

2016

Summer Reading List Grades PreK-K

Authors to consider:

Mo Willems
Dr. Seuss
Victoria Kann
Eric Carle
Rosemary Wells
Ezra Jack Keats
Eric Carle
Eve Bunting

Series to consider:

Elephant and Piggy
Duck and Goose
Madeline
Olivia

Titles to consider:

Giraffes Can't Dance
Dragons Love Tacos
Chicka, Chicka, Boom, Boom
Mix It Up!
Once Upon an Alphabet: Short Stories for All the Letters
A Perfectly Messed-Up Story
Maple
Good Night Moon
The Snowy Day
Where the Wild Things Are
Blueberries for Sal
Where the Sidewalk Ends Make Way for Ducklings Pajama Time
Moo Baa La La La
Click, Clack, Moo
Trouble with Trolls
I Like Myself!
The Gardener
Mama Played Baseball If You Give a Mouse a Cookie
The Girl Who Never Made Mistakes
We Are Girls Who Love to Run
Book with No Pictures Paper Bag Princess Extra Yarn
The Dot
Harold and the Purple Crayon
The Hello, Goodbye Window
Owl Moon
Fred Stays with Me!
Raising Dragons

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Summer Reading List Grades 1-2

Picture Books:

The Serpent Came to Gloucester by Anderson;
Extra Yam by Barnett;
The Curious Garden by Brown;
The Great Kapok Tree by Cherry;
The Man who Walked Between the Towers by Gerstein Dog
Magic by Golembe;
Crow Call by Lowry;
My Rows and Piles of Coins by Mollel;
Zin! Zin! Zin! A Violin by Moss;
Grandfather's Journey by Say;
The Lorax by Seuss;
How I Learned Geography by Shulevitz;
Doctor De Soto by Steig;
Interrupting Chicken by Stein;
Owl Moon by Yolen

Beginning to Read Books:

Frog and Friends (series) by Bunting;
Flat Stanley by Haskins;
Pinkalicious (series) by Kann;
Jon Scieszka's Trucktown (series) by Rylant;
Amanda Pig by Van Leeuwen;
Elephant and Piggie (series) by Willems

Chapter Books:

Ivy and Bean (series) by Barrows;
Mercy Watson (series) by DiCamillo;
Ballpark Mysteries (series) by Kelly;
Alvin Ho (series) by Look;
Stink (series) by McDonald;
Nancy Clancy (series) O'Connor;
Clementine (series) by Pennypacker;
A to Z Mysteries (series) Roy;
Lulu and the Brontosaurus by Viorst

Poems:

In the Wild by Elliot;
Poetrees by Florian;
Dear Hot Dog by Gerstein;
My People by Hughes;
Kids' Funniest Knock-Knocks by Keller;
Good Sports by Prelutsky;
Here's a Little Poem by Yolen

Nursey Rhymes:

Around the World by Benjamin;
The Neighborhood Mother Goose by Crews;
You Read to Me, I'll Read to You by Hoberman;
Here Comes Mother Goose by Opie;
Three Little Kittens by Pinkney;
Truckery Rhymes by Scieszka

Folk and Fairy Tales:

Aladdin and the Wonderful Lamp by Carrick;
The Magic Gourd by Diakite;
The Snow Queen by Ehrlich;
Saint George and the Dragon by Hodges;
Fables by Lobel;
Arrow to the Sun: A Pueblo Indian Tale;
Baba Yaga and Vasilisa the Brave;
Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs by Willems;
Rapunzel by Zelinsky

Informational Text:

About Space by Carson;
Coral Reefs by Chin;
I Fall Down by Cobb;
Underground by Evans;
From Seed to Plant by Gibbons;
Tornadoes by Gibbons;
Abe Lincoln Crosses a Creek by Hokinson

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Additional Summer Reading Suggestions

