

# 2009 IDCS Summer Reading Suggestions

**TIPS FOR PARENTS...** The ability to read well is the foundation for academic success and a lifetime love of learning. Here are a few ways to encourage your children as they develop this important skill:

Let them see you reading; they will want to do what you do.

Set reasonable limits on TV viewing.

Encourage your child's latest interests by providing access to books on those subjects.

Help your child create his or her own personal library at home.

Make it a treat to read in bed.

Play some summer reading games at your local library.

Give your child a subscription to their favorite magazine.

Don't hesitate to select books from lists put together for other grade levels. Those levels are simply guidelines, and children are often interested in "older" or "younger" age books. Let them enjoy whatever is appropriate. Both our school and your town's public library have lists for all grades.

Please ask your librarians for help. That's what they're there for! They'll often have great insight and suggestions. By working together, you're bound to find just the right reading material for your child.

# IDCS Summer Reading Suggestions for Pre-K:

*Try these authors...*

Frank Asch  
Anthony Browne  
Donald Crews  
Denise Fleming  
Tana Hoban  
Mick Inkpen  
Sam McBratney  
Margaret Miller  
Bernard Most  
Todd Parr  
Anne Rockwell  
Ellen Stoll Walsh

*...and these series...*

Rabbit by Alan Baker  
Maisy by Lucy Cousins  
Baby Duck by Amy Hest  
Spot by Eric Hill  
Trucktown by Jon Scieszka  
Daisy (the duck) by Jane Simmons  
Max and Ruby by Rosemary Wells  
McDuff by Rosemary Wells

*...and these books*

**Fix-it Duck**  
by Jez Alborough

**Potato Joe**  
by Keith Baker

**Fox**  
by Kate Banks

**Cleo's Color Book**  
by Stella Blackstone

**Jazzmatazz!**  
by Stephanie Calmenson

**Airplanes: Soaring! Diving! Turning!**  
by Patricia Hubbell

**Wave**  
by Suzy Lee

**My Big Rig**  
by Jonathan London

**Baby Bear, Baby Bear, What Do You See?**  
by Bill Martin Jr.

**Who Made This Cake?**  
by Chihiro Nakagawa

**The Very Hungry Caterpillar**

by Eric Carle

**Best Best Friends**

by Margaret Chodos-Irvine

**The Black Book of Colors**

by Menena Cottin

**Bounce**

by Doreen Cronin

**Llama, Llama Misses Mama**

by Anna Dewdney

**Animal Crackers: Nursery Rhymes**

by Jane Dyer

**Wag a Tail**

by Lois Ehlert

**Ed Emberley's Bye, Bye, Big Bad Bullybug!**

by Ed Emberley

**Knick-Knack Paddy Whack**

by Christiane Engels

**Buster Goes to Cowboy Camp**

by Denise Fleming

**Don't Worry Bear**

by Greg Foley

**What Are You Doing, Sam?**

by Marie-Louise Gay

**Monkey and Me**

by Emily Gravett

**Favorite Nursery Rhymes from Mother Goose**

by Scott Gustafson

**Old Bear**

by Kevin Henkes

**Chicka Chicka Boom Boom**

by Bill Martin Jr.

**Posy!**

by Linda Newbery

**All Around the Block: An Alphabet**

by Judy Pelikan

**Emma Kate**

by Patricia Polacco

**Wabi Sabi**

by Mark Reibstein

**We're Going on a Bear Hunt**

by Michael Rosen

**Splat the Cat**

by Rob Scotton

**One Boy**

by Laura Vaccaro

**Dinosaur vs. Bedtime**

by Bob Shea

**I'm the Best Artist in the Ocean!**

by Kevin Sherry

**Caps for Sale**

by Esphyr Slobodkina

**Blue Goose**

by Nancy Tafuri

**Alphabet**

by Matthew Van Fleet

**Max Counts His Chickens**

by Rosemary Wells

**Bear Feels Scared**

by Karma Wilson

**How Do Dinosaurs Go to School?;**

**How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight?**

by Jane Yolen

# IDCS Summer Reading Suggestions for Kindergarten:

*Try these authors...*

Margaret Wise Brown  
Nancy Carlson  
Pat Hutchins  
Rachel Isadora  
Ezra Jack Keats  
Kim Lewis  
Lynn Reiser  
Martin Waddell  
Rosemary Wells

