

## 2010 Award-Winning Books Leonard Middle School Old Town, Maine

### **Suggested Reading Book List (Students are not confined to reading books on this list.)**

These books have won an award or are listed on a “best list”; all have a **2010** publication date. They represent a wide range of interest and readability: elementary, young adult, and adult. The annotated list is arranged by genre; the shorter list, by title. These lists are available on the LMS School Library Home Page (<http://www.rsu34.org/Schools/LMS/Library.htm>) and from Mrs. Boone. While every book on this list is not right for everyone, each is suitable for someone. Most books with adult content/themes are marked ACT; those with strong language are marked SL. Google the Scholastic E-catalog for further annotation. Hard copies, as well as electronic versions, are available from online sources and local libraries. \*indicates the book is in the LMS Library. [ ] indicates the award or review source. Also listed is interest level, lexile, reading level, call number, Reading Counts points, and a brief summary.

#### **The major literature awards:**

**Jane Addams Children’s Book Awards**—children’s books that “promote the cause of peace, social justice, world community, and the equality of the sexes and all races”

**Alex Awards**—the ten best adult books for young adult readers

**Mildred L Batchelder Award**—the best books for young people, translated into English

**Pura Belpre Medal**—bi-annual awards for Latina/Latino authors and illustrators of books for young people

**Caldecott Medal**—the most distinguished illustrations in a book for children

**Carter G Woodson**

**Edgar Awards**—the best comic and graphic novel writing and art

**Eisner Awards**—the best comic and graphic novel writing and art

**Coretta Scott King Awards (CSK)**—African American authors and illustrators writing for young people and representing the values of Coretta Scott King: peace, justice and brotherhood

**Lupine Awards**—children’s books by Maine authors and illustrators or books with a Maine setting; given in 2 categories: picture book and juvenile/young adult

**William C. Morris Y. A. Debut Award**—honors a debut book published by a first-time author writing for teens

**National Book Awards (NBA)**—recognize achievement by American writers in 4 categories: fiction, non-fiction, poetry, and young people’s literature

**Newbery Medal**—the most distinguished American writing in a book for children up to age 12

**Orbis Pictus (OP)**—outstanding non-fiction for children

**Printz Medal**—the most distinguished writing in a book for young adults, ages 12-18

**Schneider Family Book Awards**—artistic representations of the disability experience for young people

**Sibert Medal**—most distinguished informational book(s) for young people

**John Steptoe New Author/Illustrator Awards**—African American authors and illustrators publishing a first book for young people

#### **The 2011 Summer Reading Program list also includes titles from:**

The 2010-2011 the **Maine Student Book Award List (MSBA)**, as well as selected titles from the following “best” lists:

2010 **Amelia Bloomer Project**—recommended books that embody feminist principles (**Bloomer**)

2010 American Library Association’s **Best Books for Young Adults (BBYA)**

2010 American Library Association’s **Great Graphic Novels for Teens (GGNT)**

2010 American Library Association’s **Notable Children’s Books (Notables)**

2010 American Library Association’s **Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers (QP)**

2010 American Library Association’s **Teens Top Ten (TTT)**

2010 *Horn Book* **Fanfare (Fanfare)**

2010 *Kirkus* **Best Books of the Year (Kirkus)**

2010 *Publishers Weekly* **Books of the Year (PW)**

2010 *School Library Journal* **Best Books of the Year (SLJ)**

Outstanding Science Trade Books

## **Action/Adventure**

***Around the World in 100 Days.***\* Blackwood, Gary. 6-8. 5.4. 820L. 18 pts. FIC BLA [K], SL

Seventeen-year-old Harry sets out to drive his homemade motor car around the world in 180 days to win a bet.

***As Easy As Falling Off the Face of the Earth.***\* Perkins, Lynne Rae. 6-8. 4.5. 730L. 14 pts. FIC PER [YALSA, HBF, K]

On the way to camp, Ry finds himself in the middle of nowhere, when his train leaves him behind, leading to a remarkable journey full of surprises and adventure. SL

***Birthmarked.***\* O'Brien, Caragh. 6-8. 6.3. 800L. 24pts. FIC O'BR [YALSBB] ACT, SL

After her parents' arrest, Gaia falls heir to a dangerous parcel. SL

***A Conspiracy of Kings.***\* Turner, Megan. 7-12. 7.3. 940L. 14 pts. FIC TUR [SLJBB, HBF] SL

Sopos is captured by the king's enemies and sold into slavery.

***Cosmic.*** Boyce, Frank. 3-5. 4.2. 670L. 16 pts. FIC BOY [SLJBB, PW, YALSABB] SL

12-year-old Liam poses as the adult chaperone on a mission to space.

***Death-Defying Pepper Roux.***\* McCaughrean, Geraldine. 6-8. 6.4. 920L. 16 pts. FIC MCC [YALSA, PA]

When Pepper Roux was born, his aunt had a vision from Saint Constance that the boy would die on his 14<sup>th</sup> birthday, but Pepper Roux has other ideas.

