

Summer Reading List K-5th grade

Not all books listed have been read by CCCS librarians. Parents are advised to oversee the book selection their students make. The following is only a partial list of many wonderful books your local library or book store has to offer. Also, you can check the Book Adventure website for books by grade level – www.bookadventure.com .

Kindergarten

Books by Kevin Henkes
Books by P.D. Eastman
Books by Rosemary Wells
Books by Eric Carle
Arnold-*Fly Guy* books
Capucilli-The *Biscuit* books
Martin-Chicka Chicka Boom and other books by this author
Numeroff-If You Give a Pig a Pancake and other books by this author
Seuss-The Cat in the Hat and other books by this author
Leveled Readers such as the “I Can Read” series

Children this age also enjoy age-appropriate poetry books, animal books, science books with illustrations, traditional fairy and folk tales, and other nonfiction titles of interest.

First Grade

Barton-Shark vs. Train
Becker-A Visitor for Bear
Bridwell-Clifford Books
Cronin-Diary of a Fly and other books by this author
Day-Good Dog, Carl
DiCamillo-Mercy Watson Books
Lobel-Frog and Toad Books and other books by this author
Parish-Amelia Bedelia Books

Look for other fiction books by these authors:

Marc Brown	
Judi Barrett	Eve Bunting
David McPhail	David LaRochelle
Paul Galdone	Don Freeman
Mary Ann Hoberman	Audrey Wood
Steven Kellogg	

Children this age also enjoy Aesop’s fables, fairy tales and folktales. Poetry books, science books with illustrations, animal books, nonfiction books about flight, simple paper airplane books, cookbooks, and other nonfiction titles of appropriate interest.

Second Grade

Easier to Read

Aliki	Manners
Benchley, Nathaniel	Oscar Otter
Bunting, Eve	Fly Away Home
Cleary, Beverly	Two Dog Biscuits
Hoban, Lillian	Arthur's Honey Bear (series)
Marshall, James	Three Up a Tree
Parish, Peggy	Amelia Bedelia (series)
Rylant, Cynthia	Mr. Putter and Tabby Bake the Cake (series)
Rylant, Cynthia	Poppleton (series)
Waber, Bernard	An Anteater Named Arthur
Yashima, Taro	Crow Boy

More Difficult

Anderson, C.W.	Billy and Blaze (series)
Blume, Judy	Freckle Juice
Brunhoff, Jean de	Babar (series)
Cole, Joanna	Magic School Bus (series, nonfiction)
Cooney, Barbara	Island Boy
D'Aulaire, Ingrid	Benjamin Franklin (biography)
Kellogg, Steven	A Penguin Pup for Pinkerton
Osborne, Mary	New York's Bravest (c.2002)
Peet, Bill	Big Bad Bruce
Schwartz, David	How Much is a Million? (non-fiction)
Stilton, Geronimo	Geronimo Stilton Series
Tokuda, Wendy	Humphrey the Lost Whale (non-fiction)

Challenging

Bond, Michael	A Bear Called Paddington (series)
Cleary, Beverly	Ramona the Brave (series)
DePaola, Tomie	Fairmount Avenue (series)
Hurwitz, Joanna	Ali Baba Bernstein, Lost and Found (series)
Kipling, Rudyard	The Elephant's Child
McDonald, Megan	Judy Moody (series)
Osborne, Mary Pope	Magic Tree House (series)
Prelutsky, Jack	The New Kid on the Block (poetry)
Zelinsky, Paul	Rapunzel

Third Grade

Avi

The End of the Beginning

Avon the snail and Edward, a take-charge ant, set off together on a journey to an undetermined destination in search of unspecified adventures.

Barrie, J.M.

Peter Pan

In Never-Never Land there is much excitement and children never grow up. (classic)

Cleary, Beverly

Dear Mr. Henshaw

In his letters to his favorite author, Leigh asks for information and describes his own life and problems.

Newbery Medal, 1984

Clements, Andrew

The Janitor's Boy

A fifth-grade boy is ashamed that his father is the school janitor. Jack gets into a lot of trouble until he comes to appreciate his dad's true worth. (Grades 3-5; c.2000)

Dahl, Roald

The BFG

Sophie and a Big Friendly Giant (the BFG) team up together to save the world from nine other man-gobbling giants.

DiCamillo, Kate

The Tale of Despereaux

The adventures of Despereaux Tilling, a small mouse of unusual talents, the princess that he loves, the servant girl who longs to be a princess, and a devious rat determined to bring them all to ruin. 2004 Newbery Award winner (Grades 3-6).