Grades 1-2

<i>Fairy tales/Folk Tales</i>	<i>Nursery Rhymes</i>	<i>Picture Books</i>	<i>Chapter Books</i>
Brett, Jan	Alborough, Jez	Aliki	Adler, David
Brown, Marcia	Baker, Keith	Anno, Mitsumasa	Brown, Marc
Dayrell, Elphinstone	Bernard Westcott, Nadine	Arnosky, Jim	Cleary, Beverly
de Paola, Tomie	de Paola, Tomie	Baker, Keith	Dadey, Debbie and Thorton
Harper, Wilhelmina	Emberly, Barbara	Barton, Byron	Jones, Marcia
Kellogg, Steven	Geisel, Theodore (Dr. Seuss)	Cole, Joanna	Minarik, Else Holmelund
McDermott, Gerald	Hoberman, Mary Ann	Crews, Donald	Lobel, Arnold
Mosel, Arlene	Keats, Ezra Jack	de Paola, Tomie	Parish, Peggy
Polacco, Patricia	Lobel, Arnold	Dorres, Arthur	Park, Barbara
Ringgold, Faith	Muller, Robin	Dollich, Rebecca Kai	Rylant, Cynthia
Yolen, Jane	Neitzel, Shirley	Ehlert, Lois	Park, Barbara
	Shaw, Nancy	Falwell, Catherine	Paterson, John
POETRY	Yolen, Jane	Fleming, Denise	Osborn, Mary Pope
<i>Poems/Riddles/Songs</i>		Gibbons, Gail	Roy, Ron
Ahlberg, Jane & Allen		Heller, Ruth	Stiles Gannett, Ruth
Bernard Westcott, Nadine		Hoban, Tana	Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman
Bunting, Eve		House, Hannah	
Calmenson, Stephanie		Hutchins, Pat	
Christelow, Eileen		Jordan, Helene	
Cole, Joanna		Maas, Robert	
Cooper, Kay		McGovern, Ann	
de Regniers, Beatrice		Micklethwait, Lucy	
Facklam, Margery		Morris, Ann	
Lee, Dennis		Murphy, Stuart	
Martin Jr, Bill		Pallotta, Jerry	
Prelutsky, Jack		Wallace, Nancy Elizabeth	
Raffi		Walsh, Ellen	
Silverstein, Shel		Weeks, Sarah	
Simonades, Lorianne		Yolen, Jane	
Trapani, Iza			

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Summer Reading List Grades 3-4

Informational Books:

Tia Lola (series) Alvarez;
 Because of Mr. Terupt by Buyea;
 Room One: A Mystery or Two by Clements;
 Hate That Cat: A Novel by Creech;
 The Lemonade War (series) by Davies;
 Salsa Stores by Delacre;
 The Magician's Elephant by DiCamillo;
 Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key by Gantos;
 The Road to Paris by Grimes;
 The Homework Machine by Gutman;
 Diary of a Wimpy Kid (series) Kinney;
 Junebug (series) Mead;
 Next to Mexico by Nails;
 Shiloh by Naylor;
 Wonder by Palacio;
 Big Nate (series) by Peirce;
 Younguncle Comes to Town by Singh;
 A Series of Unfortunate Events (series) by Snicket;
 Peace, Locomotion by Woodson

Historical Fiction:

Sophia's War: A Tale of the Revolution by Avi;
 Jefferson's Sons by Bradley;
 Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes by Coerr;
 Elijah of Buxton by Curtin;
 Scraps of Time by McKissack;
 Faith, Hope and Ivy June by Naylor;
 Keeping Score by Park;
 Riding Freedom by Ryan;
 Dear America (series) by Scholastic;
 Countdown by Wiles

Fantasy and Science Fiction:

Whales on Stilts! By Anderson;
 Dragon Castle by Bruchac;
 The Dream Stealer by Fleischman;
 Tuesdays at the Castle by George;
 Boom! by Haddon;
 Warrior (series) by Hunter;
 A Wrinkle in Time by L'Engle;
 Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Lin
 Harry Potter (series) by Rowling;
 The Books of Elsewhere (series) by West;
 City of Fire/City of Ice by Yep

Biography:

Side by Side/Lado a Lado: La Historia de;
 Dolores Huerta y Cesar Chavez by Brown;
 Young Jimi Hendrix by Golio;
 Dave the Potter: Artist, Poet, Slave by Hill;
 Farmer Will Allen and the Growing Table by Martin;
 Daredevil: The Daring Life of Betty Skelton by McCarthy;
 Becoming Babe Ruth by Tavares;
 Sonia Sotomayor: A Judge Grows in the Bronx by Winter

Folk Tales, Fairy Tales and Legends:

Tales Our Abuelitas Told by Campoy and Ada;
 Persephone by Clayton; Her Stories by Hamilton;
 The Wise Fool: Fables from the Islamic World by Husain
 The Magical Monkey King: Mischief in Heaven by Jiang;
 Pig-Boy: A Trickster Tale from Hawaii by McDermott;
 Genies, Meanies, and Magic Rings by Mitchell;
 The Beautiful Stories of Life by Rylant;
 Can you Guess My Name? by Sierra;
 A Pride of African Tales by Washington

Informational Texts:

Dinosaurs in Your Backyard by Brewster;
 Citizen Scientists by Burns; Bat Scientists by Carson;
 Extreme Animals by Davies;
 Locomotive by Floca;
 The Wolves Are Back by George;
 Galaxies, Galaxies! by Gibbons;
 Bones: Skeletons and How they Work by Jenkins;
 Boston Tea Party by Kroll;
 The Tarantula Scientist by Montgomery;
 Polar Bears by Newman;
 Volcano Rising by Rusch;
 Discovering Black America by Tarrant-Reid;
 In the Wild by Elliot

Poetry:

Messing Around on the Monkey Bars by Franco;
 The Great Migration: Journey to the;
 North by Greenfield;
 Love to Langston by Medina;
 Tap Dancing on the Roof: Sijo by Park;
 Guyku: A Year of Haiku for Boys by Raczka;
 Won-Ton: A Cat Tale Told in Haiku by Wardlaw

