

New Hyde Park– Garden City Park Suggested Reading List 2015 Kindergarten

This list is for students entering this grade.

If you can't find these titles, please look for others by the same author.

This list includes a wide range of reading levels.

Arnold, Tedd. Hi, Fly Guy! (series)

A Common Core Text Exemplar fiction selection

When Buzz captures a fly to enter in The Amazing Pet Show, his parents and the judges tell him that a fly cannot be a pet, but Fly Guy proves them wrong.

Barnett, Mac. Sam & Dave Dig a Hole

2015 Caldecott Honor book

Sam and Dave are on a mission to find something spectacular. So they dig a hole. And they keep digging. And they find . . . nothing. Yet the day turns out to be pretty spectacular after all. Attentive readers will be rewarded with a rare treasure in this witty story of looking for the extraordinary — and finding it in a manner you'd never expect.

Buehner, Caralyn. Superdog: The Heart of a Hero

Every Hero Has a Story! (2015 Public Library Summer Reading Theme)

Tired of being overlooked because he is so small, a big-hearted dog named Dexter transforms himself into a superhero.

Burningham, John. Picnic

A beautifully simple story of a girl, a boy, a duck, a sheep, and a pig at play. An unexpected chase from a bull causes the friends to run into the woods. When it is safe to come out, they find the perfect spot for their picnic and frolic in the sun until it's time to head home.

Castillo, Lauren. Nana in the City

2015 Caldecott Honor book

A young boy is frightened by how busy and noisy the city is when he goes there to visit his Nana, but she makes him a fancy red cape that keeps him from being scared as she shows him how wonderful a place it is.

Cole, Henry. Big Bug

Beginning with a bug, various objects are revealed as being big and small in comparison with other objects on a farm under the big, big sky.

Crews, Donald. Truck

A Common Core Text Exemplar Informational selection and a Caldecott Honor book

Boldly colored illustrations follow a red tractor-trailer truck as it moves along city streets, across a bridge, and through a tunnel.

Ehlert, Lois. The Scraps Book: Notes from a Colorful Life

A visual survey of Lois Ehlert's artistic career. In this autobiography, Ehlert reflects on her parents' support, her early creative experiments and her behind-the-scenes book-making processes.

Frazee, Marla. The Farmer and the Clown

A wordless picture book in which a farmer rescues a baby clown who's bounced off the circus train, and reunites him with his clown family.

Gehl, Laura. One Big Pair of Underwear

Progressively larger groups of animals attempt to share a limited number of scooters, nap mats and underwear.

Jango-Cohen, Judith. Fire Trucks (*Pull Ahead series*)

This Easy-to-Read Non-Fiction book describes the parts of a fire truck, the tools it carries and the work it helps firemen do.

Kang, Anna. You Are (Not) Small

2015 Theodore Seuss Geisel Award Winner!

Two fuzzy creatures can't agree on who is big and who is small, until a couple of surprise guests show up, settling it once and for all.

London, Jonathan. Froggy Eats Out (*series*)

After Froggy misbehaves at a fancy restaurant, his parents take him to a Fast Flies restaurant to celebrate their anniversary.

Lopshire, Robert. Put Me in the Zoo

A Common Core Text Exemplar fiction selection

In this fun, silly book, a large spotted animal discovers that he really belongs in a circus, not a zoo.

Mader, C. Roger. Tiptop Cat

A cat finds the courage to climb again after a terrifying fall from his owner's apartment balcony.

McDonnell, Patrick. A Perfectly Messed-Up Story

Louie becomes angry when the story in which he appears is ruined by messes from jelly, peanut butter and other things that do not belong in books.

Novak, B. J. The Book with No Pictures

A silly read-aloud book that combines a deliberately image-free format with wacky nonsense text, goofy song lyrics and more.

Santat, Dan. The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend

2015 Caldecott Medal Winner!

An imaginary friend waits a long time to be imagined by a child and given a special name, and finally does the unimaginable--he sets out on a quest to find his perfect match in the real world.

