



Summer Reading 2015

CH-UH City School District / Grades 3-5

American Girl books

Learn what life might have been like in the past for different American Girls including, Samantha, Addie and Josefina.

Any almanac or record books

Books with facts and statistics.

Dear America/My America books

These diaries accurately describe both important historical events and everyday life from the viewpoints of interesting, though fictional, journal writers.

Poppy books Avi

The swashbuckling tales of life for the brave rodents and other woodland critters in the Dimwood Forest have an “edge-of-seat” appeal for readers of all ages.

Eyewitness Readers, Various Levels 1-4

These nonfiction books combine informative text with bold visual images that entertain while they teach.

Cam Jansen mystery books Adler, David

Can you match wits with 5th grade detective, Cam Jansen? Solve the mystery before she does.

By My Brother's Side Barber, Tiki and Ronde

Based on the childhood of NFL superstars Ronde and Tiki Barber, this inspiring book about the values of family, hard work, and determination is the story of what it takes to be a champion.

Willie's Not the Hugging Kind Barrett, Joyce

Willie listens to the wrong advice about hugging.

Superfudge series Blume, Judy

Peter shares what life is like with a “know-it-all” younger brother named Fudge. From the origins of Fudge's name to their family trip to Washington, D.C. to learn how money is made, readers will be amused by these stories.

Cornelia and the Audacious Escapades of the Somerset Sisters Blume, Lesley

Unhappy 11-year-old Cornelia lives in Greenwich Village, where she's cared for chiefly by household servants. When she makes friends with Virginia Somerset, the elderly woman who moves in next door, her life changes.

Christian the Lion Bourke, Anthony

Two young friends come across a cub for sale at the local department store and bring it home. Follow the true story of the cub.

Melissa Parkington's Beautiful, Beautiful Hair Brisson, Pat

Melissa wants to be special—not just for her hair, but for accomplishing something spectacular.

Arthur books Brown, Marc or Krensky, Stephen
Follow the adventures of Arthur, Buster, Muffy, and all their friends in these chapter books.

How Many Days to America? Bunting, Eve

A moving, fictional presentation of the perilous voyage of a group of Caribbean refugees to this country.

Stretching Ourselves: Kids with Cerebral Palsy Carter, Alden R.

The experiences of children with cerebral palsy are highlighted by Emily and others.

Ramona and other books by this author Cleary, Beverly

Ramona is a regular kid in a regular neighborhood. Get to know her and her family in these classic books.

Room One: A Mystery or Two Clements, Andrew

Ted Hammond is the only sixth grader in his one-room school. His singular status gives him plenty of time to pursue his passion: solving mysteries.

Magic School Bus books Cole, Joanna

Miss Frizzle and her class learn about science during their travels on this very special bus.

The Boggart books Cooper, Susan; Rayyan, Omar
After visiting a castle in Scotland and returning home to Canada, twelve-year-old Emily finds that she has brought back with her a boggart, an invisible spirit with a fondness for practical jokes.

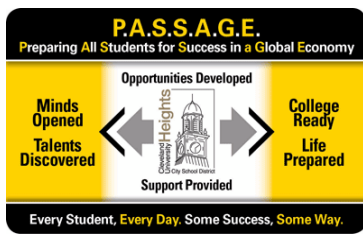
Jennifer Murdley's Toad Coville, Bruce
If no one had made Jennifer wear her brother's underwear, she probably would not have ended up with Bufo.

Books by this author Creech, Sharon
Memorable adventures and characters await readers of this popular contemporary author's work.

Bailey School Kids books Dadey, Debbie
Which mythical creature will the Bailey School Kids meet next?

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Dahl, Roald
Charlie Bucket finds himself the proud winner of a Golden Ticket in a chocolate bar. This ticket provides for amazing adventures in Willy Wonka's miraculous chocolate factory.

Fanstastic Mr. Fox Dahl, Roald
Witty and exciting tale of Mr. Fox and his interactions with the three meanest farmers in town.



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Matilda Dahl, Roald

Matilda applies her untapped mental powers to rid the school of the evil, child-hating headmistress, Miss Trunchbull, and restore her nice teacher, Miss Honey, to financial security.

Amber Brown books Danziger, Paula

Her life may not be perfect, but everyone can relate to this spunky heroine.

Amistad: A Long Road to Freedom

Dean Myers, Walter

Traces the 1839 revolt of Africans against their Spanish captors aboard the slave ship *Amistad*, their arrest for piracy and murder, and the trials which ended in their acquittal by the Supreme Court.

Because of Winn Dixie DiCamillo, Kate

Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big ugly dog Winn-Dixie.

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane

DiCamillo, Kate

A very vain, self-centered rabbit learns to love and care for others through many adventures over the course of several years.

City of Ember DuPrau, Jeanne

Twelve year olds Doon and Lina must find a way out of the darkness that envelops their city when the only source of energy is near an end.

