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# 2025-2026 SEASON READING LIST

PAIRED WITH SHOWS IN THE CENTER'S 2025-2026 SEASON



#### **ABUELITA'S SONG** I AM THE MUSIC MAN

#### by Gloria Amescua

Ages 4-8, Grades PreK-3 Pairina: Mariachi Herencia de México What surprise did Sofia and Maria have for their abuelita?

#### THE MAN WITH THE VIOLIN

# by Kathy Stinson

Ages 5-8, Grades K-3 Pairing: Joshua Bell What did Dylan want to do in the train station?

# HONESTLY, OUR MUSIC **STOLE THE SHOW!**

#### by Jessica Gunderson

Ages 4-8, Grades PreK-2 Pairing: Squirrel Nut Zippers Who did the musicians surprise and scare off?

# DANCING HANDS: HOW TERESA CARREÑO PLAYED THE PIANO FOR PRESIDENT LINCOLN

### by Maraarita Enale

Ages 4-8, Grades PreK-3 Pairing: Jon Schmidt of The Piano Guys What happened when Teresa was 8 years old?

#### DINOSAUR DANCE!

#### by Sandra Boynton

Ages 1-3, Grades PreK-K Pairing: Dinosaur World Live! Who wants to try the Cha Cha Cha?



by Debra Potter

Ages 3-6, Grades PreK-1

It hasn't always been easy,

THE JAZZY ALPHABET

but it has always been what?

Pairing: Snarky Puppy

by Sherry Shahan

Ages 2-4, Grade PreK

# AGES 6-10 — SELECT 5 BOOKS

## by Nívola Úya Úya

Ages 4-8, Grades PreK-3 Pairing: Orpheus Chamber Orchestra What was Gaspar's dream and did it come true?

Pairing: Herb Alpert & The Tijuana Brass Ages 8-12, Grades 3-7 What was your favorite jazzy alphabet letter?

# **KOFI LOVES MUSIC**

#### by Artika Tyner

Ages 1-3, Grades PreK Pairina: Step Afrika! Besides music, what does Kofi love?

# **BING, BOP, BAM: TIME TO JAM!**

#### by Valerie Bollina

Ages 3-5, Grades PreK Pairing: Branford Marsalis Quartet Where does everyone meet for music?

### THE ENCHANTED SYMPHONY

#### by Julie Andrews

Ages 1-3, Grades PreK Pairina: Les Arts Florissants What filled the concert hall seats and became the musicians' audience?

# THE SOUL OF THE VIOLIN

#### WHAT IS THE STORY OF **LOONEY TUNES?**

### by Steve Korté

Pairing: Bugs Bunny at the Symphony How do you think the Termite Terrace aided the animators' creativity?

#### **MUSIC MAD**

#### by Rowan McAuley

Ages 7-9, Grades 2-4 Pairing: Rick Braun & Mindi Abair What did Iris learn is as important as playing every note correctly?

#### **SWEET MUSIC IN HARLEM**

#### by Debbie Taylor

Ages 6-9, Grades 1-4 Pairing: Brandon Woody's Upendo Where was Uncle Click's hat?

# THE BOOK OF MYSTERIES, **MAGIC, AND THE UNEXPLAINED**

#### by Tamara Macfarlane

Ages 7-10, Grades 2-4 Pairing: Illusionist Rick Thomas Name three magical objects and how they are used.

## LISTEN: HOW EVELYN GLENNIE, A DEAF GIRL, CHANGED **PERCUSSION**

# by Shannon Stocker

Ages 8-12, Grades 3-6 Pairina: Tito Puente Jr. and His Latin Jazz Ensemble What question did Mr. Forbes ask that changed Evelyn's life?

# THE THREE MUSICIANS: A CHILDREN'S BOOK INSPIRED **BY PABLO PICASSO**

#### by Veronique Massenot Ages 4-8, Grades PreK-3

Pairing: Goitse What made the people laugh until their sides ached?

# **BLACK MUSIC IS**

#### by Marcus Amaker

Ages 8-12, Grades 2-7 Pairina: CeCe Teneal's Divas of Soul What are the five genres of Black music discussed in the book?

# **SCOUT IS NOT A BAND KID**

#### by Jade Armstrong

Ages 8-12, Grades 3-7 Pairina: Herb Alpert & The Tijuana Brass What excuse does Scout have for missing the performance?

# THE CHILDREN OF WILLESDEN LANE

# by Mona Golabek

Ages 8-12, Grades 3-7 Pairing: Royal Philharmonic Orchestra How does music serve as a source of strength for Lisa?

# THE FIRST RULE OF PUNK

# by Celia C. Pérez

Ages 10-12, Grades 4-7 Pairing: Aida Cuevas -The Queen of Mariachi In your opinion, what is the biggest struggle Kathleen faces?

# THIS SONG WILL SAVE YOUR LIFE

# by Leila Sales

Ages 12-18, Grades 7-12 Pairing: Lisa Loeb & Joan Osborne Why do you think helping Blue 55 was so important to Iris?

# **CUT LOOSE!**

# by Ali Stroker

Ages 8-13, Grades 3-7 Pairing: Songbook Series Some of Nat's castmates think she got the role of Ariel because of her disability. What do you think?

## **REDBONE: THE TRUE STORY OF** A NATIVE AMERICAN ROCK BAND

# by Christian Staebler

Ages 12+, Grades 7+ Pairing: Pop/Rock Series How did Redbone use their music to challenge stereotypes and advocate for Native American rights? \*mature language

# LIVES OF THE MUSICIANS, GOOD TIMES, BAD TIMES (AND WHAT THE NEIGHBORS THOUGHT)

# by Kathleen Krull

Ages 10-12, Grades 5-7 Pairing: Classical and Songbook Series How did the book make famous musicians more relatable to you?

#### **SYMPHONY FOR THE CITY OF THE DEAD: DMITRI SHOSTAKOVICH AND THE SIEGE OF LENINGRAD**

# by M. T. Anderson

AGES 11 & OLDER — SELECT 2 BOOKS

Ages 14-17. Grades 9-12 Pairing: Royal Philharmonic Orchestra Why do you think music was so important to the people of Leningrad during the siege?

# **UNDER THE NEON LIGHTS**

#### by Arriel Vinson

Ages 12-17, Grades 7-9 Pairing: Samara Joy How does her skating at WestSide Roll help Jaelyn navigate the changes in her life?

# SOLO

#### by Kwame Alexander

Ages 13+, Grades 9-12 Pairing: Brian McKnight How does Blade's journey to discover the truth about his family shape his understanding of what it means to belong?

# THE STORY OF CLASSICAL MUSIC

## by Darren Henley

Ages 9+, Grades 4+ Pairing: Classical Series What world event(s) made classical music more popular with the middle class?

# **DAUGHTER OF THE** MOON GODDESS

#### by India Hill Brown Ages 13+, Grades 9+

Pairing: The Peking Acrobats How does the novel explore the themes of self-discovery and self-acceptance?

For each book, write a portion of the title and the answers below. Instructions for submitting your answers are on the flip side of this panel.

\*Reading levels of books overlap. Please use your discretion as to

your child's reading ability. You may select from more than one list.