

Local Reading List Development

The following lists provide examples of the variety of genres, titles, and authors that are included on our local reading list. Included are classics, historical novels, contemporary and other twentieth-century fiction, nonfiction, drama, and collections of poetry. The lists for Grades 6-8 and 9-12 do not include many of the most frequently taught selections since they are usually available in anthologies. These selections include Shakespearean plays; passages from the Bible taught as literature; and poems by such poets as Frost, Dickinson, and Sandburg. These titles are primarily for independent reading or supplemental classroom instruction and are not intended to replace traditional selections studied by an entire class.

Examples of Authors and Titles, Grades K-2

ABC Books

Crane, Carol.....	<i>Y is for Yellowhammer: An Alabama Alphabet</i>
Ehlert, Lois	<i>Eating the Alphabet</i>
Elting, Mary.....	<i>Q is for Duck</i>
Heiman, Sarah	<i>Egypt ABCs</i>
Lionni, Leo	<i>The Alphabet Tree</i>
Martin, Bill	<i>Chicka Chicka Boom Boom</i>
Pallotta, Jerry	<i>The Airplane Alphabet Book</i>
Pallotta, Jerry	<i>The Frog Alphabet Book</i>

Adventure Stories

Cole, Joanna	<i>The Magic School Bus series</i>
DePaola, Tomie	<i>Fin M'Coul: The Giant of Knockmany Hill</i>
Lobel, Arnold	<i>Frog and Toad series</i>
Osborne, Mary Pope	<i>Magic Tree House series</i>
Sendak, Maurice	<i>Where the Wild Things Are</i>
Van Allsburg, Chris.....	<i>The Polar Express</i>
Wiesner, David.....	<i>Tuesday</i>

Chapter Books

Adler, David	<i>Cam Jensen</i>
Kline, Suzy	<i>Horrible Harry</i>
Park, Barbara	<i>Junie B. Jones</i>
Rylant, Cynthia.....	<i>Henry and Mudge</i>
Sharmut, Marjorie Weinman	<i>Nate the Great</i>

Fables, Fairy Tales, Folk Tales, Tall Tales

Aesop.....	<i>Aesop's Fables</i>
Anderson, Hans Christian.....	collection
Anderson, Hans Christian.....	<i>The Ugly Duckling</i>
Blair, Eric.....	<i>Annie Oakely, Sharp Shooter</i>
Brett, Jan.....	<i>The Mitten</i>
Brimner, Larry Dane.....	<i>Calamity Jane</i>
Brimner, Larry Dane.....	<i>Casey Jones</i>
Galdone, Paul.....	<i>The Gingerbread Boy</i>
Jones, Christianne.....	<i>Chicken Little</i>
Kellogg, Steven.....	<i>Paul Bunyan, a Tall Tale</i>
Kellogg, Steven.....	<i>Johnny Appleseed</i>
Kipling, Rudyard.....	<i>How the Leopard Got His Spots</i>
Lester, Julius.....	<i>John Henry</i>
Lowell, Susan.....	<i>The Three Little Javelinas</i>
Pallotta, Jerry.....	<i>Dory Story</i>
San Souci, Robert.....	various versions of <i>Cinderella</i>
Schlosser, S.E.....	<i>Pecos Bill and Blue-Foot Sue</i>
Scieszka, Jon.....	<i>The True Story of the Three Little Pigs</i>
Tolhurst, Marilyn.....	<i>Somebody and the Three Blairs</i>
White, Mark.....	<i>The Tortoise and the Hare</i>

Fiction 憫 Realistic

Bunting, Eve.....	<i>Smoky Night</i>
Gibbons, Faye.....	<i>Mountain Wedding</i>
Keats, Ezra Jack.....	<i>The Snowy Day</i>
Laminack, Lester.....	<i>Saturdays and Teacakes</i>
Polacco, Patricia.....	<i>Thank You, Mr. Falker</i>
Rylant, Cynthia.....	<i>When I Was Young in the Mountains</i>
Stewart, Sarah.....	<i>The Gardener</i>
Viorst, Judith.....	<i>Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day</i>
Yolen, Jane.....	<i>Owl Moon</i>