The People of Sparks DuPrau, Jeanne

(Sequel to *City of Ember*) After Lina and Doon lead the 400 residents from the City of Ember to safety, the refugees are tentatively welcomed, housed, and fed by the people of Sparks. Sparks is one of the few towns on Earth to survive the time of the Disaster. Can they all learn to get along?

The Hundred Dresses Estes, Eleanor Classmates reflect after participating in and quietly witnessing the ongoing taunting of a poor Polish immigrant girl, which causes her and her family to move away.

Dragon Rider Funke, Cornelia

Ben seeks to find a new home for dragons with the help of Sorrel, a Fairy and Firedrake, an adventurous dragon.

The Boy Who Saved Cleveland

Giblin, James Cross Based on an actual historical event, a 10-year old boy helps save early Cleveland settlers during a malaria outbreak in 1798.

Dork in Disguise (and sequels) Gorman, Carol

Starting middle school in a new town, brainy Jerry Flack changes his image from "dork" to "cool kid," only to discover that he'd rather be himself.

Barry, The Bravest St. Bernard Hall, Lynn

This is the true-life story of Barry, a remarkable Saint Bernard who gained worldwide fame for rescuing more than 40 people trapped under avalanches.

Her Stories Hamilton, Virginia

African American women tell their tales of magic, the supernatural, and real life, while emphasizing their strength.

Just Juice Hesse, Karen

Realizing that her father's lack of work has endangered her family, nine-year-old Juice decides that she must return to school and learn to read in order to help their chances of surviving and keeping their house.

What's So Big About Cleveland, Ohio

Holbrook, Sara

Read about Amanda who doesn't want to visit Cleveland!

Mister and Me Holt, Kimberly

In a small Louisiana mill town in 1940, Jolene does not want her Momma to marry the logger who is courting her, but it seems that even her most defiantly bad behavior cannot make him go away.

Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt

Hopkinson, Deborah

A clever young slave stitches a quilt with a map pattern which guides her to freedom in the North.

The Divide Kay, Elizabeth

While hiking on the Continental Divide of Costa Rica, a young boy with a heart condition falls into a magical otherworld full of fantastical creatures.

Diary of a Wimpy Kid series Kinney, Jeff.

Novels in cartoons follow Greg Heffley, as he tries to "do the right thing."

The View From Saturday Konigsberg, E.L.

Four students, with their own individual stories, develop a special bond and attract the attention of their teacher, a paraplegic, who chooses them to represent their sixth-grade class in the Academic Bowl competition.

Wilma Unlimited Krull, Kathleen

A biography of the African-American woman who overcame crippling polio as a child to become the first woman to win three gold medals in track in a single Olympics.

The Fledgling Langton, Jane

Georgie's fondest hope - to be able to fly - is fleetingly fulfilled when she is befriended by a Canadian goose.



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Is There Really a Human Race?

Lee Curtis, Jamie

Starting with an Amelia Bedelia-like question and ending with some latter-day Dr. Seuss advice, this book offers insights into the human condition.

Oh Yikes!: History's Grossest Moments

Masoff, Joy and Terry Sirrell

Book of astounding facts and feats.

Stink, the Incredible Shrinking Boy

McDonald, Megan

James "Stink" Moody is the shortest kid in his second-grade class. Is he shrinking?

The Pushcart War Merrill, Jean

The outbreak of a war between truck drivers and pushcart peddlers brings the mounting problems of traffic to the attention of both the city of New York and the world.

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

Young reader's version of the inspirational story of Greg Mortenson and his selfless mission to build schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan

Shiloh Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds

A heartwarming story of a boy and his love for a dog is one of this author's engaging novels.

Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH (and sequels)

O'Brien, Robert; Conly, Jane

Having no one to help her with her problems, a widowed mouse visits the rats whose former imprisonment in a laboratory made them wise.

Island of the Blue Dolphins O'Dell, Scott

This classic features the story of Karana, the Indian girl who lived alone for years on the Island of the Blue Dolphins. Scott O'Dell won the Newbery Medal for this survival story, and it frequently appears on lists of best American children's books.

American Tall Tales Osborne, Mary Pope

This collection of stories about familiar folk heroes of the 19th century such as Paul Bunyan and Johnny Appleseed also includes some less familiar characters. The dialogue is engaging, and the stories include lots of humor.

Season of the Sandstorm (any Magic Tree House book) Osborne, Mary Pope

Annie and Jack travel back in time 1,200 years to the Golden Age of Baghdad. This story contains facts that can spark the interest of a budding historian.

The Kid in the Red Jacket Park, Barbara

Howard's worst nightmare has come true when he is forced to move. His 6-year old neighbor may just ruin his life!

The Great Gilly Hopkins Paterson, Katherine This bratty eleven year old who has been in a variety of foster homes before she is sent to live with the Trotters is much more likeable at the end of the book than the beginning. This novel, written by the author of *Bridge to Terabithia*, is best suited for grade five or above.