Soman, David. Three Bears in a Boat

Afraid to face their mother after breaking her beautiful blue seashell, three bears set out on a high seas adventure to find a replacement.

Willems, Mo. Waiting is Not Easy (*Elephant and Piggie series*)

2015 Theodore Seuss Geisel Honor book

Piggie tells Gerald she has a surprise for him, but it is not there yet so he must learn to be patient.

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New Hyde Park- Garden City Park Suggested Reading List 2015 First Grade

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Aliki. My Five Senses

A Common Core Text Exemplar informational selection

This book presents a simple explanation of the five senses, and demonstrates some ways that we use them. If you enjoy this book, check out more books by Aliki, who has written dozens of wonderful children's books!

Bang, Molly. Buried Sunlight: How Fossil Fuels Have Changed the Earth (series)

As the Sun narrates this luminous story, we learn that we may have some unusual weather if we are not careful in using fossil fuels wisely. Step by step, the Sun explains how plants and sunlight helped create coal, oil, and gas. If we respect the Earth, we will use its resources with care.

Brown, Peter. My Teacher is a Monster! (No, I am Not)

When Bobby launches a paper plane in class, Ms. Kirby turns into a monster-teacher, green skin and all! After school, Bobby goes to the park and sees his teacher there. What a surprise. They begin to chat. After a while, Ms. Kirby's hat blows away and Bobby rescues it. They relax a bit. As they share their favorite spots in the park, Bobby notices that his teacher loses her monstrous looks. She likes flying paper planes...just not in school!

Browne, Anthony. What If...?

Joe is about to attend his first big birthday party for his friend, Tom. As his Mom takes him to Tom's house, Joe is nervous about going to a new place alone. His Mom reassures him, but is a little bit worried too. When she returns to pick him up, we see that Joe had a great time! All their worrying was unnecessary! Joe wants a party just like Tom's!

Burleigh, Robert. Trapped!: a Whale's Rescue

In this true story of a female humpback whale, we watch as divers cut away the nets that trap this stunning creature. We cheer that she is set free to roam the sea again. It is a memorable tale of a remarkable rescue.

Cali, Davide. A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to School...

Can you believe all the things that made a student late to school one day? An army of giant ants, scary majorettes, a time machine, sheep, ducks, ninjas and mole people!

Davies, Benji. The Storm Whale

After a ferocious storm, lonely Noi finds a small whale on the beach. He brings it home and keeps it company all day. When his hardworking father returns, he understands that Noi needs his companionship; so they bring the whale back to the sea and he plans to become a careful listener to Noi from now on.

De La Peña, Matt. Last Stop on Market Street

Sometimes CJ doesn't appreciate what he has; he wonders why others seem to have more. His wise Nana gently explains that he is more fortunate than others. As they make their weekly trip to the Soup Kitchen on Market Street, CJ warms up to his task and happily donates his change to a needy musician. Nana knows a lot!

Delaporte, Bèrèngère. Superfab Saves the Day

Every Hero Has a Story! (2015 Public Library Summer Reading Theme)

Are you looking for a story about a fabulously dressed superhero? If so, then this stylish story is for you! Superfab only has one flaw...he takes so long to choose his outfits that other superheroes get to solve the crime before he gets dressed! What to do? Eventually, our hero makes the grade! All the other heroes are beaten by the monster which allows our slow dresser to succeed using fashion as his super-weapon!

Dolan, Elys. Weasels

If you enjoy weasel jokes mixed with coffee jokes then this book is your cup of tea! They run around crazily determined to rule the world. The only problem is they are easily distracted. Never mind! Whether they rule the world or just dominate the coffee pot, they are very amusing individuals to read about.

Dubic, Marianne. The Lion and the Bird

Read this touching tale about a lion tenderly caring for a wounded bird, and you will be rewarded with a warm feeling towards our fellow creatures. Seasons will change, but caring for others remains forever.

Jeffers, Oliver. Once Upon an Alphabet

This is the most fabulous new alphabet book ever! It has humor, appealing art, and letters that show up more than once! Once Upon an Alphabet has short stories to entertain us while we learn our letters!