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Additional Summer Reading Suggestions

Grades 3-4

<i>MYSTERY</i>	<i>INFORMATIONAL BOOKS</i>	<i>SCIENCE FICTION/FANTASY</i>	<i>HISTORICAL FICTION</i>
Adler, David	Aliki	Coville, Bruce	Bunting, Eve
Chandler Warner, Gertrude	Cole, Joanna	Crilley, Mark	Coerr, Eleanor
Giff, Patricia	D'Aulaire, Ingri & Edgar	Dahl, Roald	Cohen, Barbara
Hale, Bruce	Fritz, Jean	Howe, James	Cooney, Barbara
Hildick, E.W.	Gibbons, Gail	King-Smith, Dick	Kinsey Warnock, Natalie
Kellogg, Steven	Heller, Ruth	Levy, Elizabeth	Lasky, Kathryn
Landon, Lucinda	Leedy, Loreen	Osborne, Mary	Lawson, Robert
Ross, Pat	Maestro, Betsy	Peet, Bill	MacLachlan, Patricia
Roy, Ron	Macaulay, David	Pinkwater, Daniel	Polacco, Patricia
Simon, Seymour	McGovern, Ann	Rowling, J.K.	Say, Allen
Sobol, Donald	Pinkney, Andrea	Rylant, Cynthia	Scieszka, Jon
<i>Nancy Drew Series by Carolyn Keene</i>	Pringle, Laurence	Sanvoisin, Eric	Wilder, Laura Ingalls
<i>Hardy Boys Series by Franklin W. Dixon</i>	Simon, Seymour	Scieszka, Jan	<i>American Girl Series</i>
<i>Third Grade Detective Series</i>		Selden, George	<i>Dear America Series</i>
	<i>FOLKTALES, FABLES & LEGENDS</i>	Steig, William	
<i>POETRY</i>	Aardema, Verna	Stine, R.L.	
Adoff, Arnold	Aesop	VanAllsburg, C.	<i>BOOK AWARDS</i>
Alarcon, Francisco	Brett, Jan	White, E.B.	• Caldecott Medal
Fleishmann, Sid	Climo, Shirley		• Coretta Scott King Award
Greenfield, Eloise	Demi		• Massachusetts Children's Book Award
Herrera, Juan	Gibbons, Gail		• Newbery Medal
Hopkins, Lee (compiler)	Jaffe, Nina		• Notable Science Trade Books for Young Readers
Kennedy, E. J.	Kellogg, Steven		• Outstanding Science Trade Books for Students K-12
Livingston, Myra Cohn	Kimmel, Eric		• Pura Belpre Award
Moss, Jeff	Martin, Rafe		• Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Medal
Prelutsky, Jack	San Souci, Robert		
Silverstein Shel	Sierra, Judy		
	Young, Ed		
<i>REALISTIC FICTION</i>			
Kinney, Jeff			
Park, Barbara			

* Choose any award winning book!

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Summer Reading List Grades 5-6

Fiction:

Return to Sender by Alvarez;
 Jack Henry (series) by Gantos;
 Also Known as Harber by Leal;
 Bamboo People by Perkins;
 Slob by Potter;
 Keeping the Night Watch by Smith;
 Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie by
 Sonnenblick;
 Emma Jean Lazarus Fell Out of a Tree
 by Tarshis;
 Drama by Telgemeier;
 Feathers by Woodson;
 Make Lemonade by Wolff;
 The Boy on the Wooden Box by
 Leyson;
 Acting Out by Avi;
 The Tales of Beedle the Bard by
 Rowling;
 Lily's Crossing by Reilly;
 Best Friends by Wilson;
 The Egypt Game by Snyder;
 Double Identity by Haddix;
 Hatchet by Paulsen;
 So B It by Weeks;
 Hoot by Hiaasen;
 The Adventures of Ulysses by Evslin;
 39 Clues by various authors;
 Percy Jackson and the Olympians by
 Riordan;
 Divergent by Roth;
 Maze Runner by Dashner;
 The Lunar Chronicles by Meyer

Historical Fiction:

The Mighty Miss Malone by Curits;
 The Firefly Letters by Engle;
 Unstoppable Octobia May by Flake;
 Bo at Ballard Creek by Hill;
 Incantation by Hoffman;
 The Great Trouble by Hopkinson;
 Number the Stars by Lowry;
 Song of the Trees by Taylor;
 The Sixties Trilogy (series) by Wiles;
 Breaking Stalin's Nose by Yelchin

Fantasy and Science Fiction:

Secrets of Droon (series) by Abbott;
 Jinx (series) by Blackwood;