***The Familiars.***\* Epstein, Adam Jay. 4-7. 6.4. 920L. 14 pts. FIC EPS [SLJBB] SL

Mistaken for a magical animal and chosen as a companion by a young apprentice wizard, a streetwise alley cat and his fellow familiars—a bombastic blue jay and a soothsaying frog—must take action when their humans are captured by the evil queen.

***The Fantastic Secret of Owen Jester.***\* O'Connor, Barbara. 3-5. 4.7. 770L. 7 pts. FIC OCO [K, SLJBB, MSBA] SL

In small-town Georgia, Owen Jester works hard to catch a bullfrog and then struggles with his conscience over his now listless pet.

***Fever Crumb.***\* Reeve, Philip. 6-8. 8.5. 1000L. 19 pts. FIC REE [YALSABB, SLJBB, K, MSBA] SL

Fever Crumb, raised by the Order of Engineers and the only female among its ranks, finds her engineer rationality continually tested as she begins to discover more about her past.

***Gateway.***\* Shinn, Sharon. 6-8. 5.6. 870L. 17pts. FIC SHI [YALSABB]

Daiyu finds herself in Shenglang, an alternate world, where she is enlisted to help send an evil traveler back before he can wreak chaos in Shenglang.

***Genius Wars.***\* Jinks, Catherine. 6-8. 750L. 4.6. 27pts. FIC JIN [K] SL

Third book in the Genius series, which consists of *Evil Genius* (bk.1) and *Genius Squad* (bk. 2)

***The Grimm Legacy.***\* Shulman, Polly. 6-8. 600L. 4.4. 19 pts. FIC SHU [SLJBB, YALSABB]

Elizabeth works in a strange lending library that has everything, including the working original items from the Grimm's fairy tales.

***Heart of a Samurai***. \* Preus, Margi. 6-8. 4.6. 760L. 14 pts. FIC PRE. [Newbery Medal Honor, K, PW, MSBA]

The story of Manjiro, also known as John Mung, the first Japanese person to live in the U. S.

***Hide and Seek***. \* Grant, Katy. 6-8. 4.3. 700L. 17 pts. FIC GRA [MSBA]

In Arizona fourteen-year-old Chase finds himself involved in keeping safe two boys who have been kidnapped by their father.

***Jump***. \* Carbone, Elisa. 6-8. 720L. 5.4. 15pts. FIC CAR [YALSABB] SL

P. K. and Critter have an unforgettable adventure.

***Keeper***. \* Appelt, Kathi. 4-7. 7.1. 780L. 14pts. FIC APP [YALSABB, TTF, K, SLJBB] ACT

10-year-old Keeper lives happily with her dog and her guardian.

***King of Ithaka***. \* Barrett, Tracy. 6-8. 5.4. 830L. 18 pts. FIC BAR [TTF, YALSABB, SLJBB]

A perfect introduction to the classic tale of Odysseus and his son Telemachos

***Legend of the King***. \* Morris, Gerald. 6-8. 760L. 4.6. 16 pts. FIC MOR [K]

From the *Squire Tales* series, King Arthur's rule is threatened by his son Mordred.

***The Lost Hero***. \* Riordan, Rick. 6-8. 660L 3.8. 26 pts. FIC RIO [PW]

An attempt to free Hero from Gaea's prison—sequel to the Percy Jackson series

***The Maze Runner***. \* Dashner, James. 7-12. 5.7. 770L. 24 pts. FIC DAS [YALSAQP]

Thomas' memories don't serve him well when he wakes on an elevator, only to find himself in the Glade, trapped by monsters and a maze that changes daily.

***Mockingjay***. \* Collins, Suzanne. 6-8. 5.3. 820L. 18 pts. FIC COL [K, PW] ACT

Katniss again... a completely satisfying ending to the *Hunger Games* trilogy

***The Prince of Mist***. \* Ruiz, Zafon Carlos. 6-8. 8.8. 12pts. 980L FIC RUI [YALSABB] SL

A battle with the mysterious Prince of Mist, who has returned from the sea to collect a debt.

***Raiders' Ransom***. \* Diamand, Emily. 3-6. 4.4. 720L. 16 pts. FIC DIA [YALSABB]

Pirate raiders kidnap the Prime Minister's daughter.

***Reckless***. \* Funke, Cornelia. 6-8. 5.5. 840L. 17 pts. FIC FUN [K, YALSA] SL

Jacob Reckless knows the fantasy world behind the mirror.

***The Red Pyramid***. \* Riordan, Rick. 4-9. 3.7. 650L. 28pts. FIC RIO [PW, SLJBB, MSBA]

Siblings Carter and Sadie are kidnapped from their father.

***Revolver***. \* Sedgwick, Marcus. 7-12. 5.7. 890L. 10 pts. FIC SED [Siebert, K, PW] ACT, SL

In 1910, in the Arctic wilderness, 14-year-old Sig is alone with his father's corpse; he must decide whether or not to use his father's revolver to shoot a stranger demanding gold.

