Cage

by Breeana Shields

Book Description: An assassin becomes a spy in this heart-pounding sequel to *Poison's Kiss*.

Author's Residence: Olympia, Washington

Publisher: Random House Books for Young Readers

Publication Date: January 16, 2018

Author's Website: breeanashields.com

MAGICAL REALISM

Winterfolk

by Janel Kolby

Book Description: Rain lives in Seattle's Jungle, where she's been taught to be invisible. When the city plans to sweep the Jungle, Rain is forced into action.

Author's Residence: Seattle, Washington

Publisher: HarperTeen

Publication Date: February 6, 2018

Author's Website: janelkolby.com

NONFICTION

Underneath it All: A History of Women's Underwear

by Amber J. Keyser

Book Description: This feminist exploration of women's underwear reveals the intimate role lingerie plays in defining women's bodies, sexuality, gender identity, and body image.

Author's Residence: Bend, Oregon

Publisher: Twenty-First Century Books

Publication Date: January 1, 2018

Author's Website: amberjkeyser.com

THRILLER

Love and Lechery at Albert Academy

by Dolores Maggioro

Book Description: As Pina pines for Katie at Albert Academy in 1959, Head Mistress Craney stages a blood-curdling cat and mouse game to snare Pina for herself.

Author's Residence: Portland, Oregon

Publisher: Sapphire Books Publishing

Publication Date: June 1, 2018

Author's Website: maggioroqueeries.com