Dragon Castle by Bruchac;
 The Sisters Grimm (series) by Buckley;
 Artemis Fowl (series) by Colfer;
 Gregor the Overlander (series) by
 Collins;
 Hiccup Horrendous Haddock III (series)
 by Cowell;
 Half Magic by Eager;
 Books of a Thousand Days by Hale;
 Zita the Spacegirl (series) by Hatke;
 Warrior (series) by Hunter;
 Dragonsong (trilogy) by McCaffrey;
 The Blue Sword by McKinley;
 47 by Mosley;
 Mister Monday (series) by Nix;
 Harry Potter (series) by Rowling;
 The Night Fairy by Schlitz;
 The Books of Elsewhere (series) by
 West

Biography:

Freedom Riders: John Lewis and Jim
 Zwerg on the Front Lines by Bausum;
 The Journey that Saved Curious
 George: The True Wartime Escape of
 Margaret and H.A. Rey by Borden;
 Barnum's Bones: How Barnum Brown
 Discovered the Most Famous Dinosaur
 in the World by Fern;
 A Volcano Beneath the Snow: John
 Brown's War Against Slavery by
 Marrin;
 Nurse, Soldier, Spy: The Story of Sarah
 Edmonds, Civil War Hero by Moss;
 The Cat with the Yellow Star: Coming
 of Age in Terezin by Rubin and
 Weissberger;
 The Pilot and the Little Prince: The Life
 of Antoine de Saint Exupery by Sis;
 Balloons Over Broadway: The True
 Story of the Puppeteer of Mayc's
 Parade by Sweet;
 Roberto Clemente: Pride of the
 Pittsburgh Pirates by Winter;
 Shining Star: The Anna May Wong
 Story by Yee

Folktales, Fairy Tales and Legends:

The Nightingale by Anderson;

Will in Scarlet by Cody;
 Glass Slipper, Gold Sandal: A
 Worldwide Cinderella by Fleischman;
 Just So Stories by Kipling;
 The Blue Fairy Book (series) by Lang;
 Egg and Spoon by Maguire;
 Nelson Mandela's Favorite African
 Folktales by Mandela;
 Pegasus by Mayer;
 Red Butterfly by Noyes;
 More Bones: Scary Stories from
 Around the World by Olson

Informational Books:

Millions, Billions & Trillions:
 Understanding Big Numbers by Adler;
 Bugged: How Insects Changed History
 by Albee;
 Trapped: How the World Rescued 33
 Miners from 2,000 Feet Below the
 Chilean Desert by Aronson;
 Shimmer & Splash: The Sparking World
 of Sea Life by Arnosky;
 Buried Beneath Us: Discovering the
 Ancient Cities of the Americas by
 Aveni;
 Bones Never Lie: How Forensics Helps
 Solve History's Mysteries by MacLeod;
 Black Gold: The Story of Oil in Our
 Lives by Marrin;
 Bomb: The Race to Build—and Steal—
 the World's Most Dangerous Weapon
 by Sheinkin;
 Buried Sunlight: How Fossil Fuels Have
 Changed the Earth by Bang;
 Separate is Never Equal by Tonatiuh

Poetry:

Hip Hop Speaks to Children: A
 Celebration of Poetry with a Beat by
 Giovanni;
 The Great Migration: Journey to the
 North by Greenfield;
 My Chinatown by Mak;
 The 20th Century Children's Poetry
 Treasury by Prelutsky;
 Dark Emperor and Other Poems of the
 Night by Sidman;
 A Visit to William Blake's Inn by Willard

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Additional Summer Reading Suggestions

Grades 5-6

REALISTIC FICTION

Alvarez, Julia
 Alcott, Louisa May
 Avi
 Banks, Lynne Reid
 Blume, Judy
 Byars, Betsy
 Clements, Andrew
 Creech, Sharon
 Danziger, Paula
 DiCamillo, Kate
 Fox, Paula
 Gantos, Jack
 George, Jean C.
 Hamilton, Virginia
 Henkes, Kevin
 Hurwitz, Johanna
 Konigsburg, E.L.
 Korman, Gordon
 Lowry, Lois
 Montgomery, L.M.
 Myers, Walter Dean
 Naylor, Phyllis
 Park, Barbara
 Paterson, Katherine
 Paulsen, Gary
 Peck, Robert
 Rylant, Cynthia
 Sachar, Louis
 Snicket, Lemony
 Soto, Gary
 Spinelli, Jerry
 Stolz, Mary
 Voigt, Cynthia
 Whelan, Gloria

MYSTERY

Bellairs, John
 George, Jean C.
 Kehret, Peg
 Lawrence, Caroline
 Skurzynski, Gloria
 Snyder, Zilpha
 Stolz, Mary
 Strickland, Brad
 VanDraanen, W.
 Wright, Betty Ren
 Yep, Laurence
 Nancy Drew Series by Carolyn Keene
 Hardy Boys Series by Franklin W. Dixon