Lobel, Arnold. Frog and Toad Together (series)

A Common Core Text Exemplar fiction selection and a Caldecott Honor Award Winner

Two best friends share many adventures as they share cookies, plant a garden, and test their bravery.

Minarik, Else Holmelund. Little Bear (series)

A Common Core Text Exemplar fiction selection

Little Bear's four adventures include taking a trip to the moon and having a birthday party.

Morales, Yuyi. Viva Frida

2015 Caldecott Honor book

Viva Frida is an unusual book describing a unique artist from Mexico. The book is written in both Spanish and English, and focuses on the emotions that are important to Frida Kahlo. The stunning colors and images represent cultural icons from her life.

Muth, Jon J. Hi, Koo!: a Year of Seasons

If you crave a lovely way to wind through the seasons, then this book is just right. As Muth creates delightful Haiku poems we begin to savor the simplicity of both his words and illustrations.

O'Connor, Jane. Fancy Nancy and the Boy from Paris (series)

As you know, Nancy loves France and all things Parisian. This includes, naturally, the new boy from Paris. ...only he is from Paris, Texas. No worries, he is still her best new "ami"!

Scieszka, Jon. Smash! Crash! (Trucktown series)

Oh my! Dump trucks and huge vehicles do their best to make noise while working their way through town. They invite readers to join the fun in this colorful romp.

Watt, Mèlanie. Chester's Masterpiece (series)

We watch Chester ruin Mèlanie's new book and cheer when his red marker finally dries up. Now the right author takes control of this original story about the process of writing a picture book.

Wing, Natasha. The Night Before Summer Vacation (series)

Building on our familiarity with Clement C. Moore's classic Christmas poem, Wing keeps the rhythm but changes the text to portray the experience of packing for summer vacation. She manages to tweak the classic with gentle humor.

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New Hyde Park– Garden City Park Suggested Reading List 2015 Second Grade

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Aston, Dianna Hutts. An Egg is Quiet (series)

This is a gorgeous and informative introduction to eggs; from tiny hummingbird eggs to giant ostrich eggs, oval ladybug eggs to tubular dogfish eggs, gooey frog eggs to fossilized dinosaur eggs, it magnificently captures the incredible variety of eggs and celebrates their beauty and wonder.

Byrne, Richard. This Book Just Ate My Dog!

When her dog disappears into the gutter of the book, Bella calls for help, but when the helpers disappear too, Bella realizes it will take more than a tug on the leash to put things right.

Cameron, Ann. The Stories Julian Tells (series)

A Common Core Text Exemplar fiction selection

Relates episodes in seven-year-old Julian's life which include getting in trouble with his younger brother Huey, planting a garden, what he did to try and grow taller, losing a tooth, and finding a new friend. If you like this, try one of the other books with Julian, his friend Gloria and his little brother Huey.

Cammuso, Frank. Spelling Trouble (*The Misadventures of Salem Hyde series*)

Frequently admonished for her impulsive behavior, Salem Hyde, a young witch, ignores long lectures by her dignified animal companion and enters a spelling competition at school only to discover that the "spelling" involves words instead of magic.

DiCamillo, Kate. Leroy Ninker Saddles Up (*Mercy Watson companion series*)

Forging an instant bond with spaghetti-loving horse Maybelline, horseless cowboy Leroy Ninker inadvertently risks eternal loneliness when he forgets a vital rule about Maybelline's care.

Gay, Marie-Louise. Any Questions?

Many children want to know where stories come from and how a book is made. Marie-Louise Gay's new picture book provides them with some delightfully inspiring answers through a fictional encounter between an author and some very curious children.

Holm, Jennifer. Babymouse: Our Hero (series)

Every Hero Has a Story! (2015 Public Library Summer Reading Theme)

An imaginative young mouse is terrified to face her enemy in dodge ball, but with the help of her best friend and support from her mother, she not only plays the game, she proves herself a hero.

