This brochure lists titles of books that your second grader might enjoy. The titles have been selected by librarians of the Long Beach Public Library and include both fiction and nonfiction books. Some of the titles on the list may be familiar to you; you may remember them as favorites from your own childhood. Other titles are more recent and may introduce you to new authors and illustrators.

Please use this brochure as a resource for recommended book titles. Studies show that reading for pleasure helps children perform better in school and helps them continue learning outside the classroom throughout the year. And remember, Long Beach Public Library librarians are always available to help you select more books for your second grader or anyone else in your family.
FICTION

Lunch Walks among Us (Franny K. Stein, Mad Scientist series)
Benton, Jim

How Chipmunk Got His Stripes: a Tale of Bragging and Teasing
Bruchac, Joseph

The Pod and the Bog (Zoey and Sassafras series)
Citro, Asia

It’s Not Easy Being Mimi (Mimi’s World series)
Davick, Linda

The Day the Crayons Quit (series)
Daywalt, Drew

Bink and Gollie (series)
DiCamillo, Kate

Aunt Isabel Tells a Good One
Duke, Kate

Jasmine Toguchi, Mochi Queen (series)
Florence, Debbi Michiko

The Turtle and the Monkey: a Philippine Tale
Galdone, Paul

Owen
Henkes, Kevin

The Mightiest
Kasza, Keiko

The Best Chef in Second Grade (series)
Kenah, Katharine

Library Lion
Knudsen, Michelle

Drawn Together
Le, Minh

Written and Drawn by Henrietta
Liniers

NONFICTION

The Bear and the Piano
Litchfield, David

Barkus
MacLachlan, Patricia

Anansi the Spider: a Tale from the Ashanti
McDermott, Gerald

Juana & Lucas (series)
Medina, Juana

The Haunted House Next Door
(Desmond Cole Ghost Patrol series)
Miedoso, Andres

The Paper Bag Princess
Munsch, Robert

Hello, Nebulon! (Galaxy Zack series)
O’Ryan, Ray

Mr. Putter & Tabby Bake the Cake (series)
Rylant, Cynthia

After the Fall: How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again
Santat, Dan

The Frog Prince, Continued
Scieszka, Jon

There’s a Wocket in My Pocket!
Seuss, Dr.

Chato’s Kitchen
Soto, Gary

Jumanji
Van Allsburg, Chris

The Other Side
Woodson, Jacqueline

My Life in Pictures (Bea Garcia series)
Zemke, Deborah

Corn is Maize: the Gift of the Indians
Aliki

Fly Guy Presents (series)
Arnold, Tedd

Grand Canyon
Chin, Jason

The Story of Ruby Bridges
Coles, Robert

Thanks a Million
Grimes, Nikki

Cesar Chavez: Latino American Civil Rights Activist
Hansen, Grace

Dinosaurs Discovered
Lomax, Dean

Ordinary People Change the World (series)
Meltzer, Brad

Who Would Win? (series)
Pallotta, Jerry

Radiant Child: the Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat
Steptoe, Javaka