SCIENCE FICTION/FANTASY

Alexander, Lloyd
 Avi
 Babbitt, Natalie
 Collins, Suzanne
 Cooper, Susan
 Coville, Bruce
 Dahl, Roald
 DuPrau, Jeanne
 Haddix, Margaret
 Ibbotson, Eva
 Jacques, Brian
 Tolkien, J.R.R.
 Levine, Gail
 L'Engle, Madeleine
 Lewis, C.S.
 Lowry, Lois
 Naylor, Phyllis
 O'Brien, Robert
 Pierce, Tamora
 Riordan, Rick
 Rowling, J.K.
 Rylant, Cynthia
 Yep, Laurence
 Yolen, Jane

BIOGRAPHY/AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Blumberg, Rhoda
 Fradin, Dennis
 Freedman, Russell
 Fritz, Jean
 Krull, Kathleen
 Lasky, Kathryn
 Meltzer, Milton
 Morris, Deborah
 Myers, Walter Dean
 Stanley, Diane
 Weidt, Maryann

FOLKTALES, FABLES & LEGENDS

Aesop
 Bruchac, Joseph
 Hamilton, Virginia
 Osborne, Mary Pope
 San Souci, Robert
 Schwartz, Alvin
 Yep, Laurence

POETRY

Berry, James
 Dahl, Roald
 Fleischman, Paul
 Florian, Douglas
 Giovanni, Nikki
 Hopkins, Lee Bennett
 Hughes, Langston
 Myers, Walter
 Prelutsky, Jack
 Silverstein, Shel

INFORMATIONAL BOOKS

Cobb, Vicki
 Fradin, Dennis
 Freedman, Russell
 Fritz, Jean
 Krull, Kathleen
 Lauber, Patricia
 Locker, Thomas
 Macaulay, David
 Meltzer, Milton
 Myers, Walter Dean
 Murphy, Jim
 Pringle, Laurence
 Rappaport, Doreen
 Eyewitness Series

HISTORICAL FICTION

Avi
 Berry, James
 Bruchac, Joseph
 Curtis, Christopher
 Cushman, Karen
 Dorris, Michael
 Fritz, Jean
 Hesse, Karen
 Hobbs, Will
 Koller, Jackie French
 Levine, Gail
 Lowry, Lois
 MacLachlan, Patricia
 O'Dell, Scott
 Paterson, Katherine
 Peck, Robert
 Ryan, Pam Munoz
 Speare, Elizabeth
 Spinelli, Jerry
 Taylor, Mildred
 Wilder, Laura Ingalls
 Woolf, Virginia
 Yolen, Jane

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Summer Reading List Grades 7-8

Contemporary Fiction:

Return to Slender by Alvarez;
Tangerine by Bloor;
Jack Henry (series) by Gantos;
My Life in Pink and Green by Greenwalk;
Bird by Johnson;
Zoobreak by Korman;
Also Known as Harper by Leal;
Habibi by Nye;
Keeper by Peet;
Bamboo People by Perkins;
Slob by Potter;
Esperanza Rising by Ryan;
Holes by Sachar;
Gusy Read: Funny Business by Scieszka;
Keeping the Night Watch by Smith;
Stargil by Spinelli;
Drama by Telgemeier;
Feathers by Woodson;
Millicent Min, Girl Genius by Yee

Science Fiction and Fantasy:

The Underneath by Appelt;
Doll Bones by Black;
Artemis Fowl (series) by Colfer;
The Dark is Rising by Cooper;
Books of Ember (series) DuPrau,
The Forest of Hands and Teeth by Ryan;
Endymion Spring by Skelton;
Breadcrumbs by Ursu;
Uglies (series) by Westerfield

Biography:

Tasting the Sky: A Palestinian Childhood by Barakat;
Phineas Gage: A Gruesome But True Story About Brain Science
by Fleischman;
Amelia Lost: The Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart by
Fleming;
The Power of One:
Daisy Bates and the Little Rock Nine by Fradin;
Charles and Emma: The Darwins' Leap of Faith by Heiligman;
Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice by Hoose;
Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution by Jiang;
Twelve Rounds to Glory: The Story of Muhammad Ali by Smith

Legends and Myths:

The Coming of the Dragon by Barnhouse;
Trickster: Native American Tales by Dembicki;

Odd and the Frost Giants by Gaiman;
Princess of the Midnight Ball by George;
A Tale Dark and Grimm by Gidwitz;
Outlaw: The Legend of Robin Hood by Lee;
Gilgamesh the Hero by McCaughrean;
Treasury of Egyptian Mythology by Napoli;
The Illustrated Book of Myths by Philip;
Fairy Tales from the Brothers Grimm by Pullman;
The Beautiful Stories of Life by Rylant

Mystery:

Chasing Vermeer by Balliet;
The Red Blazer Girls (series) by Beil;
Zora and Me by Bond;
Skeleton Man by Bruchac;
The Grace Mysteries (series) by Cavendish;
Dead Girls Don't Write Letters by Giles;
Alex Rider (series) by Horowitz;
The Boy Sherlock Holmes (series) by Peacock;
Liar and Spy by Stead

Historical Fiction:

