

Madison Public Schools Summer Reading 2012

Grades 5 - 8



***2012 Summer Reading List
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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Greetings from the Central Office.

I am pleased to share with you the 2012 Summer Reading List that has been compiled through the collaborative efforts of many individuals, including the Madison Public Schools' library media specialists and staff, English / language arts coordinators and teachers, reading consultants, as well as Jane Ash, Children's Librarian and Katie Fargo, Young Adult Librarian from Scranton Memorial Library. All have been truly dedicated to developing a compelling list of titles that will appeal to our students and families.

The Summer Reading List is a roster of suggested titles and assignments. Those involved in its development acknowledge that the reading list, although covering a wide variety of genre, is limited. Our intent is not to discourage students' sampling of other books or magazines and periodicals not on the list. Rather we do intend to encourage your child(ren) to read books that you recommend. Please ask librarians or local book sellers for assistance in suggesting more titles. Everyone is ready to contribute ideas that help young people develop a love of reading.

This year's list has been updated to include many new titles, and it also contains "mini-lists" of librarian "picks" and student favorites. In addition, there is a list of the Nutmeg Award nominees and winners. Every January, students may vote for their favorite nominee to win the coveted state award. These titles were selected by the Connecticut Nutmeg Committee.

Many of the titles on the Summer Reading List can be found at the Scranton Library in e-book and audio formats. All titles can be located in the Scranton Library catalog. Information about Scranton Library Summer Programs and Summer Reading Incentives can be found at www.scrantonlibrary.org.

By working together, we can make reading an important activity in our young people's lives. Best wishes for an enjoyable and relaxing summer being transformed by these wonderful books. Should you like to explore reading lists for other grades, visit the Madison Public Schools' website at www.madison.k12.ct.us.

Sincerely,

Thomas R. Scarice
Superintendent of Schools

Scranton Library's Pre-K - Grade 6

Dream Big
READ!



The children of Madison are invited to join
Scranton Library's Summer Reading Program
and attend the fun programs and events we are planning
for children preschool to grade 6.

This summer's theme, **Dream Big -READ!** is about all things nocturnal--dreams, stars
and planets, bats, owls, spooky stories, and more.

The programs are free and open to children of all abilities.

Registration begins on June 11, 2012. You can register on line, by phone, or in person.

Scranton Library Nutmeg Book Discussions Grades 4 - 6

Let's Eat Our Way through the Nutmegs!

This program is for children entering grades 4-6. We discuss two Nutmeg books at each session.

You do not have to read both books. We will serve snacks related to one or both books.

A copy of each book will be available at the Scranton Library.

Monday, July 2 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

The Wonders of Charlie Ann

Born to fly

Monday, July 16 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

My Life As A Book

Because of Mr. Terupt

Monday, July 30 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Baseball Great

The Potato Chip Puzzles

Monday, August 13 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg

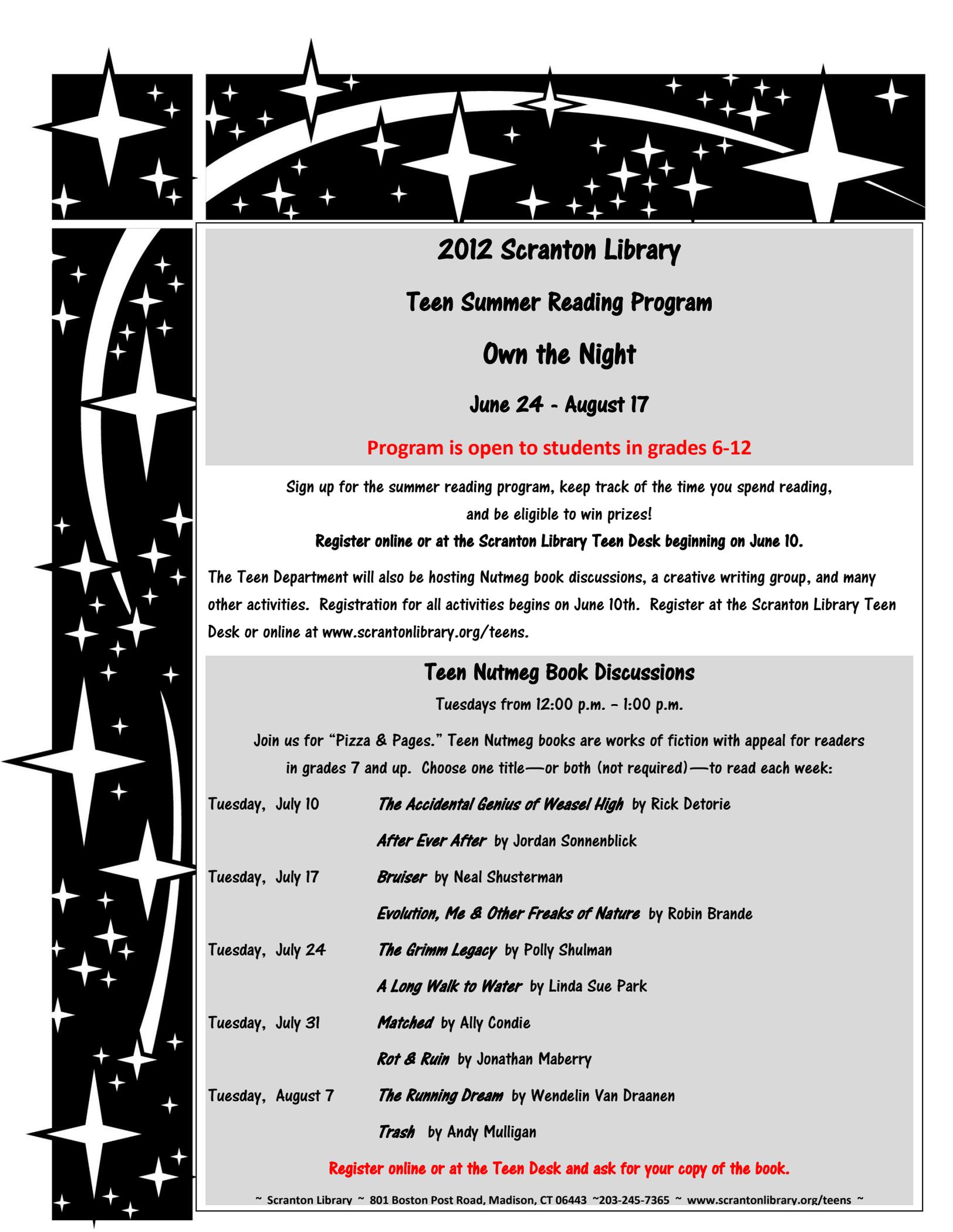
Powerless

Wednesday, August 29 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

A Tale Dark & Grimm

Where the Mountain Meets the Moon





2012 Scranton Library

Teen Summer Reading Program

Own the Night

June 24 - August 17

Program is open to students in grades 6-12

Sign up for the summer reading program, keep track of the time you spend reading,
and be eligible to win prizes!

Register online or at the Scranton Library Teen Desk beginning on June 10.

The Teen Department will also be hosting Nutmeg book discussions, a creative writing group, and many other activities. Registration for all activities begins on June 10th. Register at the Scranton Library Teen Desk or online at www.scrantonlibrary.org/teens.

Teen Nutmeg Book Discussions

Tuesdays from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Join us for "Pizza & Pages." Teen Nutmeg books are works of fiction with appeal for readers in grades 7 and up. Choose one title—or both (not required)—to read each week:

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| Tuesday, July 10 | <i>The Accidental Genius of Weasel High</i> by Rick Detorie
<i>After Ever After</i> by Jordan Sonnenblick |
| Tuesday, July 17 | <i>Bruiser</i> by Neal Shusterman
<i>Evolution, Me & Other Freaks of Nature</i> by Robin Brande |
| Tuesday, July 24 | <i>The Grimm Legacy</i> by Polly Shulman
<i>A Long Walk to Water</i> by Linda Sue Park |
| Tuesday, July 31 | <i>Matched</i> by Ally Condie
<i>Rot & Ruin</i> by Jonathan Maberry |
| Tuesday, August 7 | <i>The Running Dream</i> by Wendelin Van Draanen
<i>Trash</i> by Andy Mulligan |

Register online or at the Teen Desk and ask for your copy of the book.

Madison Public Schools
Summer Reading Suggestions and Requirements Guide

Grades K - 8

Students entering **Kindergarten through Grade 5** should read at least **FIVE** books this summer, and submit a recording sheet to the classroom teacher. A selected book may be one that can be read by the child, with the child, or to the child.

Students entering **Grades 6, 7 AND 8** should read at least **FOUR** books this summer, one of which must come from their Required Summer Reading List. **Grade 6, 7 and 8 students should take note of specific reading requirements for their grade level as noted below.**

While the Suggested Summer Reading Lists should serve as a guide, reading need not be limited to these titles. If a title is not available, try another by the same author! Additional authors are also recommended throughout the list. Please remember reading abilities vary; therefore, choosing a title from another grade level may be appropriate for your child and is completely acceptable.

Requirements and Assignments by Grade

***ALL STUDENTS are required to COMPLETE and HAND IN
A SUMMER READING RECORDING SHEET
to their classroom teacher, English teacher, or Library Media Specialist
at the beginning of the school year.***

GRADES 1 – 5 All students are asked to READ, OR HAVE READ TO THEM, FIVE BOOKS and submit a Summer Reading Recording Sheet to their classroom teacher at the beginning of the school year.

GRADE 6 All incoming sixth grade students are asked to read at least FOUR books this summer. ONE BOOK MUST BE SELECTED FROM THIS YEAR'S LIST OF NUTMEG NOMINEES. Students may choose a title from *EITHER* the 2013 Nutmeg Intermediate list found on page **8** *OR* the 2013 Nutmeg Teen list found on page **29** of the Grade 5-8 Summer Reading List. In their sixth grade language arts classes, students will be asked to write about the most important parts of the story.

