

Parkland Community Library

Big Build Booklist

June 25th, 2009

Picture Books:

Building a house by Byron Barton. Workers hammer, saw, lay bricks and pipes to build a house. (E BAR)

Building by Elisha Cooper. In great detail, pictures show how a vacant lot becomes a house. (E COO)

Construction zone by Tana Hoban. Color photos of construction vehicles are on every page of this book. (E HOB)

Henry builds a cabin by D. B. Johnson. Henry the bear builds a one room cabin using things that he finds and wood that he cuts. (E JOH)

And so they build by Bert Kitchen. Birds, insects and animals build nests and other homes in this informative book. (EKIT)

Old MacDonald had a woodshop by Lisa Schulman. A sheep carpenter demonstrates how to use a variety of hand tools in this new take on an old song. (E SCH)

Block city by Robert Louis Stevenson. Daniel Kirk's bright, crisp illustrations bring this poem, and the joys of building with blocks, alive. (E STE)

Non-Fiction:

Built to last : building America's bridges, dams, tunnels and skyscrapers by George Sullivan. This book is a history of American landmarks such as the White House, the Brooklyn Bridge, the Golden Gate Bridge and others. (J 624 SUL)

Bridges! : amazing structures to design, build & test by Carol A. Johmann and Elizabeth J. Rieth. Find your Inner Engineer with these projects that teach about the strength of different structures. (J 624. 2 JOH)

Skyscrapers by Elizabeth Encarnacion. With photos and sidebars, this book looks at skyscrapers around the world, now, in the past and in the future. (J 720 ENC)

Buildings : how they work by Robert Adam. Buildings of all kinds and city and village organization are explained in this book.

Chapter Books (Fiction):

Star jumper : journal of a cardboard genius by Frank Asch. Alex builds a rocket ship and other space age things from cardboard boxes while his younger brother pesters him. (J ASC)

Coaster by Betsy Duffey. Hart and his Dad love roller coasters. After his parent's divorce, Hart decides to build a roller coaster in the woods behind the house he shares with his mother. (J DUF)

Eleven by Patricia Reilly Giff. Sam can build anything out of wood but words are hard for him. A new girl, Caroline, helps him build a castle and asks him questions that make him wonder about who he really is.

The outcast of 19 Schuyler Place by E. L. Konigsburg. Margaret Rose looks forward to her weeks with her great-uncles. They have spent four decades building three huge towers out of scrap. Now, their neighbors want the towers to be torn down. Can Margaret Rose save her Great-Uncles' work of art?