Fever 1973 by Anderson;
Incantation by Hoffmann;
Hero on a Bicycle by Hughes;
Inside Out and Back Again by Lai;
Gold Duct by Lynch;
When I Crossed No-Bob by McMullan;
The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg by Philbrick;
Keeping Corner by Sheth;
One Came Home by Timberlake;
Climbing the Stairs by Venkatraman;
Listening for Lions by Whelan;
One Crazy Summer by Williams-Garcia

Informational Texts:

Yes! We are Latinas by Ada and Campoy;
Freedom Riders by Bausum;
What the World Eats by S'Aluisio;
Bodies by the Ice by Deem;
We've Got a Job: The 1963 Birmingham Children's March by
Levinson;
Saving the Ghost of the Mountain by Montgomery;
The Elephant Scientist by O'Connell and Jackson;
Heroes of the Environment by Rohmer;
Wachale! Poetry and Prose about Growing Up Latino by
Stavans;
Courage Has No Color by Stone

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Additional Summer Reading Suggestions

Grades 7-8

CONTEMPORARY FICTION

Holes by Louis Sachar
 Hope Was Here by Joan Bauer
 The Friends by Rosa Guy
 How Tia Lola Came to Stay by Julia Alvarez
 Dicey's Song by Cynthia Voigt
 Same Stuff as Stars by Katherine Patterson
 Double Dutch by Sharon Draper
 Dragonwings by Laurence Yep
 Hoot by Carl Hiaasen

NON FICTION/INFORMATIONAL

Never Cry Wolf by Farley Mowat
 Blizzard: The Storm that Changed America
 by Jim Murphy
 Slave Narrative: The Journey to Freedom
 by Elaine Landau
 Revenge of the Whale by Nathaniel Philbrick
 We Were There Too by Phillip Hoose
 Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World
 by Jennifer Armstrong
 To Be a Slave by Julius Lester

MYTHS AND LEGENDS/FANTASY/HORROR

The Legend of Sleepy Hollow
 by Washington Irving
 Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone
 by J.K. Rowling
 Chronicles of Narnia by C.S. Lewis
 The Wizard of Earthsea by Ursula K. LeGuin
 Gabriel by Garth Nix
 Artemis Fowl series by Eoin Colfer
 The Golden Compass by Phillip Pullman
 In the Forests of the Night
 by Amelia Atwater-Rhodes
 Sunwing by Kenneth Oppel
 Sea of Trolls by Nancy Farmer
 Coraline by Neil Gaiman
 Sword of Shannara by Terry Brooks

SCIENCE/SCIENCE FICTION

A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle
 Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury
 Found by Margaret Peterson Haddix
 House of the Scorpion by Nancy Farmer
 Uglies by Scott Westerfield
 Life As We Knew It by Susan Pfeffer
 Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins

POETRY

The Surrender Tree by Margarita Engle
 Love That Dog by Sharon Creech
 Locomotion by Jacqueline Woodson
 This Full House by Virginia Euwer Wolff

BIOGRAPHY/AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Guts by Gary Paulsen
 Bad Boy: A Memoir by Walter Dean Myers
 The Upstairs Room by Johanna Reis
 Savion by Savion Glover
 The Greatest: Muhammad Ali
 by Walter Dean Myers
 The Life and Death of Crazy Horse
 by Russell Freedman
 Persepolis by Marjane Satrapi

HISTORICAL FICTION

Nightjohn by Gary Paulsen
 Sing Down the Moon by Scott O'Dell
 Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan
 Stowaway by Karen Hesse
 A Break With Charity by Ann Rinaldi
 Other Side of Truth by Beverly Naidoo
 Kim by Rudyard Kipling
 Sword Song by Rosemary Sutcliff
 My Brother Sam is Dead
 by James and Christopher Collier
 Amos Fortune, Free Man by Elizabeth Yates
 Shane by Jack Schaefer
 The Rock and the River by Kekla Magoon
 Catherine Called Birdy by Karen Cushman
 Soldier's Heart by Paul Fleischman
 Hope's Crossing
 by Joan Elizabeth Goodman

SPORTS

Home of the Braves
 by David Klass
 A Whole New Ballgame: the
 Story of the All-American
 Girls Professional
 Baseball League by Sue Mac
 Bat 6 by Virginia Euwer Wolff
 Whale Talk by Chris Crutcher
 The Contender
 by Robert Lipsyte
 There's a Girl in My
 Hammerlock by Jerry Spin
 Runner by Cynthia Voigt
 Tangerine by Edward Bloor

ROMANCE

Angel of Hope
 by Lurlene McDaniel
 Sisterhood of the Traveling
 Pants by Ann Brashares
 Come a Stranger
 by Cynthia Voigt
 Jade Green
 by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
 Scribbler of Dreams
 by Lurleen McDaniel
 And Sometimes Why
 by Mame Farrell