GRADE 7 All incoming seventh grade students are asked to read at least FOUR books this summer. ONE BOOK MUST BE SELECTED FROM THE GRADE 7 REQUIRED READING LIST found on page **19** of the Grade 5-8 Summer Reading List. In their seventh grade language arts class, students will be asked to determine if the book qualifies as good literature.

GRADE 8 All incoming eighth grade students are asked to read at least FOUR books this summer. ONE BOOK MUST BE SELECTED FROM THE GRADE 8 REQUIRED READING LIST found on page **20** of the Grade 5-8 Summer Reading List. In their eighth grade language arts class, students will be asked to make a personal connection with a character from that selection.

Grades 5-8

2012 Summer Reading List

SUGGESTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS



The following is a Suggested Summer Reading List for students entering grades 5-8 in the fall of 2012. **Each grade has specific requirements, so please see the requirements listed below that outline the expectations for your child's grade.** In addition to completing the required reading, students are encouraged to read for pleasure, choosing books from the remainder of the list, which provides titles from a variety of genres. Reading ability varies; therefore, students are welcome to choose a title from another grade level, if it seems appropriate. Periodicals, audiobooks and e-books are all acceptable forms of summer reading. Check out the Students' Picks on pages 18 and 21 to learn what other students suggest reading. **All students are asked to complete and submit a Summer Reading Recording Sheet to their Language Arts teacher in September.** Reading logs printed from Scranton's Summer Reading program will be accepted.

INCOMING GRADE 5 REQUIREMENTS

Incoming **GRADE 5** students are asked to read at least **FIVE** books this summer. If a title in the Suggested Reading List is not available, try another by the same author! Students are asked to complete and submit *Summer Reading Recording Sheets* to their language arts teacher in September.

INCOMING GRADE 6 REQUIREMENTS

Incoming **GRADE 6** students are asked to read at least **FOUR** books this summer. **ONE** of the four books must be selected from the **2013 Nutmeg Nominee Intermediate List** on page **8** or the **2013 Nutmeg Nominee Teen** list located on page **29**. Students should be prepared to write about the most important parts of the story in their language arts classes. Students are asked to complete and submit *Summer Reading Recording Sheets* to their language arts teacher.

KEY TO SYMBOLS IN THE READING LIST

- ★ MRS. HEIMER'S PICKS!
- ⊗ MRS. FIORELLI'S FAVES!
- 😊 MISS FARGO LOVES THESE
- 🍂 CONNECTICUT NUTMEG AWARD NOMINEE

INCOMING GRADE 7 REQUIREMENTS

Incoming **GRADE 7** students are asked to read a minimum of **FOUR BOOKS**. The Suggested Summer Reading List should serve as a guide; reading need not be limited to the books on the list except that **at least ONE of them MUST come from one of the following eleven titles listed on page 19**. Students are expected to complete summer reading before school begins and be prepared to determine if their book qualifies as good literature. Students are also asked to complete and submit *Summer Reading Recording Sheets* to their Language Arts teacher in September.

INCOMING 8TH GRADE REQUIREMENTS

Incoming **GRADE 8** students are asked to read a minimum of **FOUR BOOKS**. The Suggested Summer Reading list should serve as a guide; reading need not be limited to the books on this list, **except that at least ONE of them MUST come from one of the following eight titles on page 20**. Students are expected to complete summer reading before school begins, and in their 8th grade language arts class will be asked to make a personal connection with a character in their book. Students are also asked to complete and submit *Summer Reading Recording Sheets* to their language arts teacher in September.

2013 CONNECTICUT NUTMEG NOMINEE INTERMEDIATE LIST



📖 Berlin, Eric: **The Potato Chip Puzzles**

Winston and his friends enter an all-day puzzle contest to win fifty-thousand dollars for their school, but they must also figure out who is trying to keep them from winning. Puzzles for the reader to solve are included throughout the text.

📖 ★ Buyea, Rob: **Because of Mr. Terupt**

Seven fifth-graders at Snow Hill School in Connecticut relate how their lives are changed for the better by "rookie teacher" Mr. Terupt.

📖 Cody, Matthew: **Powerless**

Soon after moving to Noble's Green, Pennsylvania, twelve-year-old Daniel learns that his new friends have super powers that they will lose when they turn thirteen, unless he can use his brain power to protect them.

📖 Ferrari, Michael (Michael J.): **Born to Fly**

Bird McGill, an eleven-year-old tomboy obsessed with flying in 1942, withholds judgment while her classmates maintain that new Japanese American student Kenji Fujita is a spy, but she realizes Kenji is just as American as she is when they find evidence of real spy activity during their research for a class project.



📖 Fusco, Kimberly Newton: **The Wonder of Charlie Anne**

In a 1930s Massachusetts town torn by the Depression and other hardships, as well as racial tension, Charlie Anne and Phoebe, the black girl who moves to the farm next door, form a friendship that begins to transform their community.

📖 Gidwitz, Adam: **A Tale Dark and Grimm**

Reader, beware! Warlocks with dark spells, hunters with deadly aim, and bakers with ovens retro-fitted for baking children lurk within these pages. **But if you dare**, follow Hansel and Gretel as they walk out of their own story and into the wilds—where magic, terror, and a little bit of humor shine like white pebbles lighting the way. **Come on in.** It may be frightening, and it's certainly bloody, but it's unlike any fairy tale you've ever read!

📖 Green, Tim: **Baseball Great**

All twelve-year-old Josh wants to do is play baseball but when his father, a minor league pitcher, signs him up for a youth championship team, Josh finds himself embroiled in a situation with potentially illegal consequences.

📖 ★ Lin, Grace: **Where the Mountain Meets the Moon**

Minli, an adventurous girl from a poor village, buys a magical goldfish, and then joins a dragon who cannot fly on a quest to find the Old Man of the Moon in hopes of bringing life to Fruitless Mountain and freshness to Jade River.

📖 Philbrick, W. R.: **The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg**

Homer P. Figg escapes from his wretched foster home in Pine Swamp, Maine, and sets out to find his beloved older brother, Harold, who has been illegally sold into the Union Army.

📖 Tashjian, Janet: **My Life as a Book**

Dubbed a "reluctant reader" by his teacher, twelve-year-old Derek spends summer vacation learning important lessons even though he does not complete his summer reading list.

GRADE 5 and GRADE 6 SUGGESTED READING LIST



FICTION

Realistic / Contemporary / Humor
Stories about kids like you!

😊 Almond, David: **My Name is Mina**
Prequel to: *Skellig*. Creative, intelligent, nine-year-old Mina keeps a journal in her own disorderly way that reveals how her mind is growing into something extraordinary, especially after she begins homeschooling under the direction of her widowed mother. *Prequel to: Skellig*

Balliet, Bruce: **Danger Box**
In small-town Michigan, twelve-year-old Zoomy and his new friend Lorrol investigate the journal found inside a mysterious box and find family secrets and a more valuable treasure, while a dangerous stranger watches and waits.

★ Carman, Patrick: **Floors**
Leo, the son of the maintenance man of the Whippet Hotel, opens a series of cryptic boxes which reveals hidden floors, strange puzzles, and unexpected alliances and lead him on an adventure to save the building and his future.

Clements, Andrew: **Troublemaker**
When his older brother gets in serious trouble, sixth-grader Clay decides to change his own mischief-making ways, but he cannot seem to shake his reputation as a troublemaker.
2012 Nutmeg Book Nominee: Extra Credit

😊 Connor, Leslie: **Crunch**
The oldest Mariss brother, fourteen-year-old Dewey, attempts to be the "embodiment of responsibility" as he juggles the management of the family's bicycle repair business while sharing the household and farm duties with his siblings after a sudden energy crisis strands their parents far from home.

👉 Davies, Jacqueline: **The Lemonade War**
Evan and his younger sister, Jesse, react very differently to the news that they will be in the same class for fourth grade and as the end of summer approaches, they battle it out through lemonade stands, each trying to be the first to earn 100 dollars. This book includes math calculations and tips for running a successful lemonade stand.
2011 Nutmeg Book Award Winner (Intermediate)
Davies' new title: **The Lemonade Crime**

★ DiCamillo, Kate: **The Magician's Elephant**
When ten-year-old orphan Peter Augustus Duchene encounters a fortune teller in the marketplace who tells him that his sister, who is presumed dead, is in fact alive, he embarks on a remarkable series of adventures in an attempt to find her.

👉 Feldman, Jody: **Gollywhopper Games**
Twelve-year-old Gil Goodson competes against thousands of other children at extraordinary puzzles, stunts, and more in hopes of a fresh start for his family, which has been ostracized since his father was falsely accused of embezzling money from Golly Toy and Game Company.

👉 Giff, Patricia Reilly: **Eleven**
When Sam, who can barely read, discovers an old newspaper clipping just before his eleventh birthday, it brings forth memories from his past, and, with the help of a new friend at school and the castle they are building for a school project, his questions are eventually answered.



★ Greenwald, Tom: **Charlie Joe Jackson's Guide to Not Reading**

Middle schooler Charlie Joe is proud of his success at avoiding reading, but eventually his schemes go too far.

★ Hiassen, Carl: **Chomp**

Hiassen has again set up a cast of plucky, lovable Everglades kooks, pit them against greedy, wildlife-hating outsiders and buffoonish swamp villains, and mix it all up with offbeat humor, swift plotting, and heartfelt environmentalism.

Horowitz, Anthony: **Alex Rider: Stormbreaker**

Book number one of this fantastic adventure series

After the death of the uncle who had been his guardian, fourteen-year-old Alex Rider is coerced to continue his uncle's dangerous work for Britain's intelligence agency, MI6.

★ Kinney, Jeff: **Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever**

Greg, stuck indoors with his family over the holiday because of a blizzard, suffers from claustrophobia and worries they will not be able to weather the storm.

🐾 Korman, Gordon: **Showoff**

After acting out at a mall dog show, Luthor is accused of ruining the career of a three-time best-in-show beagle, and Griffin springs him from the pound with a plan involving the dog, New York City, and a sinister saboteur.