Kudlinski, Kathleen V. Boy, Were We Wrong About Dinosaurs

A Common Core Text Exemplar informational selection

Examines what is known about dinosaur bones, behavior, and other characteristics and how different the facts often are from what scientists, from ancient China to the recent past, believed to be true.

Meltzer, Brad. I Am Albert Einstein (*Ordinary People Change the World series*)

Presents the life of the world-renowned German scientist, describing how his life-long curiosity and ability to question accepted theories led him to develop his famous theory of relativity and win the Noble Prize for Physics.

Messner, Kate. Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt

Explores the hidden world of a vegetable garden through the seasons of the year, revealing a thriving world of insects and animals below the surface of growing vegetables.

Palacios, Tomas. Becoming Spider-Man

When typical teenager Peter Parker is accidentally bitten by a radioactive spider, he develops spider-like super powers, and uses them to protect the people of New York City.

Rabinowitz, Alan. A Boy and a Jaguar

Follow the life of the man Time Magazine calls, "the Indiana Jones of wildlife conservation" as he searches for his voice and fulfills a promise to speak for animals, and people, who cannot speak for themselves.

Richards, Keith. Gus & Me: The Story of My Granddad and My First Guitar

Tells the story of the young Keith Richards, who was introduced to the joy of music through his beloved granddad, affectionately known as "Gus."

Rosenstock, Barb. The Noisy Paint Box: The Colors and Sounds of Kandinsky's Abstract Art

2015 Caldecott Honor book

An exuberantly illustrated introduction to the early life of abstract painter Vasya [Wassily] Kadinsky describes how his creative life was profoundly shaped by a neurological condition called "synesthesia," which caused him to experienced colors as sounds, and sounds as colors.

Rylant, Cynthia. Henry and Mudge: the First Book of Their Adventures (*series*)

A Common Core Text Exemplar fiction selection and a Theodor Seuss Geisel Award Winner

Henry, feeling lonely on a street without any other children, finds companionship and love in a big dog named Mudge. Henry and Mudge have had many adventures- try one of the other books as well!

Rylant, Cynthia. Mr. Putter & Tabby Turn the Page (*series*)

2015 Theodore Seuss Geisel Honor book

Mr. Putter and Mrs. Teaberry bring Tabby and Zeke to the library for a special story time.

Salisbury, Graham. Calvin Coconut: Hero of Hawaii (*series*)

When a hurricane causes the river near his Hawaiian home to flood, a boy named Calvin Coconut makes a daring rescue.

Sarcone-Roach, Julia. The Bear Ate Your Sandwich

Bear meets sandwich, adventure ensues!

Sisson, Stephanie Roth. Star Stuff: Carl Sagan and the Mysteries of the Cosmos

For every child who has ever looked up at the stars and asked, "What are they?" comes the story of a curious boy who never stopped wondering: Carl Sagan.

Wing, Natasha. Jalapeño Bagels

For International Day at school, Pablo wants to bring something that reflects the cultures of both his parents.

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New Hyde Park- Garden City Park Suggested Reading List 2015 Third Grade

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Bell, Cece. El Deafo

2015 Newbery Honor book

Every Hero Has a Story! (2015 Public Library Summer Reading Theme)

Going to school and making new friends can be tough. But going to school and making new friends while wearing a bulky hearing aid strapped to your chest? That requires superpowers! In this funny, poignant graphic novel memoir, author/illustrator Cece Bell chronicles her hearing loss at a young age.

Bryant, Jennifer. The Right Word: Roget and His Thesaurus

2015 Caldecott Honor book and Sibert Award winner!

This award winning biography of the inventor of the Thesaurus, Peter Roget, combines an informative text with wonderful pictures.

**Coy, John. Hoop Genius: How a Desperate Teacher and a Rowdy Gym Class
Invented Basketball**

Reveals how James Naismith came to invent basketball at a Springfield, Massachusetts, high school in 1891 while teaching a rowdy gym class.