Lawn Boy Paulsen, Gary

Everything changes for the narrator when his grandmother presents him with an old riding lawnmower for his 12th birthday.

Elephant Woman: Cynthia Moss Explores...

Pringle, Laurence

This biography of Cynthia Moss, world-renowned elephant researcher in Kenya's Amboseli National Park, is illustrated with her own photographs.

Way to Go, Alex Pulver, Robin

Annie's feelings for her brother, Alex, are transformed as she helps to train him for Special Olympics.

Tar Beach Ringgold, Faith

A young girl dreams of flying above her Harlem home, claiming all she sees for herself and her family.

Percy Jackson and the Olympians series

Riordan, Rick

Follow the mythological adventures of Percy Jackson and other male and female characters.

The Best School Year Ever Robinson, Barbara

What nice things can Beth say about the class bully when she picks his name for "Compliments for Classmates?"

Any Dork Diaries series

Russell, Rachel Renee

Fans of Jeff Kinney's *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* (Abrams) may enjoy this book, written in diary form.

Upper-grade fiction books by this author

Rylant, Cynthia

Check out *A Fine White Dust*, *Missing May*, or another of this author's many classics.

Kate Shelley: Bound for Legend

San Souci, Robert

Nineteenth century American heroine, Kate Shelley, recounts how she risked her own life to rescue train wreck survivors.

Any Ripley's Believe It or Not books Scholastic

Books of astounding, amazing, and sometimes disturbing facts, feats, and accomplishments.

Mom and Dad Are Palindromes Shulman, Mark

Bob has a problem. He's a palindrome. In fact, once he learns what a palindrome is, he starts finding palindromes everywhere: his little sis, Nan; his pup, Otto; even his Mom and Dad!



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Any poetry books by this author Silverstein, Shel
 These highly entertaining collections of poems and drawings are at once outrageously funny and profound.

The Giving Tree Silverstein, Shel
 A moving parable for readers of all ages that offers an affecting interpretation of the gift of giving and a serene acceptance of another's capacity to love in return.

Books by this author Simon, Seymour
 Exceptional nonfiction for children from the "dean of children's science books" covering fascinating topics like snakes, the weather, and the brain.

Pay Attention, Slosh! Smith, Mark
 Eight-year-old Josh hates being unable to concentrate or control himself, but with the help of his parents, his teacher, and a doctor, he learns to deal with his condition, known as ADHD.

Gib Rides Home Snyder, Zipha K.
 Despite the harsh treatment he has endured in an orphanage, eleven-year-old Gib manages to maintain his hopeful outlook when he is "farmed out" to help with the horses of a wealthy banker in 1908.

***Encyclopedia Brown* mystery books**

Sobol, Donald
 Use the clues provided to solve the mysteries along with Encyclopedia Brown and his friends.

Knots in My Yo-Yo String Spinelli, Jerry
 Did being a kid help Jerry Spinelli become an author? You bet it did!

So You Want to Be President? St. George, Judith
 This book presents many, sometimes surprising facts about the qualifications and characteristics of U.S. presidents, from George Washington to Bill Clinton.

Books by this author Stewart, Sarah
 Strong characters and subtle artwork define this author's poignant picture books for older readers.

Books by this author Sutcliff, Rosemary
 This author is best known for her outstanding collection of historical fiction titles.

Sky Pioneer: A Photobiography of Amelia Earhart Szabo, Corrine

A biography, with numerous photographs and quotes from Earhart herself, tracing this determined woman's life and interest in flying.

The Gold Cadillac Taylor, Mildred
 Two black girls living in the North are proud of their family's beautiful new Cadillac until they take it on a visit to the South and encounter racial prejudice for the first time.

The Trouble with Tuck Taylor, Theodore
 A compelling story of a girl who works to provide her blind dog with a guide dog of his own.

20,000 Leagues Under the Sea Verne, Jules
 Verne's amazing undersea adventure is one of the earliest science fiction novels written.

Regular Guy Weeks, Sarah
 Because he is so different from his eccentric parents, twelve-year-old Guy is convinced he has been switched at birth with a classmate whose parents seem more normal.

Kate Shelley and the Midnight Express Wetterer, Margaret K.
 An incredible storm has destroyed the bridge. Will Kate be able to stop the train in time to save the passengers?

Books by this author Wilder, Laura Ingalls
 Follow the adventures of Laura and her family on the American frontier.

Amos Fortune, Free Man Yates, Elizabeth
 The life of the eighteenth-century African prince who, after being captured by slave traders, was brought to Massachusetts where he was a slave until he was able to buy his freedom at the age of sixty.

Books by this author Yep, Laurence
 Literature from a wide variety of genres, often with a distinct Asian-American influence.

***Commander Toad* books** Yolen, Jane
 Commander Toad and the crew of the "Star Warts" explore many strange planets.