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***June 21, 2013. You are receiving this notice because you either did not choose a book for the West Side Book Club in September or the book you chose was not chosen by any other student. Choose any of the following books from this list. You do not have to tell us now; all these selections will have book clubs.**

1. *Step Gently Out*, Helen Frost – insects/poetry

What would happen if you walked very, very quietly and looked ever so carefully at the natural world outside? This book examines nature through lyrical text and close-up photography.

2. *Fly Guy Presents: sharks*, Tedd Arnold – sharks

Buzz and his buzzy buddy, Fly Guy, visits the aquarium and learns about sharks.

3. *Wumbers*, Amy Krouse Rosenthal – word play

What do you get when you combine a word and a number? A wumber! A picture book with sentences made up of words containing numbers in place of letters with similar sounds.

4. *The Most Dangerous Animal*, Catherine Ipcizade – animals

Photographs present the world's most dangerous animals, like the Great White Shark.

5. *What Do You Do with a Tail Like That?* – animals

An illustrated look at the ways in which different animals use their ears, eyes, mouths, noses, feet, and tails to hunt, eat, defend themselves, and sense danger.

6. *A Picture Book of Jackie Robinson*, David A Adler – sports biography

A biography of the first African-American player in the major leagues, who was elected to baseball's Hall of Fame in 1962.

7. *Miles of Smiles*, Heather Hill Worthington – based on a true story

Meet Roxey, a stray dog who became the mascot of the Long Island Rail Road between 1901 and 1915. Roxey even met President Theodore Roosevelt and rode the rails with him. Based on a true story; includes facts about Roxey and the history of the LIRR.

8. *How Did That Get into My Lunchbox?* Chris Butterworth – nutrition

The best part of a day is opening a lunchbox and diving in. But how did all that delicious food get there? Who made the bread for the sandwich? What about the cheese inside? Who plucked the fruit? And where did the chocolate in that cookie get its start?

9. *To Dance: a memoir*, Siena Siegel – memoir

Follows the life and career of a ballerina, detailing her dance school experiences, performances, and personal life. Presented in graphic novel format.

10. *Remembering the Titanic*, Frieda Wishinsky - history

Pictures and text describe the disastrous sinking of the Titanic in 1912 and the discovery of its remains in 1985.

11. *So You Want to be an Inventor?* Judith St George – collective biography

Presents some of the characteristics of inventors by describing the inventions of people such as Alexander Graham Bell, Thomas Edison, and Eli Whitney.

12. *Nubs: The true story of a mutt, a Marine and a miracle*, Brian Dennis – pet/military

Chronicles the friendship between Marine Major Brian Dennis and Nubs, a pack leader of wild dogs in Iraq who bonded with Dennis, but when Dennis was relocated seventy miles away and could not bring the dog with him, Nubs traveled across the freezing desert to find his human friend.

13. *B is for Blue Planet*, Ruth Strother - science

An illustrated alphabet book that introduces readers to the planet Earth, covering a variety of topics, such as deserts, glaciers, oil, the water cycle, and zones.

14. *Knucklehead*, Jon Scieszka – memoir

Presents a memoir of what it was like to grow up in the 1950s and other almost true stories by American children's author Jon Scieszka.

15. *Owen and Mzee*, Isabella Hatkoff – animal friendship

The true story of the unusual relationship between Owen, a baby hippopotamus orphaned by the tsunami, and Mzee, a 130-year-old giant tortoise.

16. *Listen to the Wind*, Greg Mortenson – social studies

A children's book that tells the story of Dr. Greg Mortenson's promise to build a school in a remote Himalayan village after the villagers saved his life.

17. *Puppies, Dogs, and Blue Northerners*, Gary Paulsen - memoir

Minnesota author and dog musher Gary Paulsen reflects on the growth of his sled dogs as he and his animals discover the world around them.

18. *Inside out & Back Again*, Thanna Lai – based on a true story

Through a series of poems, a young girl chronicles the life-changing year of 1975, when she, her mother, and her brothers leave Vietnam and resettle in Alabama.

19. *Toys! Don Wulffson - informational*

Describes the creation of a variety of toys and games, from seesaws to Silly Putty and toy soldiers to Trivial Pursuit.

20. *How to Survive Anything*, Rachel Buchholz - informational

Offers advice on how to survive any challenge, whether at school or in the jungle.

21. *Buried Alive*, Elaine Scott – current events

Relates the experiences of thirty-three Chilean miners who were trapped two thousand feet below the surface of the earth in August 2010.

22. *I Wish I knew That: math*, Dr. Mike Goldsmith - math

Provides hundreds of facts about the world of math, from percentages and decimals to inventions and discoveries.