Non-Fiction

*How to Code a Sand Castle*, Funk
Pearl and her robot friend want to build the perfect sandcastle and they’re going to get the job done! Using fundamental computer coding concepts like sequences and loops they break down their sandcastle problem into small, manageable steps. If they can create working code, this could turn out to be the best beach day ever!

*Prehistoric Actual Size*, Jenkins
Besides the sheer visual impact of cut paper art, the illustrations highlight features mentioned in the brief text. Closing pages offer more information about each species in this oversized album.

*What If You Had...*, Markle
This series talks about different animal’s features and the possibilities of what you could do if you had their parts such as eyes, hair and tails.

*Finding Winnie*, Mattick
Caldecott winner about a World War I captain and his relationship with a rescued bear cub in 1914. The inspiration for A.A. Milne’s Winnie-the- Pooh.

*One Proud Penny*, Siegal
The quirky, informative text mixed with sparse but exuberant illustrations using real pennies make this book a must-have for lovers of American history or just a good story.

*Little People, Big Dreams*, Vegara
In this new series, discover the lives of outstanding people from designers and artists to scientists. Each went on to achieve incredible things, yet all began life as a little child with a dream.

*If Sharks Disappeared*, Williams
Even though sharks can be scary, we need them to keep the oceans healthy. Many shark species are in danger of extinction, and that can cause big problems in the oceans and even on land. Explore how the disappearance of sharks would affect other animals across the whole planet in this clever book about the importance of keeping sharks, and our oceans, healthy.

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**Rye City School District Summer Reading Suggestions**

Hello parents of future 2nd graders! We want your child to feel comfortable and understand that reading is a joy to be learned over time. Please remember these are suggestions to assist your children. Exposing children to the wonders of the public library can be the start of a lifelong adventure. Summer is a great time to read what you like, to learn new things, and have fun with friends. Find free programs and events for all ages throughout the summer at your local library celebrating this year’s theme, *A Universe of Stories*. Enjoy this time to share books with your children as they prepare for this next step in their lives!

**The Rye City School District Elementary Librarians:**
Amy Andrews- Midland
Cara Lipari - Osborn
Barbara Mehlman - Milton
Picture Books

Say Something, Reynolds
Each of us, each and every day, have the chance to say something: with our actions, our words, and our voices. Perfect for kid activists everywhere, this timely story reminds listeners of the undeniable importance and power of their voice.

Hello, Lighthouse, Blackall
Step back in time and through the door of this iconic lighthouse into a cozy dollhouse-like interior with the extraordinary award-winning artist Sophie Blackall in this 2019 Caldecott Winner.

Chapter Books and Series

King and Kayla, Adderson
A lovable dog helps his human girl solve mysteries in this wonderful new series for early readers transitioning to chapter books.

The Noodleheads, Arnold
This best-selling author-illustrator has teamed up with two professional storytellers to create a comic-style series about the gullible Noodlehead Brothers, Mac and Mac.

Franny K. Stein, Benton
Franny is a mad scientist who prefers all things spooky and creepy in this fun series that's an old favorite!

Heidi Heckelbeck, Coven
Careful to keep her powers hidden, Heidi’s learning to live like any other kid-who just happens to be a witch!

Chicken Squad, Cronin
These chicks are not your typical barnyard puffs of fluff and they are not about to spend their days pecking chicken feed and chasing bugs. No sir, they’re too busy solving mysteries and fighting crime.

Tales From Deckawoo Drive, DiCamillo
Familiar secondary characters from the Mercy Watson books have their own stories told in this new series.

Dory Fantasmagory, Hanlon
Dory is a girl with a very active imagination, which often tests her family’s patience.

I'm Just No Good at Rhyming, Harris
Lauded by critics as a worthy heir to such greats as Silverstein, Seuss, Nash and Lear, Harris's hilarious debut molds wit and wordplay, nonsense and oxymoron, and visual and verbal sleight-of-hand in masterful ways that make you look at the world in a whole new wonderfully upside-down way.

Zapato Power, Jules
In this imaginative chapter book series, an ordinary, city boy learns how to use his super speed for good with titles such as Freddie Ramos Takes Off, Freddie Ramos Springs into Action, and Freddie Ramos Zooms to the Rescue.

The Infamous Ratsos, LaReau
Louie and Ralphie are tough, just like their father Big Lou and they're going to prove it. But every time they try to show just how tough they are, the Ratso brothers end up accidentally doing good deeds instead.

Little Shaq, O'Neal
Showing kids that anything is possible with the support of friends and family, this series by Shaquille O'Neal will inspire them to love reading, play fair, and have fun!

Galaxy Zack, O'Ryan
Planet hop with Zack Nelson on his galactic adventures as he moves from Earth to Nebulon in the year 2120. Readers are sure to love this series that is packed with cool futuristic adventures.