Davies, Nicola. Tiny Creatures: the World of Microbes

This fun book looks at all the different microbes that inhabit the Earth and examines the varied jobs they do.

Davis, Kathryn Gibbs. Mr. Ferris and His Wheel

Capturing an engineer's creative vision and mind for detail, this fully illustrated picture book biography sheds light on how the American inventor George Ferris defied gravity and seemingly impossible odds to invent the world's most iconic amusement park attraction, the Ferris wheel.

Gannett, Ruth Stiles. My Father's Dragon (series)

A Common Core Text Exemplar fiction selection

A young boy determines to rescue a poor baby dragon who is used by a group of lost wild animals to ferry them across the river on Wild Island. The adventures continue in Elmer and the Dragon and The Dragons of Blueland.

Hanlon, Abby. Dory Fantasmagory

Dory, the youngest in her family, is a girl with a very active imagination, and she spends the summer playing with her imaginary friend, pretending to be a dog, battling monsters, and generally driving her family nuts.

Himmelman, John. Tales of Bunjitsu Bunny

Although she can throw farther, kick higher, and hit harder than anyone else at school, Isabel, aka Bunjitsu Bunny, never hurts another creature, unless she has to.

Klein, Abby. Camping Catastrophe! (Ready Freddy series)

First-grader Freddy, who is afraid of the dark, is apprehensive about going on a wilderness camping trip.

MacLachlan, Patricia. The Iridescence of Birds: a Book about Henri Matisse

If you were a boy named Henri Matisse who lived in a dreary town in northern France, what would your life be like? Would it be full of color and art? Full of lines and dancing figures? Find out in this beautiful, unusual picture book about one of the world's most famous and influential artists.

Maddox, Jake Gymnastics Jitters (series)

Dana and the rest of the Raiders gymnastics team believe that hard work and practice are the way to win-- so how will they fare against the Superiors, a team with a reputation for dirty play and cheating?

McDonald, Megan. Stink and the Shark Sleepover (series)

When Stink and his friends get to sleep over at the aquarium, it's a science freak's dream come true. But after some spooky stories around the virtual campfire, can he manage to fall asleep?

Osborne, Mary Pope. The One-Eyed Giant (series)

A Common Core Text Exemplar fiction selection

This is the first book in Mary Pope Osborne's Tales from the Odyssey series, and it retells the part of Homer's exciting epic poem "The Odyssey" in which King Odysseus fights the Cyclops.

Powell, Patricia. Josephine: The Dazzling Life of Josephine Baker

2015 Sibert Honor book

This charming biography invites readers to step inside the vibrant and spirited world of performer and civil rights advocate, Josephine Baker.

Roy, Katherine. Neighborhood Sharks: Hunting with the Great Whites of California's Farallon Islands

2015 Sibert Honor book

A portrait of the life cycle, biology, and habitat of the great white shark, based on the latest research and an up-close visit with these animals in the Farallon Islands.

Russell-Brown, Katheryn. Little Melba and Her Big Trombone

A biography of African American musician Melba Doretta Liston, a virtuoso musician who played the trombone and composed and arranged music for many of the great jazz musicians of the twentieth century.

Sidman, Joyce. Winter Bees and Other Poems of the Cold

In this outstanding picture book collection of poems by Newbery Honor-winning poet Joyce Sidman, discover how animals stay alive in the wintertime and learn about their secret lives happening under the snow.

St. George, Judith. So You Want to Be President? (series)

A Common Core Text Exemplar informational selection and a Caldecott award winner!

This entertaining informational story presents an assortment of facts about the qualifications and characteristics of U.S. presidents, from George Washington to Barack Obama.

Thea Stilton and the Mystery in Paris (series)

When Colette invites her friends to come home with her to Paris for spring break to attend cousin Julie's runway show, the five mice are delighted. But soon after they arrive, Julie's designs are stolen. Will the five mice be able to catch the thief in time to save the fashion show?

Watson, Tom. Stick Dog (series)

Stick Dog and his four friends - Stripes, Mutt, Poo-Poo and Karen - will do anything to steal some sweet-smelling hamburgers from a family at Picasso Park!

