

## Spending Money – Suggested Reading List

- The following books reinforce this lesson and are appropriate for children from pre-school to age 8 and all are available from a public library in Pennsylvania. If not available in your area, consider asking for an interlibrary loan.

**Armitage, Ronda.** *Harry Hates Shopping*, 1992

Mother Koala must get the upper hand when her two children, Harry and Matilda, quarrel during a shopping trip.

32 pages

**Berenstain, Stan and Jan.** *The Berenstain Bears at the Super-Duper Market*, 1996

The Berenstain Bear family tours a neighborhood supermarket and the cubs find out why they call them “super” markets.

24 pages

**Berenstain, Stan and Jan.** *The Berenstain Bears Get the Gimmies*, 1988

Brother and Sister Bear want everything in sight, and they throw tantrums when they don't get what they want. Wisely, Mama and Papa deal with this childhood malady by teaching the cubs about the family budget and the importance of appreciating all that they have already.

32 pages

**Berenstain, Stan and Jan.** *Mad, Mad, Mad Toy Craze*, 1999

The peace and calm of life in Bear Country is disrupted by the arrival of Bearie Bubbies. The cubs will do anything to get their hands on these adorable, collectible little toys.

32 pages

**Brown, Marc Tolon.** *Arthur's Pet Business*, 1993

Arthur's determination to prove he is responsible enough to have a puppy brings him a mixture of animals to care for.

30 pages

**Caple, Kathy.** *Worm Gets a Job*, 2004

When Worm hears about an upcoming art contest, he is sure he can win—all he needs is a new Deluxe Paint Set. But to buy new paints, he needs money. And to earn money, he needs a job. As Worm soon learns, finding a job is hard work, and so, in his case, is keeping one!

40 pages

\* Books with multiple racial characters, African-Americans, Hispanics, or Asian-Americans.

**Chan, Jennifer L.** *One Small Girl*, 1993\*

Although warned not to touch anything, Jennifer Lee manages to amuse herself in her grandmother's and uncle's Chinatown stores.

32 pages

**Chinn, Karen.** *Sam and the Lucky Money*, 1997\*

This year Sam gets to spend his New Year's gift money any way he chooses. Shopping carefully in his favorite Chinatown stores, he is disappointed to find that everything he wants is too expensive. Deciding to forgo a tasty sweet or a new toy for himself, Sam donates his money instead to a barefoot homeless man.

32 pages

**Day, Alexander.** *Carl Goes Shopping*, 1989

Carl, a large dog, and the baby in his care while the mother shops explore the department store quite thoroughly and have a wonderful time.

32 pages

**Elliott, David.** *The Cool Crazy Crickets to the Rescue*, 2001\*

The members of the Cool Crazy Crickets club decide to earn some money, but they have differences of opinion about how they should spend it.

64 pages

**Harper, Charise Mericle.** *Itsy Bitsy, The Smart Spider*, 2004

Meet one brainy spider who's tired of getting washed off that famous waterspout—and decides to do something about it! Figuring there must be something she can buy that will do the trick, Itsy Bitsy heads to the nearest store. But with only a dead fly to trade with, it looks like she may be out of luck. However, being a spider who thinks outside the web, the spunky insect puts all eight legs to the task and comes up with a surprising way to survive any rainy day.

32 pages

**Hudson, Cheryl Willis.** *Glo Goes Shopping*, 1998\*

Glo sets out to find the perfect gift for her friend, Nandi. Bright and shiny jewelry isn't right. Neither are go-go boots or skates or a radio with earplugs. Will Glo ever find something that Nandi is sure to like?

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**Kushner, Tony.** *Brundibar*, 2003\*

When Aninku and Pepicek discover one morning that their mother is sick, they rush to town for milk to make her better. Their attempt to earn money by singing is thwarted by a bullying, bellowing hurdy-gurdy grinder, Brundibar, who tyrannizes the town square and chases all other street musicians away. Befriended by three intelligent talking animals and three hundred helpful schoolkids, brother and sister sing for the money, buy the milk, defeat the bully, and triumphantly return home. Brundibar is based on a Czech opera for children that was performed fifty-five times by the children of Terezin, the Nazi concentration camp.