ADVENTURE/SURVIVAL

Storm Warriors
 by Elisa Carbone
 Wild Man Island
 by Will Hobbs
 Call of the Wild
 by Jack London
 Reef of Death
 by Paul Zindel
 The True Confessions of
 Charlotte Doyle by Avi
 The Girl Who Loved Tom
 Gordon by Stephen King
 Treasure Island
 by Robert Louis Stevenson
 Sasquatch by Roland Smith
 Downriver by Will Hobbs
 Angel Experiment
 by James Patterson

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Summer Reading List Grades 9-12

Fiction:

Speak by Anderson;
 Beauty Queens by Bray;
 Hate List by Brown;
 Fat Angie by Charlton-Trujillo;
 The Perks of Being a Wallflower by Chbosky;
 Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist by Cohn and Levithan;
 Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes by Crutcher;
 Mare's War by Davis;
 The Living by De la Pena;
 Born Confused by Desai Hidier;
 For the Win by Doctorow;
 The Hazelwood Trilogy by Draper;
 Keesha's House by Frost;
 Best of the Best by Green;
 Crank by Hopkins;
 The First Part Last by Johnson;
 Real Time by Kass;
 Reality Boy by King;
 Girl in Translation by Kwok;
 Cut by McCormick;
 Say What You Will by McGovern;
 Monster by Myers;
 Gabi, A Girl in Pieces by Quintero;
 Buried Onion by Soto;
 American Born Chinese by Yang

Classic Fiction:

Go Ask Alice by Anonymous;
 A Clockwork Orange by Burgess;
 The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes by Doyle;
 Annie on My Mind by Garden;
 Not Without Laughter by Hughes;
 Their Eyes Were Watching God by Hurston;
 Frankenstein by Shelley;
 Slaughterhouse Five by Vonnegut

Informational Text:

Sugar Changed the World by Aronson;
 Spies of Mississippi by Bowers;
 We Beat the Street by Davis;
 Faces from the Past by Deem;
 Because They Marched by Freedman;
 Letters to a Young Brother by Harper;
 We Turned Back to See Where We Came From by Hinojosa;
 Marvel Comics: An Untold Story by Howe;
 Flesh and Blood so Cheap: The Triangle Fire and Its Legacy by Marris;

The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates by Moore;
 Food Rules: An Eater's Manual;
 The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Skloot;
 Simeon's Story: An Eyewitness Account of Kidnapping of Till by Wright

Mystery and Suspense:

Kissed by an Angle by Chandler;
 The Moonstone by Collins;
 The Face on the Milk Carton by Cooney;
 Croak by Damico; Burning Blue by Griffen;
 Skeleton Crew by King;
 Bel Canto by Patchett;
 The Angel Experiment by Patterson;
 Tokyo Heist by Renn

Science Fiction and Fantasy:

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy (series) by Adams;
 Ship Breaker (series) by Bacigalupi;
 White Cat by Black;
 Parable of the Sower by Butler;
 Ready Player One by Cline;
 Preludes and Nocturnes by Gaiman;
 Magic's Pawn by Lackey;
 Proxy (series) by London;
 The Night circus by Morgenstern;
 The Sparrow by Russell;
 The Scorpio Races by Stiefvater;
 Leviathan (trilogy) by Westerfelf

Poetry:

The Best American Poetry (multiple years) by Doty;
 The lightning Dreamer by Engle;
 You Done Even Know Me by Flake;
 Burned/Smoke by Hopkins;
 Sold by McCormick;
 Dizzy in Your Eyes: Poems About Love by Mora;
 Street Love by Myers; A Fire in my Hands by Soto

Biography and Autobiography:

Stronger by Bauman;
 Zeitoun by Eggers;
 Zlata's Diary: A Child's Life in Wartime Sarajevo by Filipovic;
 Look Me in the Eye: My Life with Asperger's by Robinson;
 Persepolis (graphic series) by Satrapi;
 I Am Malala by Tausafzai;
 When I was a Soldier by Zenatti

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Additional Summer Reading Suggestions

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NOVELS

Story of a Girl by Sara Zarr
The Lovely Bones by Alice Sebold
The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd
Love Warps the Mind a Little by John Dufresne
Monster by Walter Dean Myers
Wintergirls by Laurie Halse Anderson
Big Mouth & Ugly Girl by Joyce Carol Oates
That Summer by Sara Dessen
The Chocolate War by Robert Cormier
The Shimmershine Queens by Camille Yarbrough
Children of the River by Linda Crew
Lupita Mañana by Patricia Beatty
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the
Night-Time by Mark Haddon

SCIENCE/FICTION/FANTASY

The Crystal Cave by Mary Stewart
Dracula by Bram Stoker
The Illustrated Man by Ray Bradbury
Kindred by Octavia Butler
Gathering Blue by Lois Lowry
The Left Hand of Darkness by Ursula LeGuin
Dowsiders by Neil Shusterman
Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix by J.K. Rowling
The Lord of the Rings series by J.R.R. Tolkien
Feed by M.T. Anderson
Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card
The Time Machine by H.G. Wells