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New Hyde Park– Garden City Park Suggested Reading List 2015 Fourth Grade

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Angleberger, Tom. ART2-D2's Guide to Folding and Doodling

Save this gem for a rainy day because it is filled with creative ideas to try. How about folding origami Star Wars figures, printing cool letters, or building your very own ChapStick rocket?

Farley, Walter. The Black Stallion

A Common Core Text Exemplar fiction selection!

Young Alec Ramsay is shipwrecked on a desert island with a horse destined to play an important part in his life.

Gherman, Beverly. Sparky: The Life and Art of Charles Schultz

Anyone who has enjoyed the antics of Charlie Brown, Snoopy, and the gang, will eagerly read about their creator. His insights are brilliant and his characters remind us of ourselves.

Grabenstein, Chris. The Island of Dr. Libris

Billy is stuck on the island without technology to entertain him; he might as well read the books locked in Dr. Libris's cabinet. And now the adventures begin! As he reads, the characters in the books come alive.

Hale, Nathan. Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales: Treaties, Trenches, Mud, and Blood (a World War I tale) (series)

Presented in a graphic novel, the events of World War I are more accessible while still managing to convey the serious consequences of war.

Hoena, B. A. Everything Soccer (National Geographic Everything Series)

Spend some of your summer days playing soccer, especially after reading this handy guide. Narrated by Omar Gonzalez, this book has photos, facts, and quizzes to keep you on your game.

Hoffman, Alice. Nightbird

Nightbird works its magic spell to enchant us using a witch's curse, a boy with wings, and a family trying to live happily ever after.

Jenkins, Steve. Eye to Eye: How Animals See the World

Next time you have your eyes examined you may think about the creatures whose eyes are pictured in this excellent blend of art and science.

Krosoczka, Jarrett. The Frog Who Croaked (Platypus Police Squad series)

This fun-filled mystery is populated by a platypus detective trying to solve the mystery of synthetic fish flooding his town and a missing high school teacher.

Lin, Grace. Where the Mountain Meets the Moon

A Common Core Text Exemplar fiction selection and a Newbery Honor Award Winner!

Minli, an adventurous girl from a poor village, buys a magical goldfish and then joins a dragon who cannot fly on a quest to find the Old Man of the Moon in hopes of bringing life to the Fruitless Mountain and freshness to the Jade River.

Nelson, Kadir. We Are the Ship: the Story of Negro League Baseball

A Common Core Text Exemplar informational selection and a Coretta Scott King Award Winner!

Using an “everyman” player as his narrator, Kadir Nelson tells the story of Negro League baseball from its beginnings in the 1920s through the decline after Jackie Robinson crossed over to the majors in 1947.

O’Connor, Jim. Who is Bob Dylan? (series)

Learn how Bob Dylan, who has been singing and writing beautiful songs for fifty years, influenced other musicians.

Quinn, Zoe. Happy Birthday, Hero! (The Caped Sixth Grader series)

Every Hero Has a Story! (2015 Public Library Summer Reading Theme)

Zoe has inherited her grandfather’s superhero gene and must learn to control it. Will she be able to prevent the class play from being sabotaged? Read this light-hearted mystery to find out.

Rosenstock, Barb. The Streak: How Joe DiMaggio Became America’s Hero

Read about the longest hitting streak in baseball history. Catch the excitement that grew game after game in this inspirational biography of one of the champions of the all American pastime.

Saint-Exupéry, Antoine de. The Little Prince

A Common Core Text Exemplar fiction selection.

This charming fantasy pairs a pilot who has crashed his plane and an angelic child from another planet. They discuss the meaning of life.

Sis, Peter. The Pilot and the Little Prince: The Life of Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

This biography blends wonder and adventure as we learn about a pilot-author who soars above while reaching deep within to teach us about the innocence of childhood.

Stabler, David. Kid Presidents: True Tales of Childhood from America’s Presidents

It can be enlightening to learn about which president had asthma, or was clumsy, or didn’t like his older brother. It makes them sound like regular kids.