*...and these series...*

Olivia (stories) by Ian Falconer  
Toot and Puddle by Holly Hobbie  
Angelina Ballerina by Katherine Holabird  
Froggy by Jonathan London  
If You... by Laura J. Numeroff  
Curious George by H.A. Rey  
Fluffy the Classroom Guinea Pig by Kate McMullan

*...and these books*

**At Night**  
by Jonathan Bean

**Big Bad Bunny**  
by Franny Billingsley

**Alligator Alphabet**  
by Stella Blackstone

**Dogs on the Bed**  
by Elizabeth Bluemle

**Little Beauty**  
by Anthony Browne

**Will You Read to Me?**  
by Denys Cazet

**Traction Man Meets Turbodog**  
by Mini Grey

**Duck, Duck, Goose**  
by Tad Hills

**Katie Loves the Kittens**  
by John Himmelman

**Baby Brains and RoboMom**  
by Simon James

**Pinkalicious!**  
by Victoria Kann

**The Great Paper Caper**  
by Oliver Jeffers

**I Completely Know about Guinea Pigs**

by Lauren Child

**Thump, Quack, Moo: a Whacky Adventure**

by Doreen Cronin

**Big Words for Little People**

by Jamie Lee Curtis

**Louise: The Adventures of a Chicken**

by Kate DiCamillo

**Little Ballet Star**

by Adèle Geras

**Christopher Counting**

by Valeri Gorbachev

**I Got Two Dogs; The Remarkable Farkle McBride**

by John Lithgow

**Mr. Pusskins and Little Whiskers**

by Sam Lloyd

**Froggy Goes to Camp**

by Jonathan London

**Make Way for Ducklings**

by Robert McCloskey

**I'm Bad!**

by Kate McMullan

**Ducks Don't Wear Socks**

by John Nedwidek

**Cookies : Bite-size Life Lessons**

by Amy Krouse Rosenthal

**Skunkdog**

by Emily Jenkins

**How Many Ways Can You Catch a Fly?**

by Steve Jenkins

**Owney the Mail-Pouch Pooch**

by Mona Kerby

**Little Rabbit and the Night Mare**

by Kate Klise

**Wolf's Coming!**

by Joe Kulka

**Bats at the Library**

by Brian Lies

**Big Little Monkey**

by Carole Lexa Schaefer

**Too Many Toys**

by David Shannon

**The House in the Night**

by Susan Marie Swanson

**Look! Look! Look!**

by Nancy Elizabeth Wallace

**The Firefighters**

by Sue Whiting

**Naked Mole Rat Gets Dressed**

by Mo Willems

**Where is Home, Little Pip?**

by Karma Wilson

# **IDCS Summer Reading Suggestions for 1st Grade:**

*Try these authors...*

Jan Brett  
Mark Teague  
William Steig  
Don Freeman  
Kevin Henkes  
Eric Kimmel  
Helen Lester  
David McPhail  
Phyllis Root  
Simms Taback  
Audrey & Don Wood  
Harriet Ziefert  
Charlotte Zolotow  
Mem Fox

*...and these series...*

Clifford, the Big Red Dog by Norman Birdwell  
Let's Read and Find Out by various authors  
Iris and Walter by Eleanor Guest  
I Spy by Jean Marzollo  
Tiny (the dog) by Cari Meister  
Little Bear by Else Holmelund Minarik  
Henry and Mudge; Poppleton; Mr. Putter and Tabby  
by Cynthia Rylant  
Elephant and Piggie; Don't Let the Pigeon...  
by Mo Willems  
Berenstain Bears by Stan and Jan Berenstain  
Arthur by Marc Brown  
Biscuit by Alyssa Satin Capucilli  
Little Critter by Mercer Mayer