***Search for WondLa***. \* DiTerlizzi, Tony. 6-8. 4.6. 760L. 16 pts. FIC DIT [MSBA]

Eva, raised by a robot in the underground, discovers a world different from anything she has ever learned about

***Ship Breaker***. \* Bacigalupi, Paolo. 6-8. 5.3. 690L. 19 pts. FIC BAC [Newbery Honor, PW, LMP, TTF, YALSABB] SF

Nailer tears old hulks of ships. One day his life changes.

***Sixty-eight Rooms***. \* Malone, Marianne. 3-5. 4.5. 730L. 14 pts. FIC MAL [MSBA]

Eleven-year-old Ruth and Jack find a magic key which enables them to explore the Thorne Rooms.

***Trash***. \* Mulligan, Andy. 6-8. 5.5. 850L. 14 pts. FIC MUL [YALSABB, TTF, SLJBB, PW, MSBA] SL

Three garbage-picker boys find an item of great value.

***Witch & Wizard***. \* Patterson, James. 6-8. 4.4. 710L. 13 pts. FIC PAT [PW]

Two teenage siblings use their magic to escape from prison and execution.

***Witch & Wizard: The Gift***. \* Patterson, James. 6-8. 4.4. 710L. 13pts. FIC PAT [PW]

Two teenagers establish themselves as leaders of the Resistance.

### **Biography/Autobiography**

***Candy Bomber***. \* Tunnell, Michael. 6-8. 10.7. 1130L. 6 pts. 92 TUN. [MSBA]

***Dreamer***. \* Ryan, Pam Munoz. 6-8. 3.7. 650L. 9 pts. [PBA, HBF, K] SL

Fictionalized biography of the poet Pablo Neruda.

***Frederick Douglass: A Noble Life***. \* Adler, David A. 6-8. 9.5. 1060L. 10 pts. 92 DOU [SLJBB]

Freedom was never far from the mind of this former slave.

***I Am Nujood, Age 10 and Divorced***. \* Ali, Nujood. 92 ALI. No RC. [Bloomer]

In 2008, 10-year-old Nujood Ali became the first child bride from Yemen to secure a divorce from her much older husband, freeing her from a forced marriage of rape and abuse.

***Lafayette and the American Revolution***. \* Freedman, Russell. 6-8. 10.6. 1160L 7 pts. 92 LAF [RFS, K, Newbery Medal Honor]

Lafayette makes history in the American War for Independence.

***Lebron James: The Making of an MVP***. \* Pluto, Terry & Windhorst, Brian. 92 JAM. No RC. [YALSQP]

The rise of a basketball star

***The Notorious Benedict Arnold***. \* Sheinkin, Steve. 6-8. 8.4. 990L. 14 pts. 92 ARN [HBF, SLJBB] SL

What made this general in the Continental Army known for his courage and loyalty betray the compatriots he fought so long aside?

***Simeon's Story***. Wright, Simeon. 6-8. 9.4. 1050L. 9 pts. 92 WRI [Carter G. Woodson]

Simeon Wright, after more than 50 years of silence, writes about he saw the night his 14-year-old cousin Emmett Till was kidnapped.

***Sir Charlie: Chaplin, the Funniest Man in the World***. \* Fleischman, Sid. 6-8. 7.4. 950L. 10 pts. 92 CHA [PW] ACT

An entertaining and informative biography of Charlie Chaplin

### **Diaries and Journals**

***Popularity Papers***. \* Ignatow, Amy. 3-5. 4.5. 7 pts. FIC IGN [MSBA] SL

Two fifth grade girls learn that their friends are the coolest people they know.

**Scrawl.\*** Shulman, Mark. 6-8. 3.7. 650L. 15 pts. FIC SHU [YALSAQP, YALSABB] SL

8<sup>th</sup> Grade bully has to spend every afternoon in detention after breaking into the school.

**The Strange Case of Origami Yoda.\*** Angleberger, Tom. 3-5. 4.6. 760L. 6 pts. FIC ANG [MSBA]

Sixth-grader Tommy has to figure out if Origami Yoda is real or not.

### **Fairy Tale/Folk Tale**

**Cloud Tea Monkeys.\*** Peet, Mal. 3-5. 5.5. 850L. 3 pts. FIC MAL [YALSA]

A little girl picks tea when her mother can no longer work; she gets help from her furry friends.

**Hawksmaid: The Untold Story of Robin Hood and Maid Marian.\*** Lasky, Kathryn. 6-8. 4.7. 780L. 14 pts. FIC LAS [Bloomer]

Maid Marian uses her unusual gift of communication with her falcons to conspire with Robin Hood and their band of friends to escape her captors and rescue a ransomed king.

**A Tale Dark & Grimm.\*** Gidwitz, Adam. 4-8. 4.3. 690L. 12 pts. FIC GID [SLJBB, MSBA]

Unique stories of greed, jealousy, and forgiveness: Hansel and Gretel and 8 other tales

**Toads and Diamonds.\*** Tomlinson, Heather. 6-8. 5.4. 820L. 18 pts. FIC TOM [YALSABB, SLJBB]

A fairy tale reset to fascinating pre-British India

### **Fantasy**

**The Boneshaker.\*** Milford, Kate. 6-8. 6.2. 900L. 21 pts. FIC MIL [YALSABB]

Natalie stands at the crossroads, looks the Devil directly in the face, conquers him, and saves her family and her town.