Nonfiction 憫 Informational

Gibbons, Gail.....	animal books, holiday books
Heller, Ruth.....	<i>A Cache of Jewels</i>
Jordan, Roslyn.....	<i>Salt in His Shoes</i>
Krull, Kathleen.....	<i>Wilma Unlimited</i>
Simon, Seymour.....	animal books, space books
St. George, Judith.....	<i>So You Want to Be President</i>
Tunnell, Michael O.....	<i>Mailing May</i>

Nursery Rhymes

Cousins, Lucy.....	<i>The Lucy Cousins Book of Nursery Rhymes</i>
.....	<i>Mother Goose Nursery Rhymes</i>

Picture Books

Allard, Harry.....	<i>Miss Nelson series</i>
Bemelmans, Ludwig.....	<i>Madeline</i>
.....	<i>Bible stories</i>
Bridwell, Norman.....	<i>Clifford books</i>
Brown, Marc.....	<i>Arthur stories</i>
Brown, Margaret Wise.....	<i>The Runaway Bunny</i>
Carle, Eric.....	<i>The Very Hungry Caterpillar</i>
Cowley, Joy.....	<i>Mrs. Wishy Washy</i>
Easterman, P.D.....	<i>Go, Dog, Go!</i>
Fox, Mem.....	<i>Koala Lou</i>
Henkes, Kevin.....	<i>Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse</i>
Hoff, Syd.....	<i>Danny and the Dinosaur</i>
Hoffman, Mary.....	<i>Amazing Grace</i>
London, Jonathan.....	<i>Froggy Plays Soccer</i>
Mayer, Mercer.....	<i>Just Grandpa and Me</i>
McCloskey, Robert.....	<i>Make Way for Ducklings</i>
Munsch, Robert.....	<i>Love You Forever</i>
Numeroff, Laura.....	<i>If You Give a Mouse a Cookie</i>
Palatini, Margie.....	<i>Piggie Pie</i>
Parker, Lauri.....	<i>All Over Alabama</i>
Penn, Audrey.....	<i>The Kissing Hand</i>
Pfister, Marcus.....	<i>The Rainbow Fish</i>
Shannon, David.....	<i>No, David!</i>
Van Allsburg, Chris.....	<i>The Polar Express</i>
Waber, Bernard.....	<i>Ira Sleeps Over</i>
Wick, Walter.....	<i>I Spy</i>

Poetry

Cole, Joanna.....	<i>Anna Banana: 101 Jump Rope Rhymes</i>
Geisel, Theodor Seuss (Dr. Seuss).....	<i>The Cat in the Hat</i>
Ghigna, Charles.....	<i>Tickle Day</i>
Prelutsky, Jane.....	<i>It's Raining Pigs and Noodles</i>
Silverstein, Shel.....	<i>Where the Sidewalk Ends</i>

Examples of Authors and Titles, Grades 3-5

Autobiographies

Bulla, Clyde Robert *A Grain of Wheat: A Writer Begins*
Keller, Helen *The Story of My Life*

Biographies

Adler, David A. picture book biographies
Fritz, Jean *And Then What Happened, Paul Revere?*
Hamilton, Virginia *Anthony Burns: The Defeat and Triumph of a Fugitive Slave*
McGovern, Ann *Runaway Slave: The Story of Harriet Tubman*
McGovern, Ann *The Secret Soldier: The Story of Deborah Sampson*
McKissack, Patricia and
Fredrick McKissack, Jr. *Frederick Douglass: Leader Against Slavery*