*...and these books*

**The Pencil**  
by Allan Ahlberg

**M is for Mischief: An A to Z of Naughty Children**  
by Linda Ashman

**Max's Dragon**  
by Kate Banks

**OK Go**  
by Carin Berger

**Pete 'n' Pickles**  
by Berkeley Breathed

**Sally Jean, the Bicycle Queen**  
by Cari Best

**The Shape Game**  
by Anthony Browne

**The Grouchy Ladybug; A Home for Hermit Crab; etc.**  
by Eric Carle

**First Grade, Here I Come!**

by Nancy Carlson

**Hubert Horatio Bartle Bobton-Trent**

by Lauren Child

**The Art Lesson**

by Tomie DePaola

**A Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever**

by Marla Frazee

**A Particular Cow**

by Mem Fox

**365 Penguins**

by Jean-Luc Fromental

**Goose and Duck**

by Jean Craighead George

**The Art Box**

by Gail Gibbons

**How to Heal a Broken Wing**

by Bob Graham

**Chicken Said "Cluck!"**

by Judyann Grant

**Little Mouse's Big Book of Fears**

by Emily Gravett

**Harriet's Had Enough!**

by Elissa Haden Guest

**Ape**

by Martin Jenkins

**I Love to Draw**

by Jennifer Li

**A Promise is a Promise**

by Eve Knister

**Painting the Wind**

by Patricia MacLachlan

**Gus and Grandpa and the Piano Lesson**

by Claudia Mills

**Captain Raptor and the Space Pirates**

by Kevin O'Malley

**Ninety-Three in My Family**

by Erica S. Perl

**The Apple Pip Princess**

by Jane Ray

**Curious George Learns to Count from 1 to 100**

by H.A. Rey

**A Day with No Crayons**

by Elizabeth Rusch

**How I Learned Geography; Snow; Dawn; The Treasure**

by Uri Shulevitz

**Born to Read; Mind Your Manners, B.B. Wolf; Wild About Books**

by Judy Sierra

**Beverly Billingsly Takes the Cake**

by Alexander Stadler

**Funny Farm**

by Mark Teague

**Library Lil**

by Suzanne Williams

**Dumpy La Rue**

by Elizabeth Winthrop

# IDCS Summer Reading Suggestions for 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:

*Try these authors...*

Beverly Cleary  
Lynne Cherry  
Joanna Cole  
Eloise Greenfield  
Steven Kellogg  
Anita Lobel  
Judy Blume  
James Stevenson  
Dr. Seuss  
Chris Van Allsburg  
Gail Gibbons  
Roald Dahl

*...and these series...*

Young Cam Jansen; Bones by David A. Adler  
Minnie and Moo by Denys Cazet  
Little Bill by Bill Cosby  
Amber Brown by Paula Danziger  
Mercy Watson by Kate DiCamillo  
Jackson Friends Book by Michelle Edwards  
Amelia Bedelia by Peggy and Herman Parish  
Magic Tree House by Mary Pope Osborne  
High Rise Private Eyes by Cynthia Rylant  
Nate the Great by Marjorie Sharm  
American Girl (Molly, Addy, etc.) by Various Authors

