The following books are enthusiastically recommended as good reading for kids in third grade. The list contains new books which the youth librarians have especially enjoyed, as well as old favorites, which have proven popular over the years with third grade boys and girls. Ask your librarian for additional book suggestions by these and other favorite authors.

**FICTION**

**The Curse of the Bologna Sandwich**
by Greg Trine
Superhero Melvin Beederman graduates from the superhero academy and heads to Los Angeles to face bad guys and his one weakness, bologna sandwiches. J BEG

**Encore, Grace!**
by Mary Hoffman
The arrival of a new girl in Grace’s class spices things up a bit. J BEG

**Digory the Dragon Slayer**
by Angela McAllister
Digory accidentally becomes a knight and reluctantly sets off to rescue damsel in distress, slay dragons, and marry a princess. J BEG

**The Four Ugly Cats in Apartment 3D**
by Marilyn Sachs
After her neighbor dies, ten year old Lily tries to find homes for his four ugly, noisy cats. J BEG

**Grampa’s Zombie BBQ**
by Kirk Scroggs (Wiley & Grampa’s Creature Feature Series)
When zombies show up at their annual barbecue, Wiley and Grampa try to find a way to stop the hungry creatures from eating the other guests. J BEG

**John, Paul, George & Ben**
by Lane Smith
As young lads, America’s founding fathers were always getting into trouble. J BEG

**My Rows and Piles of Coins**
by Tololwa M. Mollel
A Tanzanian boy saves his coins to buy a bicycle so he can help his parents carry goods to market. J BEG

**Night of the New Magicians**
by Mary Pope Osborne
(Magic Treehouse Series #35)
Merlin sends Jack and Annie on a mysterious mission during the 1889 World’s Fair to find four magicians and give them an urgent message from Merlin himself. J BEG, J AUDIO

**One Green Apple**
by Eve Bunting
Farah, a Muslim immigrant, finds ways to connect with her new classmates on a field trip to an apple orchard. J BEG

**Peggony-Po: A Whale of a Tale**
by Andrea Davis Pinkney
In this original tall tale, an African American sailor with a peg leg, takes a piece of driftwood and carves the figure of a boy, which comes to life. J BEG

**Stink: the Incredible Shrinking Kid**
by Megan McDonald
The shortest kid in the second grade, James Moody, learns all about the shortest president of the United States, James Madison, when they celebrate Presidents’ Day at school. J BEG, J AUDIO

**Aliens are Coming!: The True Account of the 1938 War of the Worlds Radio Broadcast**
by Meghan McCarthy
The true story of the November radio prank that fooled much of the country into believing that Martians had invaded. E 791.447

**Balls!**
by Michael J. Rosen
The ultimate source for kids on the history and construction of balls used in sports. J 796.3 R

**Oh Say, I Can’t See**
by Jon Scieszka (Time Warp Trio Series)
Sam, Fred, Joe, and Joe’s great-granddaughter Jodie find themselves in the middle of Christmas night, 1776, as colonial troops led by George Washington defeat the British. J FIC

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**The Ugly Duckling**
by Hans Christian Anderson, Illustrations by Robert Ingpen
A duckling spends an unhappy year excluded by the other animals before he grows into a beautiful swan. J BEG

**26 Fairmont Avenue**
by Tomie dePaola (Series)
The illustrator describes his experiences at home and in school when he was growing up in Connecticut. J BEG, J AUDIO

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**Thor’s Wedding Day**
by Bruce Coville
When Thor’s magic hammer is stolen, Thialfi, the goat boy, may be able to save the day. J FIC, J AUDIO

**By My Brother’s Side**
by Tiki and Ronde Barber
Twin football stars Tiki and Ronde Barber illustrate the importance of family and never giving up. J 796.332 B
Butterfly Eyes and Other Secrets of the Meadow
by Joyce Sidman
Discover how animals of the meadow live together and depend on each other in this collection of poems. J 821 S

by Chris Sasaki
This glow-in-the-dark guide details the science and mythology behind the constellations. J 523.8

The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins
by Barbara Kerley
The true story of Victorian artist Benjamin Waterhouse Hawkins, who built life-sized models of dinosaurs. J 567.9 K

Insect-Lo-Pedia
by Matthew Reinhart
Explore the world's creepy, crawly, and crunchy critters' lives, habits, bodies, and defenses. J 595.7

Houdini: World's Greatest Mystery Man and Escape King
by Kathleen Krull
The remarkable life story of one of the world's greatest magicians. JB Houdini

Rosa
by Nikki Giovanni
Mrs. Rosa Parks refuses to give up her seat on an Alabama city bus during the American civil rights movement. JB Parks

Mites to Mastodons: A Book of Animal Poems, Small and Large
by Maxine Kumin
From the tiny ant to the tall giraffe this book of poems celebrates animals of all sizes. E 821 K

The Monster Health Book: A Guide to Eating Healthy, Being Active, & Feeling Great for Monsters & Kids!
by Edward Miller
An overview of each food group, the redesigned food pyramid, exercise, drugs and self-esteem. E 613.7 M

Reaching for the Moon
by Buzz Aldrin
This picture book documents the journey Aldrin made from childhood that eventually led him to achieve his dream and walk on the moon. EB Aldrin

Read a Rhyme, Write a Rhyme
by Jack Prelutsky
An anthology of poems on 10 popular subjects combined with Prelutsky's "poemstarts" to help readers write their own poems. E 821 R

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