**The Demon King: A Seven Realms Novel.\*** Chima, Cinda Williams. 6-8. 4.6. 760L. 29 pts. FIC CHI [YALSABB] SL

The lives of Princess Raisa and former street lord, Han, intertwine when an amulet Han finds helps him discover his true heritage, and Raisa uncovers treachery in the castle.

**Fallen.\*** Lauren, Kate. 6-8. 5.4. 830L. 24 pts. FIC LAU [PW] SL

First book in the *Fallen* series

**Green Witch.\*** Hoffman, Alice. 6-8. 4.5. 740L. 7 pts. FIC HOF [YALSA]

Green sets out on a journey to learn the histories of the local witches and to free her soul mate from prison.

**Half World.\*** Goto, Hiromi. 6-8. 4.4. 710L. 14pts. FIC GOT [YALSABB] SL

Melanie Tamaki, often teased for her weight, must follow her mother into Half-world.

**I Shall Wear Midnight.\*** Pratchett, Terry. 6-8. 6.2. 900L 24 pts. FIC PRA [K, BCCB]

The final book of the *Tiffany Aching Adventure* series

**Incarceron.\*** Fisher, Catherine. 9up. 600L. 4.4. 23pts. FIC FIS [K, PW, HBF, SLJBB, YALSA] SL

Finn searches for identity in the prison Incarceron.

**Plain Kate.\*** Bow, Erin. 6-8. 3.5. 630L. 17pts. FIC BOW. [YALSABB]

After her father's death, Plain Kate has nothing except her carving tools and her cat. Some suspect she is a witch.

***The Ring of Solomon: a Bartimaeus Novel.***\* Stroud, Jonathan. 6-8. 5.4. 820L. 24 pts. FIC STR [SLJBB]

A spellbinding fantasy, a struggle for freedom, a quest for power, and some humor

***Sapphique.***\* Fisher, Catherine. 4.3. 570L. 23pts. FIC FIS [K]

A sequel to *Incarceron*

***Shadow Hunt.***\* Langrish, Katherine. 6-8. 3.7. 640L. 18 pts. FIC LAN [K] SL

Wolf, who has run away, is found and taken to a castle.

***13 Treasures.***\* Harrison, Michelle. 5-8. 4.7. 770L. 18pts. FIC HAR [SLJBB]

A frightening fantasy/ghost story/murder mystery

***The White Horse Trick.***\* Thompson, Kate. 6-8. 5.5. 840L. 17 pts. FIC THO [K, HBF]

The third book of the *New Policeman* trilogy

### **Graphic Fiction**

***Athena: Green-Eyed Goddess.***\* O'Connor, George. 5-9. 4.4. 720L. 4 pts.

GRAPHIC FIC O'CO [SLJBB]

Five thrilling tales about the headstrong goddess, beginning with her dramatic emergence from Zeus' skull

***Ghostopolis.***\* TenNapel, Doug. 3-5. 2.8. 300L. 4pts. GRAPHIC FIC TEN. [K]

In the afterlife, the boy fights an evil war.

***Odyssey.***\* Hinds, Gareth. 6-8. 6.5. 840L. 7 pts. GRAPHIC FIC HIN [K] ACT

Based on Homer's epic poem about a man who battles great odds and returns home to his family after the Trojan Wars

***Smile.***\* Telgemeier, Raina. 6-8. 4.3. 5pts. GRAPHIC FIC TEL [K, MSBA]

Raina struggles with her self-esteem.

***Trickster.***\* Dembicki, Matt. GRAPHIC FIC DEM No RC. [K]

A cartoon anthology of Native American stories

***Yummy: The Last Days of a Southside Shorty.***\* Neri, Greg. No RC. 305.8960 N

[Coretta Scott King Award, New Medal Honor]

A 14-year-old girl is killed by a stray bullet during a gang war.

***Zeus: King of the Gods.***\* O'Connor, George. 3-5. 4.7. 640 L. 3 pts. GRAPHIC FIC OCO [YALSA]

The Greek tale of the Titans and the new gods who came to take their places

### **Historical Fiction**

***90 Miles to Havana.*** Flores-Galbis, Enrique. 5-8. No RC. 790 L. [Belpre]

A gripping historical novel about children who were evacuated from Cuba to the U. S. during Operation Pedro Pan in 1961

***Alchemy and Meggy Swann.***\* Cushman, Karen. 5-8. 5.3. 810L. 11 pts. FIC CUS [K, SLJBB]

Born with a deformed leg and believed to be cursed, Meggy Swann makes her way to London to apprentice for her estranged father and help with his obsession with gold.

