

# Ray Elementary Summer Reading List

Visual Arts, Sixth- through Eighth-Grade

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## **Adventures in Cartooning**

by James Sturm

*Once upon a time...a princess tried to make a comic. And with the help of a magical cartooning elf, she learned how--well enough to draw her way out of an encounter with a dangerous dragon, near-death by drowning, and into her very own adventure!*

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## **Pish, Posh, Said Hieronymus Bosch**

by Nancy Willard

*The weird creatures which inhabit a medieval painter's home drive his housekeeper away, until a change of heart sends her back to the beasts and to Bosch in a new and loving relationship.*

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## **Where in the World?: Around the Globe in 13 Works of Art**

by Bob Raczka

*Through the works of some of the world's most famous artists, the reader can pay a virtual visit to 13 different places and times without even getting up. The world tour begins in Japan and then hops over to Australia, followed by a stop on the beautiful island of Tahiti.*

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## **Art Fraud Detective: Spot the Difference, Solve the Crime!**

by Anna Nilsen

*A spot-the-difference game, mystery story, and art book in which readers try to tell which paintings are genuine and which are forgeries. Includes magnifying glass and split-page format.*

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## **The Dreamer**

by Pam Muñoz Ryan

*A fictionalized biography of the Nobel Prize-winning Chilean poet Pablo Neruda, who grew up a painfully shy child, ridiculed by his overbearing father, but who became one of the most widely-read poets in the world. Includes poems and odes written by the poet.*

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## **The Great Art Scandal: Solve the Crime, Save the Show!**

by Anna Nilsen

*Introduces twentieth century art through thirty-two paintings by sixteen artists, within which are hidden details taken from the works of such masters as Currie, Seurat, Hockney, and Lichtenstein.*

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## **Chasing Vermeer**

by Blue Balliett

*When strange and seemingly unrelated events start to happen and a precious Vermeer painting disappears, eleven-year-olds Petra and Calder combine their talents to solve an international art scandal. Includes extra material at the end of the book including biographical information, activities and thought-provoking questions.*

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## **From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler**

by E.L. Konigsburg

*Having runaway with her younger brother to live in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, twelve-year-old Claudia strives to keep things in order in their new home and to become a changed person and a heroine to herself.*

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## **The Arrival**

by Shaun Tan

*In this wordless novel, a man leaves his homeland and sets off for a new country, where he must build a new life for himself and his family.*

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