Tarshis, Lauren. I Survived the Great Chicago Fire, 1871 (series)

Will Oscar survive this horrific fire? Nearly 300 people perished in this historic blaze, but we hope that Oscar will come through. Then, he might become a witness and work to prevent future fires from destroying so many lives.

Williams, Marcia. Archie’s War: My Scrapbook of the First World War, 1914-1918

World War I is seen through the eyes of a young British lad named Archie. He illustrates his experiences in pencil and crayon, adding postcards, photographs, and letters to personalize the war. Both his dad and his dog go missing for a few months and when they are all reunited we celebrate Archie’s good luck.

Winter, Jeanette. The Watcher: Jane Goodall’s Life with the Chimps

Winter has given us insight about Jane’s life from the time she was a curious child until the present. Currently, she is a committed scientist who wants to save the world’s chimpanzees. Her life’s work is valuable and fascinating.

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Anderson, John David. Sidekicked

Every Hero Has a Story! (2015 Public Library Summer Reading Theme)

Thirteen-year-old superhero sidekick-in-training Drew "The Sensationalist" Bean must overcome his not-so-superpowers and become the hero everyone needs when a supervillain, The Dealer, returns to Justicia.

Auxier, Jonathan. The Night Gardener: a Scary Story

Irish orphans Molly, 14, and Kip, 10, travel to England to work as servants in a crumbling manor house where nothing is quite what it seems, and soon the siblings are confronted by a mysterious stranger and the secrets of the cursed house.

Berlin, Eric. The Puzzling World of Winston Breen (series)

Puzzle-crazy, twelve-year-old Winston and his ten-year-old sister Katie find themselves involved in a dangerous mystery involving a hidden ring, in this book that includes puzzles for the reader to solve.

Black, Holly. The Iron Trial

Warned away from magic all of his life, Callum endeavors to fail the trials that would admit him to the Magisterium only to be drawn into its ranks against his will and forced to confront dark elements from his past.

Burnett, Frances Hodgson. The Secret Garden

A Common Core Text Exemplar fiction selection!

A ten-year-old orphan comes to live in a lonely house on the Yorkshire moors where she discovers an invalid cousin and the mysteries of a locked garden.

Calonita, Jen. Flunked (Fairy Tale Reform School series)

Tossed into Cinderella's stepmother's reform school for fairy-tale villains after stealing a hair clip, 12-year-old petty thief Gilly meets fellow students Jax and Kayla, who reveal the school's true evil purpose.

Cheaney, J. B. Somebody on This Bus is Going to be Famous

During a torrential rainstorm, a school bus goes off the road and, with the driver unconscious, it is up to her passengers to try to rescue each other and go for help.

Curtis, Christopher Paul. Bud, Not Buddy

A Common Core Text Exemplar fiction selection and a Newbery Medal Winner!

Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father—the renowned bandleader, H.H. Calloway of Grand Rapids.

Gibbs, Stuart. Spy School (series)

Twelve-year-old Ben Ripley leaves his public middle school to attend the CIA's highly secretive Espionage Academy, which everyone is told is an elite science school.

Korman, Gordon. Masterminds

A group of kids discovers they were cloned from the DNA of some of the greatest criminal masterminds in history for a sociological experiment.

London, Matt. The 8th Continent

Hoping to transform a giant floating garbage patch into a habitable eighth continent where people can escape an oppressive bureaucracy, Evie and Rick must race against time when a plastic-obsessed villainess tries to claim the continent to expand her power.

Martin, Ann. Rain Reign

Struggling with Asperger's, Rose shares a bond with her beloved dog, but when the dog goes missing during a storm, Rose is forced to confront the limits of her comfort levels, even if it means leaving her routines in order to search for her pet.

Milford, Kate. Greenglass House

At Greenglass House, a smuggler's inn, 12-year-old Milo, the innkeepers' adopted son, plans to spend his winter holidays relaxing, but soon guests begin arriving with strange stories about the house, sending Milo and Meddy, the cook's daughter, on an adventure.