Gardiner, John Reynolds

Stone Fox

Little Willie hopes to pay the back taxes on his grandfather's farm with the winnings from a dog sled race he enters. (A tear-jerker for dog enthusiasts)

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Top Secret

A nine-year old boy becomes famous when he discovers a formula for human photosynthesis and turns green as a result.

Lindgren, Astrid

Pippi Longstocking

Nine-year old Pippi, a little Swedish girl, lives with her horse and monkey, and does many curious magical things. (classic)

McSwigan, Marie

Snow Treasure

A fictionalized version of a true WWII story, A group of Norwegian children fool German guards by taking their country's gold out right under their noses.

Norton, Mary

The Borrower's

A miniature family's curious daughter wanders off to see the world.

Pilkey, Dav

Adventures of Captain Underpants

When George and Harold hypnotise their principal into thinking that he is the superhero Captain

Underpants, he leads them to the lair of the nefarious Dr. Diaper, where they must defeat his evil robot henchmen.

Poppy the deer mouse urges her family to move next to a field of corn big enough to feed them all forever, but Mr. Ocax, a terrifying owl, has other ideas.

Creech, Sharon Replay
Leo balances his dreams of the stage with the reality of acting in the school play.

Delaney, Michael Birdbrain Amos
When Amos the hippopotamus advertises for a bird to help him with his bug problem, the tick bird who answers his ad creates a different set of problems for him by building a nest on Amos's head.

Fitzgerald, The Great Brain (series)
The exploits of the Great Brain of Adenville, Utah are described by his younger brother, frequently the victim of the Great Brain's schemes for gaining prestige or money.

Fleischman, Sid Jim Ugly
A fast-moving adventure that features twelve-year-old Jake and his dad's dog, Jim Ugly, as they travel through the old West trying to find out what really happened to Jake's actor father.

Giff, Patricia R. Lily's Crossing
During a summer spent at Rockaway Beach in 1944, Lily's friendship with a young Hungarian refugee causes her to see the war and her own world differently.

Juster, Norton The Phantom Tollbooth
Being the owner of a magic tollbooth, Milo is admitted into the land of Dictionopolis.

Konigsburg, Elaine From the Mixed-Up files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler
Two children run away to Metropolitan Museum of Art where they become involved with an old lady and a mysterious statue.

Lewis, C.S. Chronicles of Narnia (series)
The tale of four English children that find another world behind an old wardrobe.

Norton, Mary The Borrowers (series)
A family of miniature people who live in an old country house by borrowing things from the humans, is forced to emigrate from their home under the clock.

Sachar, Louis Sideways Stories from Wayside School
Humorous tales from the classroom on the thirtieth floor of a wacky school.

Snicket, Lemony Series of Unfortunate Events (series)
The melodramatic adventures of the unlucky Baudelaire orphans as they try to escape from the evil clutches of Count Olaf.

Wilder, Laura "Little House" (series)
The classic story of the Ingalls family and their life as pioneers.

Wallace, A Dog Called Kitty
Afraid of dogs since he was attacked by a mad one, Ricky resists taking in a homeless pup that shows up at his farm.

Non-fiction titles

Byars, Betsy The Moon and I
Author Betsy Byars shares childhood anecdotes and explains how she writes her books.

Dewey, Jennifer Wildlife Rescue: The Work of Kathleen Ramsay
Follow Dr. Kathleen Ramsay as she performs surgery and cares for injured or sick wild birds and animals at the Wildlife Center in New Mexico. Many photographs.

Fradin, Dennis Is there Life on Mars?
Looks at the past, present and future of Mars exploration, from the earliest mentions of the planet, through literature and film from the first space probes to speculation about humans landing and living on Mars. (1999)

Green, Michelle Y. A Strong Right Arm: The Story of Mamie "Peanut" Johnson
A biography about one of three women who played professional baseball in the Negro Leagues.
Hatkoff, Isabella Owen and Mzee
Illustrated text and full-color photographs tell the true story of the unusual relationship between Owen, a baby hippopotamus orphaned by the tsunami, and Mzee, a 130-year-old giant tortoise.

Lasky, Kathryn The Most Beautiful Roof in the World
A glimpse of the rainforest canopy through the eyes of scientist Meg Lowman and her two sons.

Prelutsky, Jack Behold the Bod Umbrellaphant:and Other Poems
Poems from a poetry master who presents a collection of whimsical poems about creatures that are part animal and part inanimate objects.