Smith, Roland: **Peak**

A fourteen-year-old boy attempts to be the youngest person to reach the top of Mount Everest.

Weeks, Sarah: **Pie**

Alice's Aunt Polly passes away and entrusts the recipe for her world-famous pie crust to her cat, which she leaves in Alice's care, and as everyone, including Alice, tries to discover the secret ingredients, Alice learns some important lessons about faith, love, and family.



Other Suggested Authors: Kate Klise, Robert Holland, Gary Paulsen, Jon Scieszka, Daniel Pinkwater, Jerry Spinelli

FICTION

*Fantasy / Science Fiction / Supernatural
(Stories with magic, or happen in the future,
or are unreal)*

Appelt, Kathi: **The Keeper**

Ten-year-old Keeper heads to a sandbar in a small boat along with her dog BD and a seagull named Captain in order to find her mother, a mermaid who left her when Keeper was only three.

🐾 DeFelice, Cynthia C.: **Signal**

After moving with his emotionally distant father to the Finger Lakes region of upstate New York, twelve-year-old Owen faces a lonely summer until he meets an abused girl who may be a space alien.

🐾 DeMari, Silvana: **The Last Dragon**

After his village is ruined by a flood, Yorsh, the world's last elf, reads writing on ancient ruins and realizes that in order to stop the torrential rain, he must find the only remaining dragon.

★ Funke, Cornelia: **Thief Lord**

Orphaned brothers Prosper and Bo, having run away from their cruel aunt and uncle, decide to hide out in Venice where they fall in with the Thief Lord, a thirteen-year-old boy who leads a crime ring of street children.

★ Gaiman, Neil: **The Graveyard Book**

The orphan Bod, short for Nobody, is taken in by the inhabitants of a graveyard as a child of eighteen months and raised lovingly and carefully to the age of eighteen years by the community of ghosts and otherworldly creatures.

Haddix, Margaret Peterson: **The Always War**

In a war-torn future United States, Tessa, her friend Gideon, now a traumatized military hero, and Dek, a streetwise orphan, enter enemy territory and discover the shocking truth about a war that began more than seventy-five years earlier.

★ Hale, Shannon: **Book of a Thousand Days**
Fifteen-year-old Dashti, sworn to obey her sixteen-year-old mistress, the Lady Saren, shares Saren's years of punishment locked in a tower, then brings her safely to the lands of her true love, where both must hide who they are as they work as kitchen maids.

Hunter, Erin: **Warriors Series**

This is a fascinating feline fantasy--the struggle between ThunderClan, a group of feral cats, and the enemy, ShadowClan.

Jacques, Brian: **Mossflower**

Martin the warrior mouse and Gonff the mouse thief set out to find the missing ruler of Mossflower, while the other animal inhabitants of the woodland prepare to rebel against the evil wildcat who has seized power. *This is the beginning of a famous and favorite series.*

★ Kessler, Liz: **A Year Without Autumn**

Twelve-year-old Jenni's much-anticipated vacation with her family and best friend Autumn goes awry when an old elevator transports her to a future in which everything has changed, and she must not only return to her time but find a way to prevent what she has seen from coming true.

★ Kirby, Matthew J.: **Icefall**

Princess Solveig and her siblings are trapped in a hidden fortress tucked between towering mountains and a frozen fjord, along with her best friend and an army of restless soldiers, all awaiting news of the king's victory in battle. As they wait for winter's end and the all-encompassing ice to break, acts of treachery make it clear that a traitor lurks in their midst.

📖 Kostic, Conor: **Epic**

On New Earth, a world based on a video role-playing game, fourteen-year-old Erik persuades his friends to aid him in some unusual gambits in order to save Erik's father from exile and safeguard the futures of each of their families.

★ Laurie, Victoria: **Oracles of Delphi Keep; Book 3, Quest for the Secret Keeper**

Orphan siblings Ian and Theo are trying to fulfill the prophecy of Laodamia of Phoenicia and have become the center of a struggle to save humankind from devastating evil and violence.

Moriarty, Chris: **The Inquisitor's Apprentice**

In early twentieth-century New York, Sacha Kessler's ability to see witches earns him an apprenticeship to the police department's star Inquisitor, Maximillian Wolf, to help stop magical crime. With fellow apprentice Lily Astral, Sacha investigates who is trying to kill Thomas Edison, whose mechanical witch detector could unleash the worst witch-hunt in American history.



📖 Nelson, Peter: **Herbert's Wormhole**

While Alex is getting to know his inventive neighbor, Herbert, they unexpectedly travel to the twenty-second century through a space-time wormhole where they encounter aliens, jet packs, and their future selves.

Oliver, Lauren: **Liesl & Po**

After her father's death, Liesl is locked away in a tiny attic room by her stepmother, where she meets Po, a lonely ghost, and Will, an alchemist's apprentice who bungles an important delivery and enlists Liesl and Po's help in setting things right.

Paterson, Katherine: **Flint Heart**

A magical amulet, created by a Stone Age magic man for an ambitious individual wishing to take control of his tribe, brings power and despair to those who touch it. When the amulet reemerges, Charles and his sister Unity must find a way to rescue the humans, fairies, and animals from the mysterious object.

★ Reichs, Kathy: **Virals**

Tory Brennan and her friends are exposed to a canine parvovirus when they rescue a dog from a medical testing facility and soon realize they have heightened senses, which they use to solve a cold case murder.

📖 Riordan, Rick: **The Lightning Thief**

Book number one of this fantastic adventure series
After learning that he is the son of a mortal woman and Poseidon, god of the sea, twelve-year-old Percy is sent to a summer camp for demigods like himself, and joins his new friends on a quest to prevent a war between the gods.

📖 Rodda, Emily: **The Key to Rondo**

Through an heirloom music box, Leo, a serious, responsible boy, and his badly-behaved cousin Mimi enter the magical world of Rondo to rescue Mimi's dog from a sorceress, who wishes to exchange him for the key that allows free travel between worlds.



★ Rowling, J.K.: **Harry Potter**

Any of these books are terrific, but if they are new to you, start with **The Sorcerer's Stone**, the one where it all begins. Rescued from the outrageous neglect of his aunt and uncle, a young boy with a great destiny proves his worth while attending Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

★ Scott, Michael: **The Alchemyst: Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel**

Fifteen-year-old twins, Sophie and Josh, find themselves caught up in the deadly struggle between rival alchemists, Nicholas Flamel and John Dee, over the possession of an ancient book that holds the secret formulas for alchemy and everlasting life. *Book number one of this fantastic adventure series*

★ Skelton, Michael: **Endymion Spring**

Having reluctantly accompanied his academic mother and pesky younger sister to Oxford, twelve-year-old Blake Winters is at loose ends until he stumbles across an ancient and magical book, secretly brought to England in 1453 by Gutenberg's mute apprentice to save it from evil forces, and which now draws Blake into a dangerous and life-threatening quest.

Stanley, Diane: **The Silver Bowl**

From the age of seven when she became a scullery maid in a castle, Molly has seen visions of the future which, years later, lead her and friend Tobias on an adventure to keep Alaric, the heir to the throne, safe from a curse.

Ursu, Anne: **Breadcrumbs**

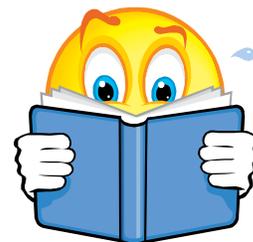
Hazel and Jack are best friends until an accident with a magical mirror and a run-in with a villainous queen find Hazel on her own, entering an enchanted wood in the hopes of saving Jack's life.

Willingham, Bill: **Down the Mysterly River**

Boy Scout Max "the Wolf," who is an expert at orienteering and always prepared, finds himself lost in the woods without any memory of how he got there. Being pursued, along with a group of talking animals, by a group of hunters and their hounds, Max must solve the mystery of the strange forest in order to save himself and his new friends.

★Wilson, N.D.: **Dragon's Tooth**

When their parents' seedy old motel burns down on the same night they are visited by a strange man covered in skeleton tattoos, Cyrus, Antigone, and their brother Daniel are introduced to an ancient secret society, and discover that they have an important role in keeping it alive.



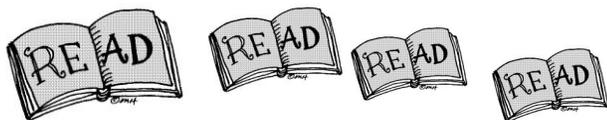
SERIES FICTION

Groups of books where the story unfolds over several titles.

(Series can be from all fiction genres)

Brown School has over 160 series. Some are described within the summer reading list, and others are listed below:

- Aguiar, Nadia: **Tales of Tamarind**
 Baum, Frank S.: **The Oz Books**
 Colfer, Eoin: **Artemis Fowl**
 Dixon, Frank: **Hardy Boys Mysteries**
 Funke, Cornelia: **Inkheart Trilogy**
 Multiple authors: **The 39 Clues**
 Paolini, Christopher: **Inheritance Trilogy**
 Riordan, Rick: **Percy Jackson**
 Sage, Angie: **Septimus Heap**
 Snicket, Lemony: **Series of Unfortunate Events**



FICTION

Mystery / Suspense
 (Stories about things unknown and sometimes scary)

★ Baccalario, Pierdomenico: **Ring of Fire, Book 1, Star of Stone, Book 2, City of Wind, Book 3.**
 In their continuing quest to save the world from evil forces, Mistral, Elettra, Harvey, and Sheng meet again in Paris where they must search for the mysterious veil of Isis reportedly hidden in the heart of the city.

Bosch, Pseudonymous: **The Name of this Book is Secret**

Cassandra and Max find a missing magician's notebook and start to investigate the fire which burnt down his house and his mysterious "symphony of smells."