56 pages

**Lindsey, Kathleen D.** *Sweet Potato Pie*, 2003\*

In the summer drought, the only thing that survives on seven-year-old Sadie's farm is the sweet potato crop. When the bank threatens to foreclose, Mama remembers the upcoming Harvest Celebration—an ideal place to sell her sweet potato pies!

32 pages

**Lobel, Arnold.** *On Market Street*, 1989

A child buys presents from A to Z in the shops along Market Street.

38 pages

**Loewen, Nancy.** *Save, Spend, or Donate*, 2005\*

A back-to-school shopping trip presents opportunities for a father and his son and daughter to discuss methods of payment and corresponding banking terms, like PIN and ATM. The importance of saving, spending, and giving donations to charity is explained through the eyes of Sam and Josie when they receive their allowances.

24 pages

**MacCarone, Grace.** *I Shop With My Daddy*, 1998

A father and his young daughter go up and down the aisles of a supermarket selecting groceries.

32 pages

**Marsden, Carolyn.** *Silk Umbrellas*, 2004\*

Eleven-year-old Noi worries that she will have to stop painting the silk umbrellas her family sells at the market near their Thai village and be forced to join her older sister in difficult work at a local factory instead.

32 pages

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**Munsch, Robert.** *Something Good*, 1995

Three children and their father are grocery shopping and the father refuses to buy “something good.”

24 pages

**Murphy, Stuart J.** *Just Enough Carrots*, 1997

While a bunny and his mother shop in a grocery store for lunch guests, the reader may count and compare the amounts of carrots, peanuts, and worms in the grocery carts of other shoppers.

40 pages

**O’Neill, Alexis.** *Estela’s Swap*, 2002\*

A young Mexican-American girl accompanies her father to a swap meet, where she hopes to sell her music box for money for dancing lessons.

32 pages

**Payne, Emmy.** *Katy No-Pocket*, 1973

Katy’s distress at being a kangaroo with no pouch is quickly remedied by a kindly construction worker.

32 pages

**Richards, Kitty.** *Angelica’s Awesome Adventure with Cynthia*, 1999

Angelica goes to the mall and sneaks off on her own to become the Kiddie Queen of Cost-a-lot.

16 pages

**Sadler, Marilyn.** *Money, Money, Honey Bunny!*, 2006

*Honey Bunny Funnybunny* has lots and lots and lots of money. Some she saves, some she spends on herself, and some she spends on her friends. In this delightful rhyming book about spending and saving, the bear gets a chair, the fly gets some pie and, of course, the fox gets some socks.

36 pages

**Schlessinger, Laura.** *But I Waaannt It*, 2000

A boy and his mother go shopping for a birthday gift and the boy wants everything for himself. At the end the boy discovers what he really wants.

40 pages

**Schwartz, David M.** *If You Made a Million*, 1994\*

Describes the various forms which money can take, including coins, paper money, and personal checks, and how it can be used to make purchases, pay off loans, or build interest in the bank.

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**Shaw, Nancy.** *Sheep In a Shop*, 1994

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32 pages

**Small, Irene.** *Irene and the Big Fine Nickel*, 2003\*

Irene is a spunky independent African-American girl who fills her day with activities typical for a seven-year-old in Harlem in the 1950's. She finds a nickel and uses it to treat her friends and herself to a big raisin bun.

32 pages

**Smith, Maggie.** *Argo, You Lucky Dog*, 1994

When Argo the dog wins the lottery, he finds out what money is and starts making decisions about how to spend his new wealth.

32 pages

**Thomas, Naturi.** *Uh-Oh! It's Mamma's Birthday*, 1997\*

Jason, a young African-American boy, spends his allowance buying presents for his mother's birthday, but somehow ends up without a gift.

24 pages

**Viorst, Judith.** *Alexander Who Used to Be Rich Last Sunday*, 1987

Alexander receives a gift of \$1.00 and must decide how to use it. Before he realizes it, the money has disappeared on several small purchases.

32 pages

**Wells, Rosemary.** *Bunny Money*, 2000

Max and Ruby take the bus downtown to buy a birthday gift for their grandma, but they spend so much money on emergencies that they don't have enough for bus fare home.

32 pages

**Ziefert, Harriet.** *You Can't Buy a Dinosaur with a Dime*, 2007

The rhymed verse describes how Pete saves his allowance, spends too much of it, has second thoughts, and starts over.

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