**Annexed.\*** Dogar, Sharon. 8-9+. 3.5. 470L. 15 pts. FIC DOG  
[SLJBB] ACT, SL

A fictionalized fifteen-year-old is frustrated and angry to be in hiding and frequently butts heads with Anne Frank, before coming to see her with new eyes. A Holocaust novel

**Bamboo People.\*** Perkins, Mitali. 6-8. 4.2. 680L. 14 pts. FIC PER  
[YALSABB, TTF, MSBA]

Chiko, a Burmese soldier, and Tureh, a Kerenni refugee, meet on opposite sides of war.

**Blessing's Bead.\*** Edwardson, Debby. 6-8. 5.6. 870L. 11 pts. FIC EDW  
[YALSABB] ACT

A written account of life in Alaska through the eyes is an Inupiaq family

**Countdown.\*** Wiles, Deborah. 6-8. 5.3. 800L. 17 pts. FIC WIL [PW] SL

The Cuban missile crisis provides an intense backdrop for this story.

**Crossing the Tracks.\*** Stuber, Barbara. 6-8. 4.2. 860L. 14 pts. FIC STU [K, WCM, YALSA] ACT, SL

Iris finds love and acceptance in unexpected places in the summer of 1926.

**Crowfield Curse.\*** Walsh, Pat. 6-8. 5.5. 840L. 16 pts. FIC WAL [K, MSBA] SL

In 1347, 14-year-old Wit's father is killed.

**Firefly Letters: A Suffragette's Journey to Cuba.\*** Engle, Margarita. 6-8. 11.7.  
1230L. 6 pts. FIC ENG [Paul Beaupre Award, Bloomer]

An African slave girl teaches the meaning of freedom.

**Forge.\*** Anderson, Laurie Halse. 6-8. 5.4. 820L. 16 pts. FIC AND [YALSABB, HBF, K]

All that stands between Curzon and his freedom is George Washington's army and a winter at Valley Forge.

**A Good Horse.\*** Smiley, Jane. 6-8. 8.6. 1010L. 17 pts. FIC SMI [K]

Sequel to *The Georges and the Jewels* (2009)

**Is It Night or Day?** Chapman, Fern. 6-8. 5.3. 810L. 12 pts. FIC CHA [MSBA]

Edith, a German Jew, escapes the Holocaust by traveling without her parents to Chicago.

**Long Walk to Water.\*** Park, Linda Sue. 6-8. 4.4. 720L. 8 pts. FIC PAR [MSBA]

Eleven-year-old Salva is torn from his family by civil war. After years in refuge camps he moves to the United States.

**Moon Over Manifest.\*** Vanderpoll, Claire. 6-8. 5.3. 800L. 20 pts. FIC VAN  
[SLJBB, K, Newbery Medal, MSBA]

12-year-old Abilene is sent to live in Manifest during the summer of 1936

**Once.\*** Gleitzman, Morris. 6-8. 3.7. 640L. 10 pts. FIC GLE [K]

Felix, a naïve Jewish boy in a Catholic orphanage, runs away to find his parents in Nazi-occupied Poland.

**One Crazy Summer.\*** Williams-Garcia, Rita. 6-8. 4.6. 750L 11 pts. FIC WIL [PW, HBF, Newbery Honor, Coretta Scott King Award, SLJBB, K]

It's 1968, and change is in the air across the country and in the lives of three sisters who encounter the Black Panthers.

***Prisoners in the Palace***\*. MacColl, Michaela. 6-8. 3.5. 630L. 19 pts. FIC MAC [MSBA] ACT

Seventeen-year-old Liza works for Princess Victoria in 1836 London and learns about loyalty and intrigue and must ultimately make a choice about her own happiness.

***The Private Thoughts of Amelia E. Rye***\* Shimko, Bonnie. 6-8. 5.2. 790 L. 12 pts. FIC SHI [YALSABB] ACT, SL

Growing up in the 1960's, Amelia finds a true friend and courage to confront the town bullies, bigots, and her train-wreck family.

***Revolution***\* Donnelly, Jennifer. 6-8. 4.2. 560L. 28 pts. FIC DON [YALSABB, TTF, SLBBB] ACT, SL

Severely depressed, 17-year-old Andi is forced to go to Paris with her father; she finds a diary that involves her in a life-changing mystery.

***Sources of Light***. McMullan, Margaret. 6-8. 5.5. 840L. 14 pts. FIC MCM [Bloomer]

Seeing the world through the lens of a camera increases Sam's awareness and involvement with the social changes that rock her community: Jackson, Mississippi, 1962.

***Three Rivers Rising: A Novel of the Johnstown Flood***\* Richards, Jame. 6-8. 5.7. 780L. FIC RIC [YALSABB, SLJBB] ACT, SL

Told in verse, this story revolves around a variety of people whose lives touch before and after the failure of the earthen dam above Johnstown, Pennsylvania in 1889.

***Turtle in Paradise***\* Holm, Jennifer. 3-6. 3.4. 610L. 8 pts. FIC HOL [Newbery Medal Honor, K]

In 1935 Key West, FL., 11-year-old Turtle goes to live with a family she has never met.

***Warriors in the Crossfire***. Flood, Nancy. 6-8. 4.2. 560L. 9 pts. FIC FLO [YALBB, Booklist]

12-year-old Joseph must decide whether to trust the Japanese or the Americans.