St. George, Judith So you want to be President
Presents an assortment of facts about the qualifications and characteristics of U.S. Presidents, from George Washington t Bill Clinton. (2000)

Fifth Grade

Avi Crispin : At the Edge of the World
Branded as traitors by the king's authorities, Crispin and his guardian, Bear, flee to coastal towns in fourteenth-century England, where they perform a musical juggling act and bond as a family after befriendng a disfigured girl. Sequel to Crispin.

Batterman, Lee Chai'ah Two Cents and a Milk Bottle
Tells the story of Leely Dorman, her fifteen-year-old sister, Evy, and Arnie, her seven-yearold brother. The year is 1937, one of the worst years of the Depression. Leely and her family live in Brooklyn New York. Leely is nervous when her family moves to another new neighborhood.

Boston, L.M. The Stones of Green Knowe
While eagerly following each stage of the new stone manor house his father is building to replace their old wooden Saxon hall, a young boy, part Saxon and part Norman, becomes involved with ancient magic that carries him through time.

Butterworth, The Enormous Egg
Twelve-year-old Nate Twitchell tells of the funny and unusual events, which happen after his pet chicken lays an enormous egg and hatches a baby dinosaur.

Codell, Esme Raji. Vive La Paris
Fifth-grader Paris learns some lessons about dealing with bullies of all kinds as she wonders how to stop a classmate from beating up her brother at school and as she learns about the Holocaust from her piano teacher, Mrs. Rosen.

Coombs, Kate- The Runaway Princess
Princess Meg uses magic and her wits to rescue a baby dragon and escape the unwanted attentions of princes hoping to gain her hand in marriage through a contest arranged by her father, the king.

Corbett, Sue 12 Again
Bernadette having wished on the eve of her fortieth birthday to be young again, wakes up the next morning as a twelve year-old, and enrolls in her son Patrick's class in hopes of somehow enlisting his help in returning to her old self.

Crilley, Mark Pieces of Gax
Sixth grader Akiko and her friends from the planet Smoo travel to the upside-down city of Gollarondo, where an accident befalls Ggax the robot and a search begins for all his missing pieces.

Fitzhugh, Louise Harriet, the Spy
Eleven-year-old Harriet, who is a spy, plans to be a writer, and keeps a secret notebook filled with thoughts and notes on her schoolmates and people she observes on her after school spy route. However, her classmates find out and read her notebook, retaliate, and she learns that writing is not to use against your friends.

Jennings, Julie. Stink City
Cade gets involved in animal rights activism in his struggle to atone for the suffering of fish used in his family's smelly catfish bait business, his neighbor Leigh Ann tries to keep him out of trouble.

Klages, Ellen The Green Glass Sea
While her father works on the Manhattan Project, eleven-year-old gadget lover and outcast Dewey Kerrigan lives in Los Alamos Camp, and becomes friends with Suze, another young girl who is shunned by her peers.

Loizeaux, William Wings
Ten-year-old Nick, who misses his father, finds companionship after rescuing an injured baby mockingbird.

McCloskey, Homer Price
Six episodes in the life of Homer Price including one in which he and his pet skunk capture four bandits and another about a donut machine on a rampage.

O'Connor, Barbara How To Steal A Dog
Living in the family car in their small North Carolina town after their father leaves them virtually penniless, Georgina, desperate to improve their situation and unwilling to accept her overworked mother's calls for patience, persuades her younger brother to help her in an elaborate scheme to get money by stealing a dog and then claiming the reward that the owners are bound to offer.

Peck, Soup (series)
The adventures and misadventures of two boys growing up in a small Vermont town.

Hopkinson, Deborah Into the Firestorm
Days after arriving in San Francisco from Texas, eleven-year-old orphan Nicholas Ddray tries to help his new neighbors survive the 1906 San Francisco earthquake and subsequent fire.

Pearsall, Shelley All of the Above
Five urban middle school students, their teacher, and other community members relate how a school project to build the world's largest tetrahedron affects the lives of everyone involved.

Peck, Richard Here Lies the Librarian
Eleanore "Peewee" McGrath, a tomboy and automobile enthusiast, discovers new possibilities for her future after the 1914 arrival in her small Indiana town of four young librarians.

Reeve-Philip Larklight: A Rousing Tale of Dauntless Pluck in the
Farthest
Reaches of Space
In an alternate Victorian England, young Arthur and his sister Myrtle, residents of Larklight, a floating house in one of Her Majesty's outer space territories, uncover a spidery plot to destroy the solar system.

Winthrop, The Castle in the Attic (series)
A gift of a toy castle, complete with a silver knight, introduces William to an adventure involving magic and a personal quest.