*...and these books*

**Orangutan Tongs : Poems to Tangle Your Tongue**  
by Jon Agee

**Nic Bishop Frogs**  
by Nic Bishop

**Folding for Fun**  
by Didier Boursin

**Soup for Breakfast**  
by Calef Brown

**Say Cheese**  
by Lauren Child

**When Harriet Met Sojourner**  
by Catherine Clinton

**Holy Guacamole and Other Scrumptious Snacks**  
by Nick Fauchald

**Moonshot : The Flight of Apollo 11**  
by Brian Floca

**Bees, Snails & Peacock Tails**  
by Betsy Franco

**A Princess, a Pirate, and One Wild Brother**  
by Cornelia Funke

**Dinosaurs!**

by Gail Gibbons

**Great Estimations**

by Bruce Goldstone

**Iris and Walter and the Birthday Party**

by Elissa Haden Guest

**Casey Back at Bat**

by Dan Gutman

**A Second is a Hiccup : A Child's Book of Time**

by Hazel J. Hutchins

**Zelda and Ivy : Keeping Secrets**

by Laura McGee Kvasnosky

**The Remarkable Farkle McBride**

by John Lithgow

**Hello Bumblebee Bat**

by Darrin P. Lunde

**What to do About Alice:** *How Alice Roosevelt*

*Broke the Rules, Charmed the World, and*

*Drove her Father Teddy Crazy!*

by Barbara Kerley

**United Tweets of America**

by Hudson Talbot

**Bindi Irwin**

by Sarah Tieck

**The 3 Bears and Goldilocks**

by Margaret Willey

**The Fabulous Feud of Gilbert & Sullivan**

by Jonah Winter

**Jeffrey and Sloth**

by Kari-Lynn Winters

**Abracadabra! Magic with Mouse and Mole**

by Wong Herbert Yee

**Animals Robert Scott Saw : An Adventure in Antarctica**

by Sandra Markle

**Pearl and Wagner : One Funny Day**

by Kate McMullan

**Listen to the Wind**

by Greg Mortenson

**Zen Ties**

by Jon J. Muth

**Planting the Trees of Kenya:  
the Story of Wangara Maathai**

by Claire A. Nivola

**I Need My Monster**

by Amanda Noll

**The Cheese**

by Margie Palatini

**Pictures from Our Vacation**

by Lynne Rae Perkins

**Awful Ogre Running Wild**

by Jack Prelutsky

**How to Paint the Portrait of a Bird**

by Jacques Prevert

**Walt Disney's Alice in Wonderland**

by Jon Scieszka

**Sandy's Circus : A Story about Alexander Calder**

by Tanya Stone

# IDCS Summer Reading Suggestions for 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:

*Try these authors...*

Beverly Cleary  
Joanna Hurwitz  
Gail Gibbons  
Patricia Reilly Giff  
Mary Hoffman  
Dick King-Smith  
Allen Say  
Jon Scieszka  
Gertrude Chandler Warner  
E. B. White  
Patricia Polacco  
Laura Ingalls Wilder

*...and these series...*

Franny K. Stein by Jim Benton  
Berenstain Bears (Chapter Books) by The Berenstains  
My Weird School by Dan Gutman  
Babymouse (graphic novel) by Jennifer L. Holm  
Magic Tree House by Mary Pope Osborne  
Jigsaw Jones by James Preller  
Herbie Jones by Suzy Kline  
Ralph Masiello's Drawing Books by Ralph Masiello  
A to Z Mysteries by Ron Roy  
Geronimo Stilton by Geronimo Stilton  
Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney  
Time Warp Trio by Jon Scieska