***The Water Seeker***\* Holt, Kimberly. 6-8. 4.5. 730L. 17 pts. FIC HOL [K, YALSABB] SL

Amos and his family can find water underground.

***Wicked Girls: A Novel of the Salem Witch Trials***\* Hemphill, Stephanie. 8-12. 4.3. 700L. 11pts. FIC HEM [SLJBB] ACT

This novel in verse features two girls who accuse townspeople of being witches.

***Woods Runner***\* Paulsen, Gary. 6-8. 5.6. 870. 10pts. FIC PAU [YALSABB, MSBA] ACT, SL

In 1776, 13-year-old Samuel finds the settlement burned and the settlers murdered.

***Zora and Me: the Story of Ivory***\* Bond, Victoria. 3-5. 5.6. 860L. 9 pts. FIC BON [Coretta Scott King Award, K, and JS New Talent]

Their quiet lives are shattered by the death of a man killed by an alligator.

## **Horror**

***Birth of a Killer***\* Shan, Darren. 6-8. 5.6. 870L. 13 pts. FIC SHA [QP] SL

In this book continuing "The Saga of Lasten Crepley," Crepley meets a vampire and begins an apprenticeship, hoping one day to become a vampire himself.

***The Club***\* Watson, Stephanie. 6-8. 4.3. 580 L. 6 pts. FIC WAT [YALSAQP] SL

Playing a deadly game of magic

Henry and Dr. Warthrop are trying to disprove the existence of the Wendigo.

***The Hunchback Assignments.*** Slade, Arthur. 6-8. 5.2. 680L. FIC SLA. [YALSABB]  
***Skin.*** Jasper, Rick. 6-8. 2.4. 540L. 1 pts. [YALSAQP] SL

In this book from the *Night Fall* series, Nick realizes something evil is taking over his body when he breaks out with horrible acne and feels as though his bones have turned to ice.

***Rot & Ruin.\**** Maberry, Jonathan. 6-8. 5.7. 780L. 26 pts. FIC MAB [YALSA] ACT, SL

15-year-old Benny decides to become an apprentice of his zombie killer brother.

***Thaw.*** Jasper, Rick. 6-8. 4.5. 620L. 6 pts. FIC JAS [YALSAQP]

Defrosted cult leader

***Unthinkable.*** Duke, Shirley. 6-8. 4.4. 600L. 7 pts. FIC DUK [YALSAQP]

The only thing worse than Sophie's cure is what happens if Omar ignores it.

### **Humor**

***Big Nate: In a Class by Himself.*** Peirce, Lincoln. 3-5. 2.7. 500L. 5pts. FIC PEI [HBF]

Nate is a sixth-grade slacker well versed in the art of sarcasm, but his intentions are mostly good and always believable.

***Crunch.\**** Connor, Leslie. 6-8. 3.6. 490L. 14 pts. FIC CON [K] SL

14-year-old Dewey has to run the family's bicycle repair shop.

***Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Ugly Truth.\**** Kinney, Jeff. 3-5. 7.6. 970L. 8pts. FIC KIN [PW]

Humor, jokes, riddles

***Guys Read: Funny Business.\**** Scieszka, Jon. 3-5. 5.5. 840L. 14 pts. FIC SCI [MSBA]

Humorous short stories about crazy stunts, superheroes, aliens, and brothers.

***Spaceheadz.\**** Scieszka, Jon. 3-5. 3.3. 580L 5 pts. FIC SCI. [MSBA]

Ten-year-old Michael meets new students who have an alien plan.

### **Mystery and Suspense**

***Dark Days of Hamburger Halpin.\**** Berk, Josh. 6-8. 5.4. 820L. 12 pts. FIC BER [K] ACT

When Will leaves his school for the deaf for a public school, he finds himself embroiled in solving the mystery of a classmate's death during a field trip.

***Grounded.*** Klise, Kate. 3-5. 4.4. 720L. 9 pts. FIC KLI. [YALSA, BATCHELDER] SL

Daralynn, a 12-year-old whose family dies in a plane crash, sets out to investigate her aunt's new, dangerous boyfriend.

***Mysterious Howling.\**** Wood, Maryrose. 3-5. 8.5. 1000L. 12 pts. FIC WOO [MSBA]

Fifteen-year-old Penelope, a governess, finds that the children have been raised by wolves. (Book 1: *The Incurable Children of Ashton Place*)

***We the Children.\**** Clements, Andrew. 3-5. 5.6. 860L. 7 pts. FIC CLE [MSBA]

The janitor tells Benjamin a secret, which changes his life forever. (Book 1—*Benjamin Pratt and the Keepers of the School*)

## Non-Fiction

***Birmingham Sunday.*** \* Brimmer, Larry. 6-8. 9.8. 1190L. 5 pts. 323.1126 BRI [K]

The 1963 bombing of the Sixteenth Baptist Church

***Built to Last.***\* Macauley, David. 6-8. 11.9 1280L. 7 pts. 729 M [K]

Updates *Castle* (1977) and *Cathedral* (1973)