Chapter Books

Cleary, Beverly *Ralph S. Mouse*
Cleary, Beverly *Ramona and Her Father*
Cleary, Beverly *The Mouse and the Motorcycle*
Curtis, Christopher Paul *Bud, Not Buddy*
Dalgliesh, Alice *The Courage of Sarah Noble*
DiCamillo Kate *Because of Winn Dixie*
Dorris, Michael *Morning Girl*
Fleischman, Sid *The Whipping Boy*
Gardiner, John *Stone Fox*
George, Jean Craighead *My Side of the Mountain*
Howe, Deborah and James Howe *Bunnicula*
Lowry, Lois *Number the Stars*
McCloskey, Robert *Homer Price*
Pinkwater, Daniel *Fat Men from Space*
Rawls, Wilson *Where the Red Fern Grows*
Rockwell, Thomas *How to Eat Fried Worms, and Other Plays*
Ruckman, Ivy *Night of the Twisters*
Rylant, Cynthia *Appalachia: The Voices of Sleeping Birds*
Sobol, Donald *Encyclopedia Brown series*
Spinelli, Jerry *Maniac Magee*
Taylor, Theodore *The Cay*
Warner, Gertrude *The Boxcar Children series*
..... any Newberry Award winner or honor book
..... bilingual books

Fables, Folk Tales, Tall Tales

Brett, Jan	<i>Town Mouse, Country Mouse</i>
Goodall, Jane	<i>The Eagle and the Wren</i>
Kellogg, Steven	<i>Paul Bunyan, a Tall Tale</i>
Lubel, Arnold	<i>Fables</i>
Marshall, James	<i>The Three Little Pigs</i>
McKissack, Patricia	<i>A Million Fish—More or Less</i>
Stevens, Janet	<i>The Tortoise and the Hare</i>

Fantasy, Science Fiction

Anderson, Hans Christian	<i>The Ugly Duckling</i>
Bond, Michael	<i>A Bear Called Paddington</i>
Cole, Joanna	<i>The Magic School Bus series</i>
Dahl, Roald	<i>James and the Giant Peach</i>
French, Fiona	<i>Snow White in New York</i>
Goble, Paul	<i>Buffalo Woman</i>
Grahame, Kenneth	<i>The Wind in the Willows</i>
Lewis, C.S.	<i>The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe</i>
Louie, Ai-Ling	<i>Yeh-Shen: A Cinderella Story from China</i>
Luenn, Nancy	<i>The Dragon Kite</i>
Nolen, Jerdine	<i>Plantzilla</i>
Steptoe, John	<i>Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters</i>
Van Allsburg, Chris	<i>The Polar Express</i>
White, E.B.	<i>Charlotte's Web</i>

Fiction 欄 Historical

Brink, Carol Ryrie	<i>Caddie Woodlawn</i>
Burnett, Frances Hodgson	<i>The Secret Garden</i>
Devoto, Pat Cunningham	<i>My Last Days as Roy Rogers</i>
Forbes, Esther	<i>Johnny Tremain</i>
Freedman, Russell	<i>Children of the Wild West</i>
MacLachlan, Patricia G.	<i>Sarah, Plain and Tall</i>
O'Dell, Scott	<i>Island of the Blue Dolphins</i>
Polacco, Patricia	<i>Pink and Say</i>
Turner, Ann	<i>Nettie's Trip South</i>
Waters, Kate	<i>Sarah Morton's Day: A Day in the Life of a Pilgrim Girl</i>
Wilder, Laura Ingalls	<i>Little House series</i>
Wisler, G. Clifton	<i>Mr. Lincoln's Drummer</i>

Legends, Myths

d'Aulaire, Ingri	<i>Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire's Book of Greek Myths</i>
DePaola, Tomie	<i>The Legend of the Blue Bonnet</i>
DePaola, Tomie	<i>The Legend of the Indian Paintbrush</i>
Irbinskas, Heather	<i>How Jack Rabbit Got His Very Long Ears</i>
Lee, Jeanne M.	<i>Legend of the Milky Way</i>
Low, Alice	<i>The Macmillan Book of Greek Gods and Heroes</i>
Mayo, Gretchen	<i>Meet Tricky Coyote!</i>