📖 Broach, Elise: **Masterpiece**
 After Marvin, a beetle, makes a miniature drawing as an eleventh birthday gift for James, a human with whom he shares a house, the two new friends work together to help recover a Dürer drawing stolen from the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

📖 Fardell, John: **The 7 Professors of the Far North**
 Eleven-year-old Sam finds himself involved in a dangerous adventure when he and his new friends, brother and sister Ben and Zara, set off for the Arctic to try and rescue the siblings' great-uncle and five other professors from the mad scientist holding them prisoner.

Feinstein, John: **Cover-up**
 Two teenagers learn that every player on a professional football team--which is supposed to play in the Super Bowl--has failed their drug test and the owner has covered up the results, and now they must find a way to prove it.

📖 Hahn, Mary Downing: **Deep and Dark and Dangerous: A Ghost Story**
 When thirteen-year-old Ali spends the summer with her aunt and cousin at the family's vacation home, she stumbles upon a secret that her mother and aunt have been hiding for over thirty years.

★ Higgins, F.E.: **The Lunatic's Curse:**
 Rex contends with his evil stepmother while he searches for a way to prove his father's innocence after his father is locked away in an asylum located on an island in the middle of a frozen lake that is rumored to be inhabited by a monster.

★ Holland, Robert: **Quarry**
 Cam Bates and his friend Jack find themselves in a world of trouble when they witness a car flying over a cliff into the quarry below and are seen by two men who orchestrated what turns out to be murder.

📖 Kehret, Peg: **Stolen Children**
 Amy, babysitting for little Kendra, must use her wits to save herself and the child after they are kidnapped by two thugs who are demanding money from Kendra's wealthy parents in exchange for the lives of the girls. *2012 Nutmeg Book Award*



Kirby, Matthew: **The Clockwork Three**

As mysterious circumstances bring Giuseppe, Frederick, and Hannah together, their lives soon interlock like the turning gears in a clock and they realize that each one holds a key to solving the others' mysteries. *A Steampunk-style book*

👉 Klise, Kate: **Dying to Meet You**

In this story told mostly through letters, children's book author, I.B. Grumpy, gets more than he bargained for when he rents a quiet place to write for the summer.

Riordan, Rick: **Kingdom Keepers I: Disney after Dark**

Thirteen-year-old Finn Whitman and four other young teens have been transformed into holograms to be guides for visitors to Disney World, but now they must do battle with the evil witch, Maleficent, and her Overtakers to save Walt Disney World.

★ Stead, Rebecca: **When You Reach Me**

As her mother prepares to be a contestant on the 1980s television game show, "The \$20,000 Pyramid," a twelve-year-old New York City girl tries to make sense of a series of mysterious notes received from an anonymous source that seems to defy the laws of time and space.

Other Suggested Authors: David A. Adler, Cynthia C. DeFelice, Bruce Hale, Odo Hirsch, James Howe, Gloria Skurzynski, Marcus Sedgewick

HISTORICAL FICTION

(Stories set in times and places long ago)

Avi: **Iron Thunder**

Thirteen-year-old Tom Carroll takes his place as head of the family after his father dies fighting for the Union; but his job at the local ironworks, where he helps build an iron ship for the Union army, and his loyalty come into question when he is approached by Confederate spies to sell secrets about the ship to the South.

Carlson, Drew: **Attack of the Turtle**

During the Revolutionary War, fourteen-year-old Nathan joins forces with his older cousin, the inventor David Bushnell, to secretly build the first submarine used in naval warfare.

Conly, Jane Leslie: **Murder Afloat**

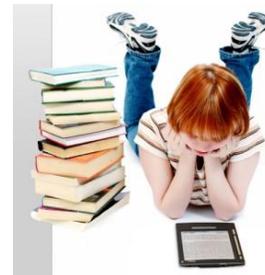
Benjamin Franklin Orville's life is torn asunder when a simple trip to the market goes awry and Benjy is taken by captors with a group of German immigrants to work with the poorly kept crew of the "Ella Dawn," a North Atlantic oystering vessel.

Gutman, Dan: **Baseball Card Adventures: Roberto & Me (Baseball Card Adventures)**

Stosh travels back to 1969 to try to prevent the untimely death of Roberto Clemente, a legendary baseball player and humanitarian, but upon his return to the present, he meets his own great-grandson who takes him into the future, and what he finds there is more shocking than anything he has encountered in his travels to the past.

★ Gantos, Jack: **Dead End in Norvelt**

In the historic town of Norvelt, Pennsylvania, twelve-year-old Jack Gantos spends the summer of 1962 grounded for various offenses until he is assigned to help an elderly neighbor with a most unusual chore involving the newly dead, molten wax, twisted promises, Girl Scout cookies, underage driving, lessons from history, typewriting, and countless bloody noses.



Lisle, Janet Taylor: **Black Duck**

Ruben Hart tells the story of how, in 1929 Newport, Rhode Island, his family and his best friend's family were caught up in the violent competition among groups trying to control the local rum-smuggling trade.

★ Meloy, Maile: **The Apothecary**

Fourteen-year-old Janie Scott, newly arrived in London from Los Angeles in 1952, becomes friends with a mysterious apothecary and his son, Benjamin Burrows, and is drawn into a dangerous adventure with Benjamin when his father is kidnapped and Russian spies try to steal his book of secrets.

★ Morpurgo, Michael: **An Elephant in the Garden**

Lizzie and Karl's mother, Mutti, working at a local zoo in Dresden, Germany, during World War II while their father is away fighting in France, brings home Marlene, a baby elephant that is slated to be destroyed as the Allied bombing grows closer, and when they are forced to flee, Mutti feels they must take Marlene with them, adding even more danger to their journey.

🦊★ Paver, Michelle: **Chronicles of Ancient Darkness: Wolf Brother**

Book number one of this fantastic series

Twelve-year-old Tarak and his guide, a wolf cub, set out on a dangerous journey to fulfill an oath the boy made to his dying father—to travel to the Mountain of the World Spirit seeking a way to destroy a demon-possessed bear that threatens all the clans.

★ Riordan, Rick: **Red Pyramid**

Book number one of this adventure series

Brilliant Egyptologist Dr. Julius Kane accidentally unleashes the Egyptian god Set, who banishes the doctor to oblivion and forces his two children to embark on a dangerous journey, bringing them closer to the truth about their family and its links to a secret order that has existed since the time of the pharaohs.

★ Schmidt, Gary D.: **Okay for Now**

Fourteen-year-old Doug Swietek faces many challenges, including an abusive father, a brother traumatized by Vietnam, suspicious teachers and police officers, and isolation, but when he meets a girl known as Lil Spicer, he develops a close relationship with her and finds a safe place at the local library.

★ Sedgwick, Marcus: **Revolver**

Fourteen-year-old Sig is stranded at a remote cabin in the Arctic wilderness with his father, who died just hours earlier after falling through the ice. A terrifying man arrives, claiming Sig's father owes him a share of a horde of stolen gold and that he will kill Sig if he does not get his money.

Smith Roland: **Elephant Run**

Nick's father and others are taken prisoner when his plantation in Burma is invaded by the Japanese in 1941, leaving Nick and his friend Mya to risk their lives in order to free them from the POW camp.

Wells, Rosemary: **On the Blue Comet**

When the Depression hits in Cairo, Illinois, and Oscar Ogilvie's father must sell their home and vast model train set-up to look for work in California, eleven-year-old Oscar is left with his dour aunt, where he befriends a mysterious drifter, witnesses a stunning bank robbery, and is suddenly catapulted onto a train that takes him to a different time and place.

Woodruff, Elvira: **George Washington's Spy: A Time Travel Adventure**

Ten-year-old Matt and six other children travel to 1776 Boston, living out American history as they meet Benjamin Franklin, learn about colonial medicine, and become part of a rebel spy ring.

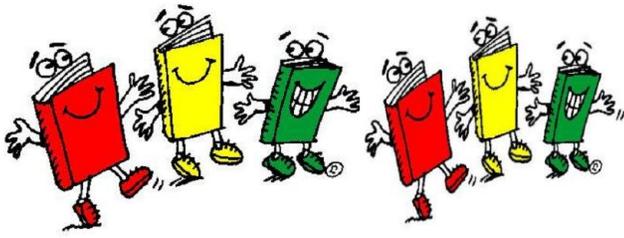
😊 Vanderpool, Clare: **Moon Over Manifest**

Twelve-year-old Abilene Tucker is the daughter of a drifter who, in the summer of 1936, sends her to stay with an old friend in Manifest, Kansas, where he grew up, and where she hopes to find out some things about his past. *2011 Newbery Award Winner*

Historic Fiction Series Books:

Scholastic Publisher: **Dear America**
My Name is America
Royal Diaries

Other Suggested Authors: Karen Cushman, Patricia Reilly Giff, Karen Hesse, Mary Hooper, Kathryn Lasky, Donna Jo Napoli, Gary Paulsen, Ann Rinaldi, Cynthia Rylant, Jean Van Leeuwen, Gloria Whelan.



GRAPHIC NOVELS

(Great stories in books more heavily illustrated, but have grade appropriate reading levels)

Goscinny, R. and Uderzo, A.: **Asterix and Obelix All at Sea**

After Obelix drinks a potion that turns him to stone, Asterix sets out to find a cure, and along the way he finds himself on the continent of Atlantis.

★ Hergé: **The Adventures of Tintin**

This wildly popular series is about the global adventures of a boy and his dog, Fluffy. The series has been translated into dozens of languages.

Selznick, Brian: **The Invention of Hugo Cabret**

When twelve-year-old Hugo, an orphan living and repairing clocks within the walls of a Paris train station in 1931, meets a mysterious toy seller and his goddaughter, his undercover life and his biggest secret are jeopardized.

😊 Selznick, Brian: **Wonderstruck**

This book relates the stories of twelve-year-old Ben, who loses his mother and his hearing and decides to leave his Minnesota home in 1977 to seek the father he has never known in New York City, and Rose, who lives with her father but feels compelled to search for what is missing in her life. Ben's story is told in words; Rose's in pictures.