*...and these books*

**Cam Jansen and the Green School Mystery**  
by David Adler

**A Dog on His Own**  
by Mary Jane Auch

**Ellie McDoodle: New Kid in School**  
by Ruth McNally Barshaw

**Soupy Saturdays with the Pain and the Great One**  
by Judy Blume

**All Stations! Distress! The Day the Titanic Sank**  
by Don Brown

**The Magician's Boy**  
by Susan Cooper

**Snake and Lizard**  
by Joy Cowley

**Mythological Creatures: A Classical Bestiary**  
by Lynn Curlee

**Mr. Chickee's Messy Mission**  
by Christopher Paul Curtis

**Sloppy, Copy Slipup**  
by Dyanne DiSalvo

**Kenny & the Dragon**

by Tony DiTerlizzi

**Thumbelina: Tiny Runaway Bride**

by Barbara Ensor

**Dinothesaurus: Prehistoric Poems and Paintings**

by Douglas Florian

**Moxy Maxwell Does Not Love**

**Writing Thank You Notes**

by Peggy Gifford

**Bravo, Max!**

by Sally Grindley

**Dinosaur Mummies : Beyond Bare-Bone Fossils**

by Kelly Milner Halls

**Just Grace Goes Green**

by Charise Mericle Harper

**Piper Reed, the Great Gypsy**

by Kimberly Willis Holt

**Toy Dance Party**

by Emily Jenkins

**Living Color**

by Steve Jenkins

**No Biz Like Show Biz**

by Nancy E. Krulik

**Alvin Ho: Allergic to Camping, Hiking ...**

by Lenore Look

**Art School**

by Mick Manning

**The Lion's Share: A Tale of Halving Cake  
and Eating it, Too**

by Matthew McElligott

**Seabiscuit the Wonder Horse**

by Meghan McCarthy

**Being Teddy Roosevelt**

by Claudia Mills

**A Dictionary of Dance**

by Liz Murphy

**Clementine's Letter**

by Sara Pennypacker

**Someone for Mr. Sussman**

by Patricia Polacco

**Erika-San**

by Allen Say

**Pale Male: Citizen Hawk of New York City**

by Janet Schulman

**Robert and the Happy Endings**

by Barbara Seuling

**Monsterology: The Complete Book  
of Monstrous Creatures**

by Ernest Dr Drake (Dugald Steer)

**Adventures in Cartooning : How to Turn  
Your Doodles into Comics**

by James Sturm

**Mudball**

by Matt Tavares

**Nurk: The Strange Surprising Adventures  
of a (Somewhat) Brave Shrew**

by Ursula Vernon

**Go, Go America**

by Dan Yaccarino

# IDCS Summer Reading Suggestions for 4th Grade:

*Try these authors...*

Judy Blume  
Roald Dahl  
Paula Danziger  
Cornelia Funke  
E. W. Hildick  
Kathryn Lasky  
Patricia Polacco  
Lynne Reid Banks  
Jerry Spinelli  
Jean Van Leeuwen  
Kate DiCamillo

*...and these books*

**Artist to Artist: : 23 Major Illustrators  
Talk to Children About Their Art**

**Lenny's Space**  
by Kate Banks

**Princess Alyss of Wonderland**  
by Frank Beddor

**The Penderwicks on Gardam Street**  
by Jeanne Birdsall

**Teedie : The Story of Young Teddy Roosevelt**  
by Don Brown

*...and these series...*

Poppy by Avi  
The Spiderwick Chronicles by DiTerlizzi & Black  
Warriors by Erin Hunter  
Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney  
Chronicles of Narnia by C. S. Lewis  
Main Street by Anne M. Martin  
Amelia by Marissa Moss  
Tales from the Odyssey by Mary Pope Osborne  
The 39 Clues by Rick Riordan and others  
American Girl History Mysteries by Various Authors  
Nancy Drew Mysteries by Carolyn Keene  
The Lion, the Witch, & the Wardrobe by C. S. Lewis