Nonfiction

Cole, Joanna*The Magic School Bus* books
Gibbons, Gail.....animal books, holiday books
Simon, Seymouranimal books

Picture Books

Allard, Harry.....*Miss Nelson is Missing*
Base, Graeme.....*Animalia*
Bridwell, Norman*Clifford, The Big Red Dog*
Brown, Marc.....*Arthur's Valentine*
Crane, Carol.....*Y is for Yellowhammer: An Alabama Alphabet*
Geisel, Theodor Seuss (Dr. Seuss)*Oh, the Places You'll Go!*
Mayhew, James*Katie and the Mona Lisa*
McGill, Alice.....*Molly Bannaky*
Parish, Peggy*Play Ball, Amelia Bedelia*
Polacco, Patricia*Rechenka's Eggs*
Rylant, Cynthia.....*Henry and Mudge: The First Book of their Adventure*
Shannon, David*A Bad Case of Stripes*
Taylor, Mildred.....*The Gold Cadillac*
Teague, Mark.....*Dear Mrs. LaRue*
Werner, Gertrude.....*The Boxcar Children* series

Poetry

Ahlberg, Allan*Heard It in the Playground*
Bryan, Ashley*The Dancing Granny*
Creech, Sharon*Love That Dog*
Greenfield, Eloise*Honey, I Love, and Other Poems*
Heard, Georgia*For the Good of the Earth and Sun*
Hopkins, Lee Bennett*School Supplies*
Janeczko, Paul B.....*Strings: A Gathering of Family Poems*
Prelutsky, Jack.....*The New Kid on the Block*
Silverstein, Shel.....*Where the Sidewalk Ends*
Viorst, Judith*If I Were in Charge of the World and Other Worries*

Examples of Authors and Titles, Grades 6-8

Fantasy, Mystery, Science Fiction

Anthony, Piers*Apprentice Adept* series
Balliett, Blue.....*Chasing Vermeer*
Card, Orson Scott*Ender's Game*
Crichton, Michael*Sphere*
Crichton, Michael*The Andromeda Strain*
Feinstein, John.....*Last Shot*
Funke, Cornelia*Dragon Rider*
Konigsburg, E. L.*From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*
Meyer, Kai.....*Pirate's Curse*

Nix, Garth	<i>Keys to the Kingdom</i> series
Paolini, Christopher	<i>Eragon</i>
Patterson, James	<i>Maximum Ride</i> series
Raskin, Ellen.....	<i>The Westing Game</i>
Stroud, Janathan	<i>Bartimus</i> trilogy
Tolkien, J. R. R.....	<i>The Hobbit</i>

Drama

Frank, Anne	<i>The Diary of a Young Girl</i>
Gibson, William.....	<i>The Miracle Worker</i>

Fiction 欄 Novels

Armstrong, William H.....	<i>Souder</i>
Babbitt, Natalie.....	<i>Tuck Everlasting</i>
Bruchac, Joseph.....	<i>Code Talker: A Novel About the Navajo Marines of World War II</i>
Curtis, Christopher Paul.....	<i>The Watsons Go to Birmingham</i>
D'Aulaire, Ingri and Edgar P. D'Aulaire	<i>Ingri and Edgar Parin D'Aulaire's Book of Greek Myths</i>
DiCamillo, Kate.....	<i>The Tiger Rising</i>
Dickens, Charles.....	<i>A Christmas Carol</i>
Draper, Sharon.....	<i>Romiette and Julio</i>
Draper, Sharon.....	<i>Tears of a Tiger</i>
Hesse, Karen.....	<i>Out of the Dust</i>
Hiaasen, Carl	<i>Hoot</i>
Jiang, Ji-Li.....	<i>Red Scarf Girl</i>
Key, Watt.....	<i>Alabama Moon</i>
London, Jack.....	<i>The Call of the Wild</i>
Paterson, Katherine.....	<i>Jacob Have I Loved</i>
Ryan, Pam Muñoz	<i>Esperanza Rising</i>
Sachar, Louis	<i>Small Steps</i>
Sparks, Nicholas	<i>A Walk to Remember</i>
Steinbeck, John.....	<i>The Pearl</i>
Voigt, Cynthia	<i>Homecoming</i>
Voigt, Cynthia	<i>Izzy, Willy, Nilly</i>
Westerfeld, Scott.....	<i>Uglies</i>

