

Summer Reading 2009

For Students Entering Grades Fifth and Sixth

Parents,

I encourage you to include reading in your child's many summer adventures. The reading list provided here is a suggested starting point. Many of the authors have numerous titles in addition to those listed. I have attempted to include titles that are readily available at most libraries and bookstores. There are many literary award winners worth considering as well: [Newbery Medal winners](#), the [National Book Award for Young People's Literature](#) (1996-present), the [Children's Notable Book](#) lists. Also of interest are the [Boston Globe – Horn Book Award](#) winners. Students in fifth grade will take part in activities and readings in connection with the [North Carolina Children's Book Award](#) during 2009-2010. Students in sixth grade will have the opportunity to participate in the [-Battle of the Books](#) competition for 2009-2010. Interested students could begin reading books on these lists over the summer.

The non-profit organization Reading is Fundamental (<http://www.rif.org/parents/>) is a great place for parents to gather information, activities, and ideas to promote reading. Many public libraries offer summer reading programming – check at your local branch. . Have a great summer of reading.

Sincerely,

Ernie J. Cox
Librarian

Summer Reading List for Grades 5-6

Foundation Trilogy by Asimov, Isaac (science-fiction)

The Lost Years of Merlin by T.A. Barron (fantasy)

Peter and Starcatchers by Dave Barry (fantasy)

Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett (fiction)

The Misadventures of Maude Marche, or , Trouble Rides a Fast Horse by Audrey Coulombis (fiction)

The Watsons Go to Birmingham, 1963 by Christopher Paul Curtis (historical fiction)

Robinson Crusoe by Daniel Defoe (fiction)

Jacob's Rescue: A Holocaust Story by Malka Drucker (history)

Never Ending Story by Michael Ende (fantasy)

The Wright Brothers: How They Invented the Airplane & Indian Chiefs by Russell Freedman (history)

Inkheart & The Thief Lord by Cornelia Funke (fantasy)

Honus and Me & Race for the Sky by Dan Gutman (fiction)

Among the Enemy by Margaret Peterson Haddix (science-fiction)

Wild Man Island by Will Hobbs (adventure fiction)

Alex Rider adventures by Anthony Horowitz (fiction)

Redwall (series) by Brian Jacques (fantasy)

Phantom Toll Booth by Norton Juster (fiction)

Bone Detectives by Donna Jackson Kallner

Abduction by Peg Kehret (adventure)

Wizard of Earth Sea by Ursula Le Guin (science-fiction)

Ella Enchanted by Gail Carson Levine (fiction)

Winning Ways: A Photohistory of American Women in Sports by Sue Macy

Exploration and Conquest: The Americas after Columbus by Betsy and Giulio Maestro (history)

Anne of Green Gables by L.M.Montgomery (fiction)

My Life in Dog Years by Gary Paulsen (autobiography)

How Angel Peterson Got His Name by Gary Paulsen (history/memoir)

Crossing the Delaware: A History in Many Voices by Louise Peacock (history)

A Day No Pigs Would Die by Robert Peck

Golden Compass by Phillip Pullman (fantasy)

Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls (fiction)

Holes & Small Steps by Louis Sachar (fiction)

When I was Puerto Rican by Esmeralda Santiago (biography)

Time Warp Trio by Jon Scieszka (fiction)

Black Beauty by Anna Sewell (fiction)

Heroines of the American Revolution: America's Founding Mothers by Diane Silcox-Jarreh (history)

Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea by Jules Verne (fiction)

Swiss Family Robinson by Johann David Wyss (fiction)

Dear American Series (history)