**Best Friends and Drama Queens**  
by Meg Cabot

**Hate That Cat**  
by Sharon Creech

**The Lemonade War**  
by Jacqueline Davies

**A River of Words: the Story of  
William Carlos Williams**  
by Jennifer Bryant

**Tomie dePaola's Front Porch Tales  
and North Country Whoppers**

by Tomie de Paola

**The Fabled Fourth Graders of  
Aesop Elementary School**

by Candace Fleming

**Comets, Stars, the Moon, and Mars:  
Space Poems and Paintings**

by Douglas Florian

**Christo and Jeanne-Claude:  
Through the Gates and Beyond**

by Jan Greenberg

**Bird Lake Moon**

by Kevin Henkes

**Emmy and the Home for Troubled Girls**

by Lynne Jonell

**Lunch Lady and the Cyborg Substitute**

by Jarrett Krosoczka

**The Last Invisible Boy**

by Evan Kuhlman

**Fistful of Pearls and Other Tales from Iraq**

by Elizabeth Laird

**The Year of the Dog**

by Grace Lin

**Pippi Longstocking**

by Astrid Lindgren

**Drita, My Homegirl**

by Jenny Lombard

**Heroes of Baseball : The Men Who  
Made it America's Favorite Game**

by Robert Lipsyte

**A Dog's Life: the Autobiography of a Stray**

by Ann M. Martin

**Saving the Ghost of the Mountain: An Expedition  
Among Snow Leopards in Mongolia**

by Sy Montgomery

**We Are the Ship : The Story of Negro League Baseball**

by Kadir Nelson

**The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg**

by W. Rodman Philbrick

**Ottoline and the Yellow Cat**

by Chris Riddell

**Mars and the Search for Life**

by Elaine Scott

**The Wall : Growing Up behind the Iron Curtain**

by Peter Sis

**Julian Rodriguez**

by Alexander Stadler

**Mozart, the Wonder Child: A Puppet Play in Three Acts**

by Diane Stanley

**Pete's Disappearing Act**

by Jenny Tripp

**Lincoln and His Boys**

by Rosemary Wells

**Feathers**

by Jacqueline Woodson

# IDCS Summer Reading Suggestions for 5th Grade:

*Try these authors...*

Lloyd Alexander  
Avi  
Lois Lowry  
Jim Murphy  
Walter Dean Myers  
Joan Lowery Nixon  
Gary Paulsen  
Rick Riordan  
J. K. Rowling  
Diane Stanley  
Theodore Taylor  
Laurence Yep  
Jane Yolen  
Cornelia Funke  
Louis Sachar  
Madeline L'Engle

*...and these series...*

The Starcatchers Trilogy by Dave Barry, Ridley Pearson  
Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer  
The Unicorn Chronicles by Bruce Coville  
Comeback Kids by Mike Lupica  
Children of the Red King by Jenny Nimmo  
A Series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicket  
The Edge Chronicles by Paul Stewart & Chris Riddel  
Various Mysteries by John Bellairs  
The Roman Mysteries by Caroline Lawrence  
Shredderman by Wendelin Van Draanen  
Guardians of Ga'Hoole by Kathryn Lasky  
The Ink Books (Inkspell, Indearth, ...) by Cornelia Funke  
The Island Trilogy by Gordon Korman  
Rotten Ralph; Jack Henry; Joey Pigza by Jack Gantos  
Redwall by Brian Jacques  
Warriors by Erin Hunter