Fiction 欄 Short Stories

Asimov, Issac	"Immortal Bard"
Crail, Dale.....	"People of the Third Planet"
De Maupassant, Guy.....	"The Necklace"
Eiseman, Virginia	"The Lion Roared"
Hoch, Edward D.	"Zoo"
Irving, Washington.....	"The Legend of Sleepy Hollow"
Jackson, Shirley.....	"Charles"
Jackson, Shirley.....	"The Lottery"
Jacobs, W.W.....	"The Monkey's Paw"
Polacco, Patricia	"The Keeping Quilt"
Pratt, Dorothy S.	"A Trick of the Trade"
Raim, Martin.....	"The Cage"
Ritchie, Jack	"The Big Day"
Ross, Leonard Q.	"Cemetery Path"

Russell, Eric Frank“Appointment at Noon”
Saki.....“The Open Window”
Savage, John.....“The Gateway”
Yolen, Jane.....*Favorite Folktales From Around the World*
Zacks, Robert.....“Underwater Test”

Nonfiction

Ahmedi, Farah	<i>The Story of My Life: An Afghan Girl on the Other Side of the Sky</i>
Engle, Margarita	<i>The Poet Slave of Cuba: A Biography of Juan Francisco Manzano</i>
Freedman, Russell	<i>Freedom Walkers: The Story of the Montgomery Bus Boycott</i>
Giblin, James Cross	<i>Good Brother, Bad Brother: The Story of Edwin Booth and John Wilkes Booth</i>
Grealy, Lucy	<i>Autobiography of a Face</i>
Haney, Eric L.....	<i>Inside Delta Force: The Story of America's Elite Counterterrorist Unit</i>
Oppenheim, Joanne	<i>Dear Miss Breed: True Stories of the Japanese American Incarceration During World War II and the Librarian Who Made a Difference</i>
Robertson, Jr., James I.....	<i>Robert E. Lee: Virginian Soldier, American Citizen</i>
Thimmesh, Catherine.....	<i>Team Moon: How 400,000 People Landed Apollo 11 on the Moon</i>
Walker, Paul Robert	<i>Remember Little Bighorn: Indians, Soldiers, and Scouts Tell Their Stories</i>

Poetry

Frost, Robert	"The Road Not Taken"
Ghigna, Charles	<i>Fury of Motion</i>
Hughes, Langston	"Dreams"
Nelson, Marilyn	<i>Carver: A Life in Poems</i>
Nye, Naomi Shihab.....	<i>This Same Sky</i>
Poe, Edgar Allen	selections

Examples of Authors and Titles, Grades 9-12

Drama

Hansberry, Lorraine.....	<i>A Raisin in the Sun</i>
Miller, Arthur	<i>The Crucible</i>
Williams, Tennessee.....	<i>A Streetcar Named Desire</i>

Fiction 櫛 Novels

Achebe, Chinua	<i>Things Fall Apart</i>
Albom, Mitch	<i>Tuesdays with Morrie</i>
Alcott, Louisa May	<i>Little Women</i>
Austen, Jane.....	<i>Pride and Prejudice</i>
Baldwin, James.....	<i>Go Tell It on the Mountain</i>
Beatty, Patricia	<i>Lupita Mañana</i>
Birdsall, Jeanne.....	<i>The Penderwicks</i>
Brontë, Charlotte	<i>Jane Eyre</i>
Brown, Dee Alexander	<i>Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee</i>
Buck, Pearl	<i>The Good Earth</i>
Burns, Olive Anne	<i>Cold Sassy Tree</i>
Cather, Willa.....	<i>My Antonio</i>
Christie, Agatha.....	<i>Murder on the Orient Express</i>
Conrad, Joseph	<i>Lord Jim</i>

