

the main considerations was the reputation of the school district. Monument is truly a unique community; a small-town atmosphere with a big heart. With everything that's going on in our country it's comforting to be able to raise our kids in such a

great community with the best schools. We have been overwhelmed by all the dedicated teachers and staff who constantly take personal interest in our kids. Great schools are the foundation of a strong community and they don't happen by accident. It takes

dedicated leadership and staff, which we currently have.

I appreciate our good fortune of raising our children in such a wonderful community. We need to continue to protect our teachers, our community, and our kids by

supporting our current school district leadership team who have shown their dedication to educating our children.

Lisa Heins □

Between the Covers at Covered Treasures Bookstore

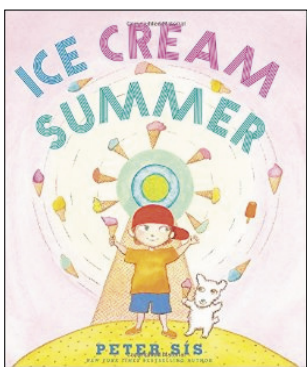
August reading for toddlers to teens

The staff at Covered Treasures Bookstore can be contacted at books@ocn.me. As summer winds down and children get bored, good books are a wonderful way to brighten the days and gear up for school. There are many eye-catching picture books for toddlers as well as entertaining selections for middle readers and teens.

Ice Cream Summer

By Peter Sis (Scholastic) \$17.99

Did you know that the first ice cream appeared 2,000 years ago in China? In this delightfully illustrated book, Joe writes to his Grandpa about his summer, using ice cream to show how he studied reading, history, math, and much more. Sis uses documented facts to spin a colorful story for young readers. All in all, it was a delicious summer.



Dinosaur Farm

By Fran Preston-Gannon (Sterling Publishing) \$14.95

What is it like working on a dinosaur farm? You must get up early, feed the animals, keep everything clean, and water the plants. When the sun sets, you can go home after a busy day. Just make sure you didn't forget anything. Colorful illustrations of friendly dinosaurs show exactly what happens if the farmer forgets something.

Ginny Louise and the School Showdown

By Tammi Sauer (Disney-Hyperion) \$16.99

The Truman Elementary Troublemakers

are a bad bunch, especially Cap'n Catastrophe, Destructo Dude, and Make-My-Day May. This scowly, growly trio rules the school until Ginny Louise, the new hedgehog in town, shows up. When Make-My-Day May challenges the ever-cheerful Ginny Louise to a showdown, does Ginny Louise have what it takes to turn this wild situation around? These animal characters will come alive for young readers.

Monkey and the Elephant

By Carole Lexa Schaefer (Random House) \$3.99

Monkey and Elephant are very good friends. They live in the jungle, which is sometimes very hot. When the two friends set out in search of shade, Monkey complains that Elephant is walking too bumpily, too ziggy and zaggy, and Elephant complains that Monkey is too bossy and too sassy. Will these very good friends find shade before they become very bad friends?

Ranger in Time

By Kate Messner (Scholastic) \$5.99

Ranger, a golden retriever trained as a search-and-rescue dog, travels to the Colosseum in ancient Rome where there are gladiator fights and wild animal hunts. Ranger saves Marcus from a runaway lion, and befriends Quintus, a new gladiator who must prove himself in the arena. Can Ranger help Marcus and Quintus escape the brutal world of the Colosseum?

Horses of the Dawn Series

By Kathryn Lasky (Scholastic) \$6.99

A horse is born in the middle of the ocean on a galleon sailed by men seeking gold in the New World. When the men decide that the weight of the horses is slowing their ship, they throw the weakest and the oldest into the water. The horses believe they are doomed, but over the salt air, Estrella picks up the scent of a wild land of sweet grass.

Can one young horse lead a herd across thousands of miles, through jungle and desert, facing down predators? This is the story of the rise of the horses of the dawn.

Ms. Rapscott's Girls

By Elise Primavera (Penguin Putnam) \$16.99

Ms. Rapscott, the headmistress of a school for daughters of the busiest parents in the world, is delighted when five special boxes, containing her new students, land on her porch. Bea, Mildred, Fay, and Anabelle don't know anything parents usually teach their children, but poor Dahlia has the worst fate of all. Her parents are so busy they forgot to close her box, and she's fallen out. Ms. Rapscott has a lot to teach her girls and has many adventures planned for them. But first, they must find Dahlia, which turns out to be the greatest adventure of all.

Sweet

By Emmy Laybourne (Macmillan Publishing) \$17.99

Solu's luxurious celebrity-filled Cruise to Lose is billed as "the biggest cruise since the Titanic," and if the new diet sweetener works as promised—dropping 5 percent of a person's body weight in just days—it could be the answer to the world's obesity problem. Laybourne takes readers on a dream vacation that goes first comically, then tragically, then horrifyingly, wrong.

Until next month, happy reading.

Did you know? Studies show that children who cannot read at grade level by the end of third grade are six times more likely to drop out of high school. (U.S. Department of Education)



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August Library Events

Many participated in Summer Reading Program

By Harriet Halbig

The 2015 Summer Reading Program was a great success. In Monument, 148 toddlers, 3,544 kids, and 633 teens participated. In Palmer Lake 25 toddlers, 153 kids, and 49 teens participated. Monument's participation figures are the highest for any community library in the district!

We'd like to thank our teen summer reading volunteers for all their help and enthusiasm during the program and at the party in late July. Any teens (minimum age is 12) who would like to work with us next summer, please remember to fill



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