Smith, Jeff: **Bone 1: Out From Boneville**

Fone Bone, Phoney Bone, and Smiley Bone are run out of their home, Boneville, and become separated in the wilds, but better fortune begins when the three cousins reunite at a farmstead in a deep forested valley, where Fone meets a young girl named Thorn. Start here!

Wooding, Chris: **Pandemonium**

Seifer Tombchewer, captain of the local skullball team, is knocked unconscious, abducted, and taken to the royal palace, where he learns that Prince Talon Pandemonium has gone missing. Seifer, who looks exactly like the prince, is expected to fill his role.

★ Wooding, Chris: **Havoc**

This book is a middle-school thriller about three boys who become trapped in the deadly world of a comic book.

NON-FICTION

Biography, Autobiography, Memoir
(Stories about real people)

★ Fleischman, John: **Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story about Brain Science**

This is the true story of Phineas Gage, whose brain had been pierced by an iron rod in 1848, and who survived and became a case study in how the brain functions.

Fleming, Candace: **The Great and Only Barnum: The Tremendous, Stupendous Life of Showman P.T. Barnum**

This book chronicles the life of showman P. T. Barnum, discussing how he created his legendary circus and the impact he had on the entertainment industry.

Freedman, Russell: **Lafayette and the American Revolution**

Freedman examines the role of the Marquis de Lafayette in the American Revolution, and discusses how the nineteen-year-old defied the king of France to join the fight for liberty in the United States.

Hawk, Tony: **Hawk: Occupation: Skateboarder**

Internationally known American skateboarding champ Tony Hawk chronicles his life and his very eventful involvement with the sport.

Hill, Laban Carrick: **Dave the Potter: Artist, Poet, Slave**

This book chronicles the life of Dave, a nineteenth-century slave who went on to become an influential poet, artist, and potter.

★ Kirkpatrick, Katherine: **Mysterious Bones: The Story of Kennewick Man**

This book looks at the 1996 discovery of a nearly complete ancient human skeleton along a bank of the Columbia River in Kennewick, Washington, the legal battle that followed over the status of the remains, the methods used to study them, and the surprises that they revealed.

Lassieur, Allison: **Can You Survive the Titanic? An Interactive Survival Adventure**

Readers can choose how the story ends in three different adventures about the night the "Titanic" sank.

Ntozake Shange: **Ellington Was Not a Street**

Ntozake Shange recalls her childhood in this illustrated poem, describing how she grew up in the company of W.E.B. Du Bois, Dizzy Gillespie, Paul Robeson, and other great African-American men who were instrumental in changing American culture and society.

Polzer, Tim: **Peyton Manning: Leader on and Off the Field**

This book examines the life and career of football star Peyton Manning, and discusses his upbringing, success in the NFL, leadership abilities, and charity work.

Scieszka, Jon: **Knucklehead: Tall Tales and Mostly True Stories about Growing Up Scieszka**

This book presents a memoir of what it was like to grow up in the 1950s and other almost true stories by this author.

★ Sis, Peter: **The Tree of Life: A Book Depicting the Life of Charles Darwin, Naturalist, Geologist and Thinker**

Using text from Darwin's writings and detailed drawings by Sis, this book presents the life of the famous nineteenth-century naturalist.

Other Suggested Authors: Sneed Collard, James Lincoln Collier, Tomie De Paola, Dennis B. Fradin, Jean Fritz, Nikki Grimes, Eric A. Kimmel, Walter Dean Myers, Andrea Davis Pinkney

NON-FICTION GENERAL

Adams, Brian: **Medieval Castles**

Adams describes the various types of castles that were built during the Middle Ages, and explains why they were built, and how they were defended. The author also describes the daily lives of those who lived in castles.

The Chronicles of Harris Burdick: 14 Amazing Authors Tell the Tales

This book presents fourteen short stories from award-winning authors based on the illustrations in Chris Van Allsburg's *The Mysteries of Harris Burdick* with an introduction by Lemony Snicket.

Bulion, Leslie: **Hey There, Stink Bug!**

Using poetic text to describe various types of insects, this book also includes a glossary of terms and notes on poetic forms.

D'Aulaire, Ingrid and Edgar Parin: **Ingri and Edgar Parin D'Aulaire's Book of Greek Myths**

This book presents illustrated retellings of the myths of the gods and goddesses of ancient Greece and their mortal descendants.

★ Freedman, Russell: **Who Was First?**

Who really discovered America? This book examines evidence such as Viking ruins, Mayan stonework, and other mysterious objects found in New England that date before Columbus that indicate others may have traveled to the Americas before Columbus.

Goldish, Meish: **The Fossil Feud**

Recounting the rivalry between two competing paleontologists, Othniel Charles Marsh and Edward Drinker Cope, the author describes how their bitter feud eventually destroyed their careers.

Koll, Hilary: **Using Math to Design a Roller Coaster**
Math is critically important in designing roller coasters, and the author uses that format to foster an understanding of numbers, measurements, shapes, charts, and diagrams. *Includes data-gathering and problem solving techniques*

Lappi, Megan: **The Sahara Desert: The Largest Desert in the World**

Photographs and text provide an introduction to the Sahara Desert, looking at its location, how it formed, the desert's climate, plants, people, animals, and the dangers posed by desertification.

Leardi, Jeanette: **The Great Pyramid: Egypt's Tomb for All Time**

This book explores the three pyramids of Giza, including the Great Pyramid, who built them and why, the process of mummification, and archaeological efforts to unlock the secrets of the pharaohs.

McKellar, Danika: **Math Doesn't Suck: How to Survive Middle School Math without Losing Your Mind or Breaking a Nail**

Danica McKellar offers girls the motivation and explanations they need to master pre-algebra, with step-by-step instructions explaining how to complete basic equations, practice problems with detailed solutions, real-world examples, and more.

Mehlman, Barbara: **Babysitting Jobs: The Business of Babysitting**

Offering advice to prospective baby-sitters on how to find and keep jobs, the author shares ideas for gaining experience, getting hired, making a good impression, getting paid, and expanding the business.

Myers, Walter Dean: **Jazz**

This book is a collection of illustrated poems that celebrate the roots and various styles of jazz music, such as ragtime, bebop, and swing.



★ O'Connor, Jane: **The Emperor's Silent Army: Terracotta Warriors of Ancient China**

The author describes the archaeological discovery of thousands of life-sized terracotta warrior statues in northern China in 1974, and discusses the emperor who had them created and placed near his tomb.

Sepehri, Sandy: **How the Peacock Got Its Feathers: Based on a Mayan Tale**

Sepehri presents the ancient Mayan folktale that describes how the peacock got its beautiful feathers.

Silverstein, Shel: **Every Thing on It: Poems and Drawings**

This book is a collection of more than 130 original and never-before published works.

Other Suggested Authors: Russell Freedman, Dan Gutman, Virginia Hamilton, Toni Morrison, Chris Oxlade, Edgar Allan Poe, Jack Prelutsky, Alvin Schwartz, Art Spiegelman

**Grades 5 and 6
STUDENT PICKS! / BOOK FAIR BEST SELLERS!**

Kessler, Liz: **A Year Without Autumn**

Lu, Marie: **Legend**

Meloy, Maile: **The Apothecary**

Meyer, Marissa: **Cinder**

Morpurgo, Michael: **Elephant in the Garden**

Reichs, Kathy: **Virals**

Schmidt, Gary D.: **Okay For Now**

Weeks, Sarah: **Pie**

Wilson, N.D.: **Dragon's Tooth**



**Former Connecticut Nutmeg
Children's Book Award Winners**

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| 2012 | Collins, Suzanne: The Hunger Games |
| 2011 | Davies, Jacqueline: The Lemonade Wars |
| 2010 | Haddix, Margaret Peterson: Double Identity |
| 2009 | Evans, Douglas: MVP: Magellan Voyage Project |
| 2008 | Riordan, Rick: The Lightning Thief |
| 2007 | Harlow, Joan Hiatt: Thunder from the Sea |
| 2006 | Duprau, Jeanne: The City of Ember |
| 2005 | Bruchac, Joseph: Skeleton Man |
| 2004 | Gutman, Dan: Babe and Me |

INCOMING GRADE 7 REQUIRED READING LIST

Incoming **GRADE 7** students are asked to read a minimum of **FOUR BOOKS**. The Suggested Summer Reading List should serve as a guide; reading need not be limited to the books on the list except that **at least ONE of them MUST come from one of the following eleven titles**. Students are expected to complete summer reading before school begins and be prepared to determine if their book qualifies as good literature. Students are also asked to complete and submit *Summer Reading Recording Sheets* to their Language Arts teacher in September.

Anderson, Laurie Halse: **Chains**

After being sold to a cruel couple in New York City, a slave named Isabel spies for the rebels during the Revolutionary War.

Coy, John: **Crackback**

Miles barely recalls when football was fun after being sidelined by a new coach, constantly criticized by his father, and pressured by his best friend to take performance-enhancing drugs.

Pearson, Mary: **The Adoration of Jenna Fox**

In the not-too-distant future, when biotechnological advances have made synthetic bodies and brains possible but illegal, a seventeen-year-old girl, recovering from a serious accident and suffering from memory lapses, learns a startling secret about her existence.

Rawls, Wilson: **Where the Red Fern Grows**

A young boy living in the Ozarks achieves his heart's desire when he becomes the owner of two redbone hounds and teaches them to be champion hunters.

Resau, Laura: **Red Glass**

Sixteen-year-old Sophie has been frail and delicate since her premature birth, but discovers her true strength during a journey through Mexico, where the six-year-old orphan her family hopes to adopt was born, and to Guatemala, where her would-be boyfriend hopes to find his mother and plans to remain.

Shusterman, Neal: **Full Tilt**

When sixteen-year-old Blake goes to a mysterious, by-invitation-only carnival he somehow knows that it could save his comatose brother, but soon learns that much more is at stake if he fails to meet the challenge presented there by the beautiful Cassandra.