ACTION/HISTORY

3000 Degrees by Sean Flynn
A Night to Remember by Walter Lord
A Perfect Storm by Sebastian Junger
Into Thin Air by Jon Krakauer
Blizzard! By Jim Murphy
Iceblink by Schott Cookman
Endurance: Shackleton's Incredible Voyage by Alfred Lansing
Overboard by Elizabeth Fama
Any book by Milton Meltzer
Hiroshima by John Hersey
Bull Run by Paul Fleischman
Sunrise Over Fallujah by Walter Dean Myers
The Killer Angels by Michael Shaara
With Every Drop of Blood by James Collier
Catch 22 by Joseph Heller
Blackhawk Down by Mark Bowden
Born on the Fourth of July by Ron Kovic
All Quiet on the Western Front by Erich Maria Remarque

COLLECTIONS - POETRY/SHORT STORIES

I Feel a Little Jumpy Around You by Naomi Shihab Nye
Frenchtown Summer by Robert Cormier
Cool Salsa by Lori Carlson
The Collected Poems by Stanley Kunitz
The Complete Poems 1927-1979 by Elizabeth Bishop
Complete Stories and Poems of Edgar Allan Poe
Welcome to the Monkey House by Kurt Vonnegut

BIOGRAPHY AND OTHER TRUE STORIES

No Language But a Cry by Richard D'Ambrosio
The Greatest Generation by Tom Brokaw
A Child Called It by Dave Pelzer
I, Rigoberta Menchu by Rigoberta Menchu
Barefoot Heart by Elva Trevino Hart
Getting Away With Murder by Chris Crowe
Forgotten Fire by Adam Bagdasarian
I Have Lived a Thousand Years by Livia Bitton-Jackson
Who Killed my Daughter by Lois Duncan
Guts by Gary Paulsen
King of the Mild Frontier by Chris Cutcher
A Walk in the Woods by Bill Bryson
Chinese Cinderella by Madeline Yen Mah
Across the Great River by Irene Hernandez Beltran
The Worcester Account by S.N. Behrman

SPORTS

Friday Night Lights by H.G. Bissinger
Fall River Dreams by Bill Reynolds
In These Girls, Hope is a Muscle by Madeleine Blais
The Contender by Walter Lipsyle
Hawk by Tony Hawk
Seabiscuit by Laura Hillenbrand
Iceman by Chris Lynch
Tangerine by Edward Bloor
Hoops by Walter Dean Myers
The Last Amateurs by John Feinstein
Eleven Seconds by Travis Roy and E.M. Swift

OTHER PLACES, OTHER TIMES

White Hare's Horse by Penina Keen Spinka
Forty-Third War by Louise Moeri
In the Time of the Butterflies by Julia Alvarez
Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse
Lyddie by Katherine Paterson
Catherine Called Birdy by Karen Cushman
The Good Earth by Pearl Buck
Night by Elie Wiesel
Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe
A Northern Light by Jennifer Donnelly
Fever, 1793, by Laurie Halse Anderson
Esperanza Rising by Pamela Munoz Ryan
The Grave by James Heneghan
A Long Way from Chicago by Richard Peck

MYSTERY AND SUSPENSE

Looking For Rachel Wallace by Robert B. Parker
In the Middle of the Night by Robert Cormier
Where Are the Children? By Mary Higgins Clark
The Body of Christopher Creed by Carol Plum-Ucci
The Killer's Cousin by Nancy Werlin
And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie
The Disappearance by Rosa Guy
Zero at the Bone by Michael Cadnum
Coyote Waits by Tony Hillerman
The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency by Alexander McCall

Recommended / Honors List - Grade 9

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by
Maya Angelou
Girl With a Pearl Earring by Tracy Chevalier
Fallen Leaves by Madeline Yen Mah
Rebecca by Daphne duMaurier
Dune by Frank Herbert
A Gathering of Flowers: Stories about Being Young
in America by Joyce Carol Thomas

Recommended / Honors List - Grade 10

Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens
A Lesson Before Dying by Ernest Gaines
The Once and Future King by T.H. White
Silent Spring by Rachel Carson
Mists of Avalon by Marion Zimmer Bradley
The Chosen by Chaim Potok
Their Eyes Were Watching God
by Zora Neale Hurston
The Complete Stories by Flannery O'Connor

Recommended / Honors List - Grade 11

The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck
Walden by Henry David Thoreau
Native Son by Richard Wright
Beloved by Toni Morrison
The Autobiography of Malcolm X
The Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan
John Adams by David McCullough
The Things They Carried by Tim O'Brien
Collected Stories by Frank O'Connor
A Farewell to Arms by Ernest Hemingway

Recommended / Honors List - Grade 12

Ivanhoe by Walter Scott
The Hunchback of Notre Dame by
Victor Hugo
1984 by George Orwell
Cold Mountain by Charles Frazier
Crime and Punishment by
Fyodor Dostoyevsky
Cry the Beloved Country by Alan Paton
Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte
Where I'm Calling From: Selected Stories
by Raymond Carver