***Champions of Wild Animals.*** Malnor, Caroll. No RC. 33.9541 M [Outstanding Science Trade Book]

***Dark Game: True Spy Stories from the Revolution to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.***\* Janeczko, Paul B. 6-8. 12.4. 1200L. 12 pts. 327.7300 J [YALSA, NF, Newbery Medal Honor] SL  
Short stories

***Every Bone Tells a Story: Hominin Discoveries, Deductions, and Debates.***\* Rubalcaba, Jill. 6-8. 8.6. 1010L. 11 pts. 930.1 RUB [YALSA, Newbery Medal Honor]

Stories and debates regarding the Ice Man

***The Good, the Bad, and the Barbie: A Doll's History and Her Impact on Us.***\* Stone, Tanya Lee. 6-12. 10.6. 1120L. 9pts. 688.7 STO [K, SLJBB]

The history behind the doll that sat for months on warehouse shelves before beginning her ascent as an American icon

***Honey Bees.*** Buchmann, Stephen. 6-8. 11.9. 1340L. 11 pts. 638.1 B [Outstanding Science Trade Books]

Topics include the biology of bees, honey production, the history of bee keeping, and the roles of bees in the environment

***Kakapo Rescue: Saving the World's Strangest Parrot.***\* Montgomery, Sy. 2-5. 7.4 950L 6 pts. 639 MON [K, HBF, RFS]

A rare look into the work of volunteers trying to save an endangered parrot species

***Oceans: Dolphins, Sharks, Penguins, and More!***\* Rizzo, Johnna. 3-5. 10.8. 1190L 4 pts. 551.46 R [MSBA]

Readers will learn all about different types of animals that live in the ocean.

***Soccer Book.***\* Goldblatt, David. 7-12. No RC. 616.6 T [QP].

***Spies of Mississippi: The True Story of the Spy Network That Tried to Destroy the Civil Rights Movement.***\* Bowers, Rick. 7-12. 10.0. 8 pts. 1290L 323.1196 B [Newbery Medal Honor, YALSABB]

Learn about the men and women who fought on both sides of the civil rights and segregation issues in Mississippi in the 1950s and 1960s.

***Spilling InK; a Young Writer's Handbook.***\* Mazer, Anne. 5-8. No RC. 808 M[MSBA]

This is an encouraging how-to manual full of practical advice for young writers—suggests practice exercises for novices.

***Sugar Changed the World: A Story of Magic, Spice, Slavery, Freedom, and Science.***\* Aronson, Marc. 8-12. 10.7. 1130L. 8 pts. 664 AR [SLJBB]

The trail of sugar runs through world events.

***They Called Themselves the K.K.K.: The Birth of an American Terrorist Group.*** \* Bartoletti, Susan. 7-10. 11.7. 10 pts. 1180L. 322.4 BAR [SLJBB, PW, HBF, Newbery Medal Honor] SL

A gripping account of the white supremacist organization

***Ultimate Dinopedia.*** Lessem, Don. No RC. 567.9 L [Outstanding Science Trade Books]

***Unraveling Freedom.*** Bausum, Ann. 6-8. 11.9. 1250 L. 6 pts. 94.3730 B [Booklist]  
How President Woodrow Wilson and the U. S. Congress destroyed American Civil Liberties during World War I

***The War to End All Wars: World War I.\**** Freedman, Russell. 7-12. 12.6. 10pts. 1220L. 940.3F [HBF, PW, K, SLJBB]

Black-and-white archival photographs chronicle a conflict that left millions dead.

***The Year of Goodbyes.\**** Levy, Debbie. 6-8. 6.8. 910L. 5 pts. 811L [K]

A Jewish girl in Nazi Germany writes about the last days before her family can safely leave Germany.

### **Poetry**

***Dark Emperor and Other Poems.\**** Sidman, Joyce. 3-5. 8.6. 2pts. 1020 L. 811 L [Newbery Medal Honor, HBF, YALSABB, Newbery Medal Honor, MSBA]

***Borrowed Names: Poems About Laura Ingalls Wilder, Madam C. Walker, Marie Curie, and Their Daughters.\**** Atkins, Jeannine. 6-9. No RC. 811 AT [YALSA]

### **Realistic Fiction**

***10 pm Question.*** De Goldi, Kate. 6-8. 5.4. 830L 18 pts. FIC DEG [YALSA], ACT

Frankie deals with his mother's agoraphobia; Sydney with her mother's parenting.

***After Ever After.\**** Sonnenblick, Jordan. 6-8. 5.4. 820L. 12 pts. FIC SON [YALSA, SFBA, SEUS GEISEL Award, MSBA]

Jeffrey must figure out how to live as a cancer survivor, and graduate eighth grade.

***Batboy.\**** Lupica, Mike. 6-8. 7.3. 940L. 14 pts. FIC LUP [MSBA]

Fourteen-year-old Brian is disappointed by his hero, a player with the Detroit Tigers.