Conroy, Pat	<i>The Water is Wide</i>
Crane, Stephen	<i>The Red Badge of Courage</i>
Defoe, Daniel	<i>Robinson Crusoe</i>
Dillard, Annie	<i>Pilgrim at Tinker Creek</i>
Dostoevsky, Fyodor	<i>Crime and Punishment</i>
Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan	<i>The Hound of the Baskervilles</i>
Draper, Sharon	<i>Copper Sun</i>
Ellison, Ralph	<i>Invisible Man</i>
Faulkner, William	<i>As I Lay Dying</i>
Fitzgerald, F. Scott	<i>The Great Gatsby</i>
Flagg, Fannie	<i>Standing in the Rainbow</i>
Gaimon, Neil	<i>Anansi Boys</i>
Gaines, Ernest	<i>A Gathering of Old Men</i>
George, Anne	<i>This One and Magic Life</i>
Golding, William	<i>Lord of the Flies</i>
Hawthorne, Nathaniel	<i>The Scarlet Letter</i>
Hemingway, Ernest	<i>The Old Man and the Sea</i>
Houston, Jeanne Wakatsuki and James D. Houston	<i>Farewell to Manzanar</i>
Hughes, Langston	<i>The Best of Simple</i>
Hugo, Victor	<i>Les Misérables</i>
Hurston, Zora Neale	<i>Their Eyes Were Watching God</i>
James, Henry	<i>The Turn of the Screw</i>
Kerouac, Jack	<i>On the Road</i>
Kincaid, Jamaica	<i>Annie John</i>
Kingsolver, Barbara	<i>The Bean Trees</i>
Kingsolver, Barbara	<i>The Poisonwood Bible</i>
Lee, Harper	<i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i>
Márquez, Gabriel Garcíá	<i>One Hundred Years of Solitude</i>
Martinez, A. Lee	<i>Gil's All Fright Diner</i>
Melville, Herman	<i>Billy Budd</i>
Meyer, Stephenie	<i>Twilight</i>
Morrison, Toni	<i>Song of Solomon</i>
Nelson, Marilyn	<i>A Wreath for Emmett Till</i>
Nye, Robert	<i>Beowulf: A New Telling</i>
Orwell, George	<i>Animal Farm</i>
Perry, Anne	<i>The Cater Street Hangman</i>
Potok, Chaim	<i>The Chosen</i>
Proulx, Annie	<i>The Shipping News</i>
Shelley, Mary	<i>Frankenstein</i>
Sinclair, Upton	<i>The Jungle</i>
Spiegelman, Art	<i>Maus</i>
Stowe, Harriet Beecher	<i>Uncle Tom's Cabin</i>
Walter, Jess	<i>The Zero</i>
Whitcomb, Laura	<i>A Certain Slant of Light</i>
Wolff, Virginia Euwer	<i>Make Lemonade</i>

Fiction 欄 Short Stories

Capote, Truman	“A Christmas Memory”
Capote, Truman	“A Thanksgiving Visitor”
Gordimer, Nadine	<i>Collected Stories</i>
Hurston, Zora Neale	<i>The Complete Stories</i>

Nonfiction

Branch, Taylor*At Canaan's Edge: America in the King Years*
Carson, Rachel.....*Silent Spring*
Emerson, Ralph Waldo.....*Essays*
Wiesel, Elie.....*Night*

Poetry

Angelou, Maya*The Complete Collected Poems of Maya Angelou*
Baraka, Imamu Amiri*Blues People*
Clifton, Lucille*The Book of Light*
Dove, Rita.....*The Darker Face of the Earth*
Homer*The Iliad*