*...and these books*

**The Underneath**  
by Kathi Appelt

**The Puzzling World of Winston Breen**  
by Eric Berlin

**Masterpiece**  
by Elise Broach

**Molly Moon's Hypnotic Time Travel Adventure**  
by Georgia Byng

**Attack of the Turtle : A Novel**  
by Drew Carlson

**Lost and Found**  
by Andrew Clements

**The Castle Corona**  
by Sharon Creech

**Elijah of Buxton**  
by Christopher Paul Curtis

**The Porcupine Year**

by Louise Erdrich

**Sword Quest (prequel to Swordbird)**

by Nancy Yi Fan

**The Trouble Begins at 8 : A Life of  
Mark Twain in the Wild,Wild West**

by Sid Fleischman

**Secrets of the Sphinx**

by James Cross Giblin

**Eleven**

by Patricia Reilly Giff

**Tunnels**

by Roderick Gordan

**Stumptown Kid**

by Carol Gorman

**Double Identity**

by Margaret Peterson Haddix

**Rapunzel's Revenge**

by Shannon Hale

**Savvy**

by Ingrid Law

**Rules**

by Cynthia Lord

**The Willoughbys**

by Lois Lowry

**Joey Pigza (Loses Control; Swallowed the Key)**

by Jack Gantos

**Stop the Train!**

by Geraldine McCaughrean

**The Leanin' Dog**

by K.A. Nuzum

**Archer's Quest**

by Linda Sue Park

**The Secret Order of the Gumm Street Girls**

by Elise Primavera

**The True Meaning of Smekday**

by Adam Rex

**The Key to Rondo**

by Emily Rodda

**Paint the Wind**

by Pam Muñoz Ryan

**Knucklehead**

by Jon Scieszka

**This is Just to Say : Poems of Apology and Forgiveness**

by Joyce Sidman

**Here be Monsters !**

by Alan Snow

**The Greatest Power**

by Wendelin Van Draanen

**Little Audrey**

by Ruth White

**Best Friends**

by Jacqueline Wilson

**100 Cupboards**

by Nathan D. Wilson

**Rex Zero and the End of the World**

by Tim Wynne-Jones

# IDCS Summer Reading Suggestions for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade:

*Try these authors...*

Cornelia Funke  
Sharon Creech  
Rick Riordan  
Carl Hiaasen  
Neal Shusterman  
J.K. Rowling  
Gary Paulsen  
David Macaulay  
Sid Fleischman  
Pam Munoz Ryan  
Gordon Korman  
Jerry Spinelli  
Walter Dean Meyers  
Scott Westerfield  
Mike Lupica  
Lowis Lowry  
Jacqueline Woodson  
Jeanne DuPrau  
Suzanne Collins  
Shannon Hale

*...and these books*

**The Mysterious Benedict Society**  
by Trenton Lee Stewart

**Close Encounters of the Third World Kind**  
by Jennifer J. Stewart

**Book of Mordred**  
by Vivian Vande Velde

*...and these series...*

Gilda Joyce by Jennifer Allison  
Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer  
Uglies; Pretties;... by Scott Westerfield  
Last Apprentice Joseph Delaney  
Books of Ember Jeanne DuPrau  
Alex Rider Horowitz, Anthony  
Children of the Lamp Phillip Kerr  
Bluford High Paul Langan and Anne Schraff  
Fablehaven Brandon Mull  
Maximum Ride James Patterson  
Chronicles of Ancient Darkness Michele Paver  
Percy Jackson and the Olympians Rick Riordan  
Harry Potter J. K. Rowling  
39 Clues Various Authors  
Lord of the Rings Trilogy by J.R.R. Tolkien  
The Traveling Pants by Ann Brashares  
Princess Diaries by Meg Cabot  
Inheritance Trilogy (Eragon, ...) by Christopher Paolini  
Sammy Keyes by Wendelin VanDraanen