Tolkien, J.R.R.: **The Hobbit**

Bilbo Baggins, a respectable, well-to-do **hobbit**, lives comfortably in his hobbit-hole until the day the wandering wizard Gandalf chooses him to take part in an adventure from which he may never return.

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

When his younger brother is diagnosed with leukemia, thirteen-year-old Steven tries to deal with his complicated emotions, his school life, and his desire to support his family.

Steinbeck, John: **The Red Pony**

Ownership of a beautiful red pony teaches ten-year-old Jody about life and death.

Taylor, Mildred: **Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry**

An African-American family living in the South during the 1930s is faced with prejudice and discrimination which its children do not understand.

Temple, Frances: **Taste of Salt**

In the hospital after being beaten by Macoutes, 17-year-old Djo tells the story of his impoverished life to a young woman who, like him, has been working with the social reformer Father Aristide to fight the repression in Haiti.

Note: Students with reading difficulties should discuss the possibility of selecting an alternate title with a Special Education Program Manager, English teacher, or Reading teacher.

INCOMING 8TH GRADE REQUIRED READING LIST

Incoming **GRADE 8** students are asked to read a minimum of **FOUR BOOKS**. The Suggested Summer Reading list should serve as a guide; reading need not be limited to the books on this list, except that **at least ONE of them MUST come from one of the following eight titles on this page.** Students are expected to complete summer reading before school begins, and in their 8th grade language arts class will be asked to make a personal connection with a character in their book. Students are also asked to complete and submit *Summer Reading Recording Sheets* to their language arts teacher in September.

Card, Orson Scott: **Ender's Game**

Young Ender Wiggin may prove to be the military genius Earth needs to fight a desperate battle against a deadly alien race that will determine the future of the human race.

Connor, Leslie: **Waiting for Normal**

Twelve-year-old Addie tries to cope with her mother's erratic behavior and being separated from her beloved stepfather and half-sisters when she and her mother go to live in a small trailer by the railroad tracks on the outskirts of Schenectady, New York.

Farmer, Nancy: **The House of the Scorpion**

In a future where humans despise clones, Matt enjoys special status as the young clone of El Patron, the 142-year-old leader of a corrupt drug empire nestled between Mexico and the United States.

Mikaelsen, Ben: **Touching Spirit Bear**

After his anger erupts into violence, fifteen year-old Cole, in order to avoid going to prison, agrees to participate in a sentencing alternative based on the Native American Circle Justice, and he is sent to a remote Alaskan Island where an encounter with a huge Spirit Bear changes his life.

Shusterman, Neal. **Unwind**

Three teens embark upon a cross-country journey in order to escape from a society that salvages body parts from children ages thirteen to eighteen. *2011 Nutmeg Book Award Winner (Teen)*

Sonnenblick, Jordan: **Notes from the Midnight Driver**

After being assigned to perform community service at a nursing home, sixteen-year-old Alex befriends a cantankerous old man who has some lessons to impart about jazz guitar playing, love, and forgiveness.

Smith, Betty: **A Tree Grows in Brooklyn**

Young Francie Nolan experiences the problems of growing up in a Brooklyn, New York slum.

Zusak, Mark: **The Book Thief**

Trying to make sense of the horrors of World War II, Death relates the story of Liesel--a young German girl whose book-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her family and the Jewish man they are hiding, as well as their neighbors.

Note: Students with reading difficulties should discuss the possibility of selecting an alternate title with a Special Education Program Manager, English teacher, or Reading teacher.

GRADE 7 and GRADE 8 SUGGESTED READING LIST

POLSON STUDENT PICKS!

Cashore, Kristen: **Fire**
Clement-Moore, Rosemary: **The Splendor Falls**
Collins, Suzanne: **Hunger Games**
Coy, John: **Crackback**
Dashner, James: **The Maze Runner**
Dashner, James: **Scorch Trials**
Hawkins, Rachel: **Hex Hall**
Holland, Robert: **Mad Max Murphy**
Picoult, Jodi: **My Sister's Keeper**
Sonnenblick, Jordan: **Drums, Girls and Dangerous Pie**
Stiefvater, Maggie: **Shiver**
Zevin, Gabrielle: **Elsewhere**

FICTION

*Realistic / Contemporary
Stories about teens like you!*

Alexie, Sherman: **The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian**

Budding cartoonist Junior leaves his troubled school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white farm town school where the only other Native American is the school mascot.

Bryant, Jen: **Pieces of Georgia**

Artistic loner Georgia McCoy writes a series of letters to her dead mother in the hope of understanding her father's sadness, her friend's curiosity about drugs, and her own feelings of loneliness.

✪ Connor, Leslie: **Waiting for Normal**

Twelve-year-old Addie tries to cope with her mother's erratic behavior and being separated from her beloved stepfather and half-sisters when she and her mother go to live in a small trailer by the railroad tracks on the outskirts of Schenectady, New York.

✪ Coy, John: **Crackback**

Miles can't remember why football was fun after being sidelined by a new coach, criticized by his father, and shunned by his best friend for avoiding performance enhancing drugs.

Friend, Natasha: **For Keeps**

Just as sixteen-year-old Josie and her mother finally begin trusting men enough to start dating seriously, the father Josie never knew comes back to town and shakes up what was already becoming a difficult mother-daughter relationship.

Forman, Gail: **Where She Went**

Sequel to If I Stay

Adam, now a rising rock star, and Mia, a successful cellist, reunite in New York and reconnect after the horrific events that tore them apart when Mia almost died in a car accident three years earlier.

King, A. S. **Everybody Sees the Ants**

Overburdened by his parents' bickering and a bully's attacks, fifteen-year-old Lucky Linderman begins dreaming of being with his grandfather, who went missing during the Vietnam War, but during a visit to Arizona, his aunt and uncle and their beautiful neighbor, Ginny, help him find a new perspective.

Korman, Gordon: **Pop**

Lonely after a midsummer move to a new town, sixteen-year-old high-school quarterback Marcus Jordan becomes friends with a retired professional linebacker who is great at training him, but whose childish behavior keeps Marcus in hot water.

Koss, Amy Goldman: **Side Effects**

Everything changes for Isabelle, not quite fifteen, when she is diagnosed with lymphoma; eventually she survives and even thrives.

🌟 Lockhart, E.: **The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks**

Sophomore Frankie starts dating senior Matthew Livingston, but when he refuses to talk to her about the all-male secret society that he and his friends belong to, Frankie infiltrates the society in order to enliven their mediocre pranks.

Lupica, Mike: **Bat Boy**

Even though his mother feels baseball ruined her marriage to his father, she allows fourteen-year-old Brian to become a bat boy for the Detroit Tigers, who have just drafted his favorite player back onto the team. *Other suggested titles by Lupica: Travel Team, Summer Ball and Heat, The Big Field, Million Dollar Throw*

Mass, Wendy: **Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life**

If before your 13th birthday, you received a quadrupled-locked, mysterious box engraved “The Meaning of Life”, lovingly handcrafted by your dead father, what do you do? You run around all of Manhattan with your best friend, trying to find the missing four keys.

Murdock, Catherine: **Front and Center**
Sequel to The Off Season and Dairy Queen

High school standout athlete D. J. Schwenk faces college recruiters, parental expectations and feelings for an old boyfriend in this conclusion to the *Dairy Queen* trilogy.

Pearsall, Shelley: **All of the Above**

James, Rhondell, Sharice, and Marcel attend the same inner-city school. Their teacher Mr. Collins challenges these diverse students to build the world’s biggest Sierpinski tetrahedron in an after-school club. *Based on a true story*

Pixley, Marcella Fleischman: **Freak**

Twelve-year-old Miriam, poetic, smart, and quirky, is considered a freak by the popular girls at her middle school, and she eventually explodes in response to their bullying, revealing an inner strength she did not know she had.

Schmidt, Gary D. **Okay for Now**

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Sonnenblick, Jordan: **After Ever After**
Sequel to Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie

Although Jeff and Tad, encouraged by a new friend, Lindsey, make a deal to help one another overcome aftereffects of their cancer treatments in preparation for eighth-grade graduation, Jeff still craves advice from his older brother Stephen who is studying drums in Africa. *Other suggested title: Zen and the Art of Faking It*

🌟 Van Draanen, Wendelin: **Flipped**

In alternating chapters, two teenagers describe how their feelings about themselves, each other, and their families have changed over the years.

OTHER SUGGESTED AUTHORS: Ann Brashares, Sharon Creech, Ellen Wittlinger, Joan Bauer, Cathy Hopkins, Terry Trueman, Angela Johnson, Chris Crutcher, Gordon Korman, Caroline Cooney, Jordan Sonnenblick

FICTION

Fantasy / Science Fiction

Billingsley, Franny: **Chime**

In the early twentieth century in Swampsea, seventeen-year-old Briony, who can see the spirits that haunt the marshes around their town, feels responsible for her twin sister’s horrible injury until a young man enters their lives and exposes secrets that even Briony does not know about.

Cashore, Kristin: **The Graceling**

In a world where some people are born with extreme and often-feared skills called Graces, Katsa struggles for redemption from her own horrifying Grace of killing, and teams up with another young fighter to save their land from a corrupt king.

Clements, Andrew: **Things Hoped For**
Sequel to Things Not Seen

Seventeen-year-old Gwen, who has been living with her grandfather in Manhattan while she attends music school, joins up with another music student to solve the mystery when her grandfather suddenly goes missing.

Collins, Suzanne: **Hunger Games**

In a future North America, where the rulers of Panem maintain control through an annual televised survival competition pitting young people from each of the twelve districts against one another, sixteen-year-old Katniss's skills are put to the test when she voluntarily takes her younger sister's place. *Nutmeg Book Award Winner 2012*



Dashner, James: **The Maze Runner**

Sixteen-year-old Thomas wakes up with no memory in the middle of a maze and realizes he must work with the community in which he finds himself if he is to escape.