***Borderline.\**** Stratton, Allan. 6-8. 4.2. 560L 14 pts. FIC STR [YALSABB] ACT, SL

Sami sets out to prove his father's innocence after Homeland Security breaks into their house and hauls his father away.

***Boys Without Names\*.*** Sheth, Kashmira. 3-5. 4.2. 670L. 16 pts. FIC SHE [MSBA]

After moving to Mumbai with his family, eleven-year-old Gopal finds himself imprisoned with five other boys and forced to work for a brutal man.

***The Cardturner.\**** Sachar, Louis. 6-8. 5.4. 720L 16 pts. FIC SAC [YALSABB, PW] SL

Alton's summer job is turning cards at bridge games for his great uncle Trap. He learns much more than how to play bridge.

***Crazy.*** Nolan, Han. 608. 3.8. 660L. 19 pts. FIC NOL [[YALSABB] SL

14-year-old Jason joins a school support group and makes friends who help bear his burden of a mentally ill father

***Dirty Little Secrets.\**** C.J. Omololu. 6-8. 5.7. 890L. 16 pts. FIC OMO [YALSAQP] SL

Hoarding can be deadly.

***Fat Cat.*** Brande, Robin. 6-8. 4.3. 700L. 18 pts. FIC BRA [YALSABB] ACT, SL

Aiming to take home top prize at the science fair and maybe lose some weight in the process, Cat plans to examine life as a cave girl; her subject, herself.

***Five Flavors of Dumb***\*. John, Anthony. 7-12. 5.7. 890L. 19pts. FIC JOH [Schneider Family Book Award] ACT, SL

Life at school, at home and in a band

***Half Brother***\*. Oppel, Kenneth. 6-8. 4.2. 680L. 21pts. FIC OPP [YALSABB] ACT, SL

Ben begins to see the chimpanzee his father is using to study language acquisition as more than a test subject.

***How I, Nicky Flynn, Finally Get a Life (and a Dog)***\*. Corriveau, Art. 5-8. No RC. FIC COR [MSBA]

The story of a boy and a former seeing-eye dog.

***Milo: Sticky Notes and Brain Freeze***\*. Silberberg, Alan. 3-5. 10.7. 1180L. 10 pts. FIC SIL [MSBA]

Twelve-year-old Milo struggles with adolescence and a life without his mother.

***Mockingbird***\*. Erskine, Kathryn. 6-8. 3.5. 630L. 11pts. FIC ERK [YALSA, MSBA]

10-year-old Caitlin has to figure out how to make the world work now that her brother Devon has died.

***My Life As a Book***\*. Tashjian, Janet. 3-5. 5.7. 880L. 7 pts. FIC TAS [MSBA]

After Derek finds an article in his attic, he tries to learn the truth about the girl in the article.

***Ninth Ward***\*. Rhodes, Jewell Parker. 5-8. 3.5. 10 pts. 470L. FIC RHO [Coretta Scott King Award, SLLJBB, Bloomer]

Lanesha and her Mama Ya-Ya try to survive Hurricane Katrina

***Nothing***\*. Teller, Janne. 6-8. 8.5. 1000L. 9 pts. FIC TEL [YALSAQP, MLP, YALSABB, PW, Newbery Medal Honor] ACT

When a classmate tells them ‘nothing matters,’ his peers reinforce the opposite, sacrificing what matters to them in progressively intense challenges.

***Out of My Mind***\*. Draper, Sharon. 3-5. 4.3. 700L. 14 pts. FIC DRA [MSBA]

Melody Brooks wants people to accept her by her merits, not her disability.

***Penny Dreadful***\*. Snyder, Laurel. 3-5. 4.5. 740L. 13 pts. FIC SNY [MSBA]

After living in the city Penny and her family find happiness in the country.

***Riding Invisible***\*. Alonzo, Sandra. 6-8. 5.7. 880L. 11pts. FIC ALO [YALBB] ACT, SL

Yancy runs away when his older brother threatens his horse.

***Secret Saturdays***\*. Maldonado, Torrey. 6-8. 3.3. 580L. 11pts. FIC MAL [YALSAQP] ACT

What is Sean hiding from his best friend?

***Shakespeare Makes the Playoffs***\*. Koertge, Ron. 6-8. 3.6. 6pts. FIC KOE [YALSABB, MSBA]

A novel in verse., Kevin is dating one girl and e-mailing poems to another.

***The Things a Brother Knows***\*. Reinhardt, Dana. 7-12. 4.7. 650L. 15pts. FIC REI [YALSABB, TTF, SLJBB] ACT, SL

Boaz is back and hailed as the hometown hero, but he is not at all the same. Can his younger brother Levi help him truly make his way home?

**Science Fiction**

*The Gardener*.\* Bodeen, S. A. 6-8. 4.5. 620L. 14pts. FIC BOD [YALSAQP] SL

Most gardeners grow plants; this Gardener grows people.

*The Pathfinder*.\* Card, Orson Scott. 6-8. 6.4. 38 pts. 920 L. FIC CAR [Booklist] SL

As his father is dying, 14-year-old Rigg seaches for his sister and mother, after learning they are alive.