**Climbing the Stairs**  
by Padma Venkatraman

**Becoming Billie Holiday**  
by Carole Weatherford

**Zorgamazoo**  
by Robert Paul Weston

**Elsewhere**  
by Gabrielle Zevin

**Lightning Thief**  
by Rick Riordan

**Hoot; Flush**  
by Carl Hiaasen

**Pieces of Georgia**  
by Jen Bryant

**Code Orange; Diamonds in the Shadow**  
by Caroline Cooney

**Crackback**  
by John Coy

**Epic**  
by Conor Kostick

**Skulduggery Pleasant**  
by Derek Landy

**Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life**  
by Wendy Mass

**Life As We Knew It**  
by Susan Beth Pfeffer

**Eyes of the Emperor**  
by Graham Salisbury

**Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie**  
by Jordan Sonnenblick

**Accidental Love**  
by Gary Soto

**What I Saw and How I Lied**  
by Judy Blundell

**Chaos Code**  
by Justin Richards

**Curse Dark as Gold**  
by Elizabeth C. Bunce

**Graveyard Book; Coraline**  
by Neil Gaiman

**Waiting for Normal**  
by Leslie Connor

**Chains: Seeds of America**  
by Laurie Halse Anderson

**Slipping**  
by Cathleen Davitt Bell

**Exodus**  
by Julie Bertagna

**Shift**  
by Jennifer Bradbury

**3 Willows: the Sisterhood Grows**  
by Ann Brashares

**Bog Child**  
by Shobhan Dowd

**Sky Inside**  
by Clare B. Dunkle

**Carlos is Going to Get It**  
by Kevin Emerson

**Tim, Defender of the Earth**  
by Sam Enthoven

**The Crossroads**  
by Chris Grabenstein

**Running Out of Time; Double Identity**  
by Margaret Peterson Haddix

**Rapunzel's Revenge**  
by Shannon Hale

**Scat**

by Carl Hiaasen

**My One Hundred Adventures**

by Polly Horvath

**Worlds Afire**

by Paul Janeczko

**True Talents**

by David Lubar

**Big Game of Everything**

by Chris Lynch

**Ways to Live Forever**

by Sally Nichols

**The Boy in the Striped Pajamas**

by John Boyne

**American Born Chinese** (Graphic Novel)

by Gene Yang

**Adoration of Jenna Fox**

by Mary Pearson

**Chaos Code**

by Justin Richards

**Black Box**

by Julie Schumacher

**Invention of Hugo Cabret**

by Brian Selznick

**Unwind; The Scwaa Was Here**

by Neal Shusterman

**Rules; The Higher Power of Lucky**

by Cynthia Lord

**The Arrival**

by Shaun Tan

**Igraine the Brave; The Thief Lord; Inspell; Inkdeath**

by Cornelia Funke

**Feathers; After Tupac and D Foster**

by Jacqueline Woodson

**Heat; The Big Field; Summer Ball**

by Mike Lupica

**Emako Blue**

by Brenda Woods

**Hunger Games; The Underland Chronicles**

by Suzanne Collins

**Ender's Game**

by Orson Scott Card

**The Penderwicks**

by Jeanne Birdsall

**A Wrinkle in Time**

by Madeleine L'Engle

**Wednesday Wars; Trouble**

Gary D. Schmidt

**The River Between Us**

by Richard Peck

**Scott Westerfield**

by Ugliers; Pretties; Extras; Specials

**Good Master! Sweet Ladies! Voices from a Medieval Village**

by Laura Amy Schlitz & Robert Byrd

**From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler;**

**The View from Saturday**

by E. L. Konigsburg

**Olive's Ocean**

by Kevin Henkes

## *Non-Fiction Choices for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades:*

**The Surrender Tree**

by Margarita Engle

**We Are the Ship**

by Kadir Nelson

**Words to My Life's Song**

by Ashley Bryan

**Black Book of Colors (Braille)**

by Menena Cottin

**Worlds Afire**

by Paul Janeczko

**The Way We Work**

by David Macaulay

**Guts: The True stories behind  
Hatchet and the Brian Books**

by Gary Paulsen

**Chew on This: Everything You Don't  
Want to Know about Fast Food**

by Eric Schollosser & Charles Wilson

**Great Wonders of the World**

by Russell Ash

**Do All Indians Live in Tipis?**

by National Museum of the American Indian

**The Daring Book for Girls**

by Andrea Buchanan

**The Dangerous Book for Boys**

by Conn Iggulden

**The Teen Guide to Global Action**

by Barbara Lewis

**Venom**

by Marilyn Singer

**Twelve Rounds to Glory: The Story  
of Muhammad Ali**

by Charles Smith

**Neighborhood Odes**

by Gary Soto

**Up Close Biographies**

by Various Authors

**Escape: The Story of The Great Houdini**

by Sid Fleischman

**Ben Franklin's Almanac**

by Candice Fleming

**How to Draw Anime & Game Characters, Volume 1: Basics**

by Tadashi Ozawa

**Manga Mania, Romance: Drawing Shojo Girls and Bishie Boys**

by Christopher Hart

**Encyclopedia Horrifica**

by Joshua Gee