De Mari, Silvana: **The Last Dragon**

After his village is ruined by a flood, Yorsh, the world's last elf, reads writing on ancient ruins and realizes that in order to stop the torrential rain, he must find the only remaining dragon.

George, Jessica Day: **Princess of the Midnight Ball**

This book is a retelling of the tale of twelve princesses who wear out their shoes dancing every night, and of Galen, a former soldier now working in the king's gardens, who follows them in hopes of breaking the curse.

Goodman, Alison: **Eon: Dragon Eye Reborn**

Eon has disguised herself as a boy in order to study Dragon Magic and become a Dragoneye, one of a select group that forms a conduit to the power of energy dragons; but if the secret of her sex comes out, she will be killed.

Haddix, Margaret Petersen: **Sent**

Jonah, Katherine, Chip, and Alex find themselves in 1483 at the Tower of London, and discover that Chip and Alex are Prince Edward V and Richard of Shrewsbury, imprisoned by Richard III; but trying to repair history without knowing what is supposed to happen proves challenging. Sequel to **Found**

Landy, Derek: **Skulduggery Pleasant**

When Stephenie's uncle dies and includes her in his will, she meets Skulduggery Pleasant and quickly enters a world of secrets, magic, and danger. Can Stephenie and Skulduggery work together to defeat the evil powers of Serpine?

Lieb, Josh: **I am a Genius of Unspeakable Evil and I Want to Be Your Class President**

Twelve-year-old evil genius, Oliver, uses his great brain to become the third richest person in the world, and finds that overthrowing foreign dictators is easier than getting the kids in his middle school to vote him class president.

Lupica, Mike: **Hero**

Fourteen-year-old Zach learns he has the same special abilities as his father, who was the president's globe-trotting troubleshooter until "the Bads" killed him, and now Zach must decide whether to use his powers in the same way at the risk of his own life.

☺ Lu, Marie: **Legend**

In a dark future, when North America has split into two warring nations, fifteen-year-olds Day, a famous criminal, and prodigy June, the brilliant soldier hired to capture him, discover that they have a common enemy.

☺ Meyer, Marissa: **Cinder**

Cinder, a gifted mechanic and a cyborg with a mysterious past, is blamed by her stepmother for her stepsister's illness while a deadly plague decimates the population of New Beijing, but when Cinder's life gets intertwined with Prince Kai's, she finds herself at the center of an intergalactic struggle.

😊 Ness, Patrick: **A Monster Calls**

Thirteen-year-old Conor awakens one night to find a monster outside his bedroom window, but not the one from the recurring nightmare that began when his mother became ill—an ancient, wild creature that wants him to face truth and loss.

Oppel, Kenneth: **Airborn**

Matt, a young cabin boy aboard an airship, and Kate, a wealthy young girl traveling with her chaperone, team up to search for the existence of mysterious winged creatures reportedly living hundreds of feet above the Earth's surface.

★ Pearson, Mary: **The Adoration of Jenna Fox**

In the not-too-distant future, when biotechnological advances have made synthetic bodies and brains possible but illegal, a seventeen-year-old girl, recovering from a serious accident and suffering from memory lapses, learns a startling secret about her existence.

Reeve, Phillip: **Here Lies Arthur**

When her village is attacked and burned, Gwyna seeks protection from the bard Myrddin, who uses Gwyna in his plan to transform young Arthur into the heroic King Arthur.

★ Zevin, Gabrielle: **Elsewhere**

After fifteen-year-old Liz Hall is hit by a taxi and killed, she finds herself in a place that is both like and unlike Earth, where she must adjust to her new status and figure out how to "live."

OTHER SUGGESTED FANTASY AUTHORS:

G.P. Taylor, Terry Pratchett, Eoin Colfer, Melissa Marr, Donna Jo Napoli, Tamora Pierce, Orson Scott Card, Erin Hunter, Meredith Pierce



FICTION

Mystery / Suspense

Bodeen, S.A.: **The Compound**

Fifteen-year-old Eli, locked inside a radiation-proof compound built by his father to keep them safe following a nuclear attack, begins to question his future, as well as his father's grip on sanity as the family's situation steadily disintegrates over the course of six years.

Carter, Ally: **The Gallagher Girls Series**

The series follows 14-year-old Cameron (Cammie) Ann Morgan, a sophomore at Gallagher Academy for Exceptional Young Women, a school for "very gifted girls," but actually a school for espionage spies in training.

Titles: *I'd Tell You I Love You, But Then I'd Have to Kill You; Cross My Heart and Hope to Spy; Don't Judge a Girl by Her Cover; Only the Good Spy Young.*

★ Cooney, Caroline. B.: **Burning Up**

When a girl she had met at an inner-city church is murdered, fifteen-year-old Macey channels her grief into a school project that leads her to uncover prejudice she had not imagined in her grandparents and their wealthy Connecticut community.

Corrigan, Eireann: **Accomplice**

High school juniors and best friends Finn and Chloe hatch a daring plot to fake Chloe's disappearance from their rural New Jersey town in order to have something compelling to put on their college applications, but unforeseen events complicate matters.

Dowd, Siobhan: **The London Eye Mystery**

When Ted and Kat's cousin Salim disappears from the London Eye ferris wheel, the two siblings must work together—Ted with his brain that is "wired differently" and impatient Kat—to try to solve the mystery of what happened to Salim.

Hiaasen, Carl: **Scat**

Nick and Marta are both suspicious when their biology teacher, the feared Mrs. Bunny Starch, disappears, and try to uncover the truth despite the police and headmaster's insistence that nothing is wrong.

✪ Horowitz, Anthony: **Alex Rider Series**

Alex is a teenager turned spy for M16. Follow his adventures in ***Stormbreaker, Point Blank, Skeleton Key, Eagle Strike, Scorpia, Ark Angel, Snakehead, and Crocodile Tears.***

Johnson, Maureen: **The Name of the Star**

Rory, of Boueuxlieu, Louisiana, is spending a year at a London boarding school when she witnesses a murder by a Jack the Ripper copycat and becomes involved with the very unusual investigation.

Lee, Y.S. **The Agency Series**

Rescued from the gallows in 1850s London, young orphan and thief Mary Quinn is offered a place at Miss Scrimshaw's Academy for Girls where she is trained to be part of an all-female investigative unit called The Agency. Titles: ***A Spy in the House; The Body at the Tower***

Mitchell, Sandra: **Shadowed Summer**

In the small town of Ondine, Louisiana, fourteen-year-old Iris uncovers family secrets when she conjures up the ghost of a boy missing for decades and decides to solve the mystery of his disappearance.

Stewart, Trenton: **The Mysterious Benedict Society**

After passing a series of mind-bending tests, four children are selected for a secret mission that requires them to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules.



Trigiani, Adriana: **Viola in Reel Life**

When fourteen year old Viola is sent from her beloved Brooklyn to boarding school in Indiana for ninth grade, she overcomes her initial reservations as she makes friends with her roommates, goes on a real date, and uses the unsettling ghost she keeps seeing as the subject of a short film--her first.

OTHER SUGGESTED AUTHORS: Harlan Coben, Caroline Cooney, Jaclyn Moriarty, Nancy Werlin, Vivian Vande Velde, Lois Duncan, Mary Higgins Clark

FICTION Historical

Boyne, John: **The Boy in the Striped Pajamas: A Fable**

Bored and lonely after his family moves from Berlin to a place called "Out-With" in 1942, Bruno, the son of a Nazi officer, befriends a boy in striped pajamas who lives behind a wire fence.

Bruchac, Joseph: **Code Talker: A Novel About the Navajo Marines of World War II**

After being taught in a boarding school run by whites that Navajo is a useless language, Ned Begay and other Navajo men are recruited by the Marines to become Code Talkers, sending messages during World War II in their native tongue.

✪ Anderson, Laurie Halse: **Chains**

After being sold to a cruel couple in New York City, a slave named Isabel spies for the rebels during the Revolutionary War.

Sequel to Chains: **Forge**

Curzon, having matured from boy to man over the course of the winter with the army at Valley Forge, worries that someone will learn he is a runaway slave passing for free, and tries to figure out the meaning of his friendship with Isabel.

Dogar, Sharon. **Annexed**

This book retells the story of Anne Frank from the perspective of Peter, who overcomes an initial loathing for the precocious young diarist before falling in love with her, and who questions his faith in light of frightening persecutions.

Gonzalez, Christina Diaz. **Red Umbrella**

In 1961 after Castro has come to power in Cuba, fourteen-year-old Lucia and her seven-year-old brother are sent to the United States when her parents, who are not in favor of the new regime, fear that the children will be taken away from them as others have been.

Gratz, Alan: **Samurai Shortstop**

While obtaining a Western education at a prestigious Japanese boarding school in 1890, sixteen-year-old Toyo also receives traditional samurai training which has profound effects on both his baseball game and his relationship with his father.

Haddix, Margaret Peterson: **Uprising.**

In 1927, at the urging of twenty-one-year-old Harriet, Mrs. Livingston reluctantly recalls her experiences at the Triangle Shirtwaist factory, including miserable working conditions that led to a strike, and then the fire that took the lives of her two best friends, when Harriet, the boss's daughter, was only five years old.



Myers, Walter Dean: **Sunrise Over Fallujah**

Robin Perry, from Harlem, is sent to Iraq in 2003 as a member of the Civilian Affairs Battalion, and his time there profoundly changes him.

Salisbury, Graham: **Eyes of the Emperor**

Following orders from the United States Army, several young Japanese American men train K-9 units to hunt Asians during World War II.

☺ Sepetys, Ruta: **Between Shades of Gray**

In 1941, fifteen-year-old Lina, her mother, and brother are pulled from their Lithuanian home by Soviet guards and sent to Siberia, where her father is sentenced to death in a prison camp while she fights for her life, vowing to honor her family and the thousands like hers by burying her story in a jar on Lithuanian soil.

☛ Schmidt, Gary D.: **The Wednesday Wars**

During the 1967 school year, on Wednesday afternoons when all his classmates go to either Catechism or Hebrew school, seventh-grader Holling Hoodhood stays in Mrs. Baker's classroom where they read the plays of William Shakespeare and Holling learns much of value about the world he lives in.

Stockett, Kathryn: **The Help**

Skeeter returns home to Mississippi from college in 1962 and begins to write stories about the African-American women that are found working in white households, which includes Aibileen, who grieves for the loss of her son while caring for her seventeenth white child, and Minny, Aibileen's sassy friend, the hired cook for a secretive woman who is new to town.

Venkatraman, Padma: **Climbing the Stairs**

In India, in 1941, when her father becomes brain-damaged in a non-violent protest march, fifteen-year-old Vidya and her family are forced to move in with her father's extended family and become accustomed to a totally different way of life.

Wiles, Deborah: **Countdown**

As eleven-year-old Franny Chapman deals with drama at home and with her best friend in 1962, she tries to understand the larger problems in the world after President Kennedy announces that Russia is sending nuclear missiles to Cuba.

OTHER SUGGETED AUTHORS: Ann Rinaldi, Will Hobbs, Karen Cushman, James Lincoln Collier, Gary Paulsen, Kathryn Lasky, Theodore Taylor.



NON-FICTION

Biography, Autobiography, Memoir

Allen, Paul: **Idea Man**

Microsoft cofounder Paul Allen reflects on his life, discussing his work in technology, science, business, sports, and philanthropy. Allen shares his failures and triumphs and details the lessons he has learned.

D'Orso, Michael. **Eagle Blue: A Team, A Tribe, and A High School Basketball Season in Arctic Alaska**

Eagle Blue follows the Fort Yukon Eagles, winners of six regional championships in a row, through the course of an entire 28-game season, from their first day of practice in late November to the Alaska State Championship Tournament in March.

Heiligman, Deborah: **Charles and Emma: The Darwins' Leap of Faith**

This book provides an account of Charles Darwin's life and evolutionary theory, examining how his personal life affected his work and vice versa because of his wife's strong religious beliefs.

Hickam, Homer H: **October Sky: A Memoir**

Homer Hickam, the introspective son of a mine superintendent and a mother determined to get him out of Coalwood, West Virginia forever, nurtures a dream to send rockets into outer space--an ambition that changes his life and the lives of everyone living in Coalwood in 1957.

James, LeBron and Buzz Bissinger: **Shooting Stars**

Basketball superstar James and Bissinger, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of "Friday Night Lights," tell this poignant, thrilling account of the power of teamwork to transform young lives, including James's own.

Metselaar, Menno: **Anne Frank: Her Life in Words and Pictures.**

Highlighting the life and trials of the Jewish girl who spent two years hiding from the Nazis in a secret apartment in the Netherlands, this book also includes photos of Anne Frank's famous diary, her hiding place, and school pictures.

Nagle, Jean: **Archie, Peyton and Eli**

This book provides an overview of the careers of professional football players **Archie, Peyton,** and **Eli Manning**, describing their career accomplishments and their family life.

Rappoport, Ken: **Profiles in Sports Courage**

The lives of twelve famous athletes from a variety of sports including gymnast Kerri Strug and cycling champion Lance Armstrong are featured in this book.



NONFICTION GENERAL

Bowers, Rick: **Spies of Mississippi: The True Story of the Spy Network that Tried to Destroy the Civil Rights Movement**

Freedman, Russell: **War to End All Wars: World War I**

This book examines World War I, the first global war in which modern weapons inflicted mass slaughter and an estimated 20 million people were killed.

Janeczko, Paul: **The Dark Game**

This book is a collection of true spy stories from throughout the history of the United States, discussing personalities, missions, traitors, technological advances, and more.

Karres, Erika V. Shearin: **Mean Chicks, Cliques, and Dirty Tricks: A Real Girl's Guide to Getting Through the Day with Smarts and Style**

As a resource for teenage girls, this book provides tips and advice to help them get through the school day dealing with bullies, cliques, and mean girls.



Lewis, Barbara: **The Teen Guide to Global Action: How to Connect with Others (near and far) to Create Social Change.**

Kids everywhere are deciding they can't wait to become adults to change the world. They're acting right now! These stories prove that young people can make a difference.

Mortenson, Greg: **Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Journey to Change the World, One Child at a Time**

This book traces how the author, having been rescued and resuscitated by Himalayan villagers after a failed attempt to climb K2, worked to build schools that would benefit the young girls who were forbidden an education by Taliban restrictions.

Pink, Daniel: **Drive: The Surprising Truth About What Motivates Us**

Pink examines three elements of motivation and describes how to put them into action in order to achieve high performance and satisfaction in the workplace, school and at home.

Schanzer, Rosalyn: **Witches! The Absolutely True Tales of Disaster in Salem.**

This is the riveting, true story of the victims, accused witches, crooked officials, and mass hysteria that turned a mysterious illness affecting two children into a witch hunt that took over a dozen people's lives and ruined hundreds more.

Walker, Sally: **Secrets of a Civil War Submarine**

This is the story of the *H. L. Hunley*, the Confederate submarine that became the first to ever sink an enemy ship but lay missing on the ocean floor for more than a century. The book describes its creation, its discovery, skeletons and objects found onboard, and facial reconstructions of crew members by forensic anthropologists.

Weinstein, Bruce: **Is It Still Cheating If I Don't Get Caught?**

This book uses real-life examples and five basic moral principles to encourage teens to make the right choices in various situations related to friends, family, school, and relationships.

Wolf, Allan: **Immersed in Verse: An Informative, Slightly Irreverent and Totally Tremendous Guide to Living the Poet's Life**

Providing advice, ideas, writing activities, and encouragement from a working poet, this book also presents poems by a variety of poets from the unknown to the famous, including Langston Hughes, e.e. cummings, Eve Merriam, and more.

🌟 Zinczenko, David: **Eat This, Not That for Kids: Be the Leanest, Fittest Family on the Block.**

Learn nutritional information that addresses the growing trend in childhood weight disorders, and discover tips on how to make informed choices.

PAST CONNECTICUT NUTMEG BOOK AWARD WINNERS

2012 Collins, Suzanne: **The Hunger Games**

In a future North America, where the rulers of Panem maintain control through an annual televised survival competition pitting young people from each of the twelve districts against one another, sixteen-year-old Katniss's skills are put to the test when she voluntarily takes her younger sister's place.

2011 Shusterman, Neal: **Unwind**

Three teens embark upon a cross-country journey in order to escape from a society that salvages body parts from children ages thirteen to eighteen.

2010 Pfeffer, Susan Beth: **Life As We Knew It**

Through journal entries sixteen-year-old Miranda describes her family's struggle to survive after a meteor hits the moon, causing worldwide tsunamis, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions.

2009 Zevin, Gabrielle: **Elsewhere**

This novel asks the question: what happens to us when we die? When Liz Hall dies at fifteen, she discovers Elsewhere, an afterlife where people and animals age backwards until they are reborn again. But Liz desperately wants to grow up, fall in love, and get her driver's license, not rewind to fourteen!

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CONNECTICUT NUTMEG AWARD NOMINEES
TEEN LIST



Brande, Robin: **Evolution, Me & Other Freaks of Nature**

Mena, ostracized at church, home, and school for writing a letter of apology to a gay teen who was harassed into trying to kill himself by her fundamentalist friends, struggles to find her way when new friends and school experiences force her to reconsider her beliefs.

Condie, Allyson Braithwaite: **Matched**

Cassia has always had complete trust in the Society to make decisions for her, but when she is being paired with her ideal mate, a second face flashes on the screen, and Cassia begins to doubt the Society's infallibility as she tries to decide which man she truly loves.

Detorie, Rick: **The Accidental Genius of Weasel High**

A typical boy in ninth grade draws comics and records his thoughts in his journal, describing life with his two parents, adolescent sister, and a bully.

Maberry, Jonathan: **Rot & Ruin**

In a post-apocalyptic world where fences and border patrols guard the few people left from the zombies that have overtaken civilization, fifteen-year-old Benny Imura is finally convinced that he must follow in his older brother's footsteps and become a bounty hunter.

Mulligan, Andy: **Trash**

A group of fourteen-year-old boys, who make a living picking garbage from the outskirts of a large city, find something special and mysterious that brings terrifying consequences.

Park, Linda Sue: **A Long Walk to Water: A Novel Based on a True Story**

When the Sudanese civil war reaches his village in 1985, eleven-year-old Salva becomes separated from his family and must walk with other Dinka tribe members through southern Sudan, Ethiopia, and Kenya in search of safe haven. This book is based on the life of Salva Dut, who, after emigrating to America in 1996, began a project to dig water wells in Sudan.

Shulman, Polly: **The Grimm Legacy**

New York high school student Elizabeth gets an after-school job as a page at the "New-York Circulating Material Repository," and when she gains coveted access to its Grimm Collection of magical objects, she and the other pages are drawn into a series of frightening adventures involving mythical creatures and stolen goods.

Shusterman, Neal: **Bruiser**

Inexplicable events start to occur when sixteen-year-old twins Tennyson and Bronte befriend a troubled and misunderstood outcast, aptly nicknamed Bruiser, and his little brother, Cody.

Sonnenblick, Jordan: **After ever After**

Although Jeff and Tad, encouraged by a new friend, Lindsey, make a deal to help one another overcome aftereffects of their cancer treatments in preparation for eighth-grade graduation, Jeff still craves advice from his older brother Stephen, who is studying drums in Africa.

Van Draanen, Wendelin: **The Running Dream**

When a school bus accident leaves sixteen-year-old Jessica an amputee, she returns to school with a prosthetic limb and her track team finds a wonderful way to help rekindle her dream of running again.

Madison Public Schools' Summer Reading List
Grades 5 – 8 RECORDING SHEET

Please return this form to your English teacher or to the Library Media Specialist no later than the first week of September 2012.

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