Ofonoski, Steven. Courage Under Fire: True Stories of Bravery from the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines

Provides gripping accounts of Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines servicemen and servicewomen who showed exceptional courage during combat.

Pinkney, Andrea Davis. The Red Pencil

After her village is attacked by militants, Amira, a young Sudanese girl, flees to a refugee camp, where she finds hope and the chance to pursue an education in the form of a single red pencil and the encouragement of a wise elder.

Rex, Adam. The True Meaning of Smekday

After the alien Boov invade the Earth, young Gratuity Tucci finds herself driving her mother's car to Florida, where all of the humans are being relocated, accompanied by her cat and a renegade extraterrestrial named J. Lo.

Riordan, Rick. Percy Jackson's Greek Gods

Percy Jackson, a modern-day demigod, tells the origin stories of the gods of Olympus and provides an insider's point of view - with plenty of attitude - in this illustrated collection

Segel, Jason. Nightmares!

Twelve-year-old Charlie and his friends must stop nightmares from taking over their town before it's too late.

Simon, Seymour. Horses

A Common Core Text Exemplar informational selection!

A brief history of horses, their origin, how they have been used for work, sports, and warfare, different kinds of horses, their physical attributes, and breeding habits.

Telgemeier, Raina. Sisters

In a semi-autobiographical graphic novel, Raina's disappointing bond with a cranky, independent younger sister is further challenged by the arrival of a baby brother and an estrangement in their parents' marriage.

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Suggested Reading List 2015

Sixth Grade

This list is for students entering this grade.
If you can't find these titles, please look for others by the same author.
This list includes a wide range of reading levels.

Alexander, Kwame. The Crossover

2015 Newbery Award Winner!

Fourteen-year-old twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs and lows on and off the court as their father ignores his declining health.

Boniface, William. The Hero Revealed (*The Extraordinary Adventures of Ordinary Boy series*)

Every Hero Has a Story! (2015 Public Library Summer Reading Theme)

Ordinary Boy, the only resident of Superopolis without a superpower, uncovers and foils a sinister plot to destroy the town.

Cooper, Susan. The Dark is Rising (*series*)

A Common Core Text Exemplar fiction selection and a Newbery Honor Award Winner

On his eleventh birthday, Will Stanton discovers that he is the last of the Old Ones, destined to seek the six magical Signs that will enable the Old Ones to triumph over the evil forces of the Dark.

Doak, Robin S. Malala Yousafzai (*True Book series*)

Chronicles the life of the young Pakistani student who advocates for women's rights and education, survived an assassination attempt, and in 2014 became the youngest Nobel Peace Prize-winner in history.

Draper, Sharon. Out of My Mind

Possessing a photographic memory in spite of an inability to walk or speak, Melody is mistaken as mentally challenged by those who cannot see beyond her cerebral palsy, impelling her to discover a way to communicate.

Enzensberger, Hans Magnus. The Number Devil: a Mathematical Adventure

A Common Core Text Exemplar informational selection

Annoyed by his math teacher who assigns word problems and won't let him use a calculator, twelve-year-old Robert finds help from the number devil in his dreams.

Gantos, Jack. The Key That Swallowed Joey Pigza (*series*)

Young Joey has to become the man of the house to take care of his baby brother, while searching for clues that might lead to his missing father.

Healey, Chris. The Hero's Guide to Saving Your Kingdom (*series*)

Exiled from their castles when they are rejected by the princesses they love, the prince rescuers of Sleeping Beauty, Cinderella, Snow White and Rapunzel discover an evil plot that threatens all of their kingdoms.

Klise, Kate. Letters From Camp

Sent to Camp Happy Harmony to learn how to get along with each other, pairs of brothers and sisters chronicle in letters home how they come to suspect the intentions of the singing family running the camp.

Krull, Kathleen. Lives of the Scientists (series)

Explores the personal lives of twenty famous scientists, including Marie Curie, Galileo, Grace Murray Hopper, and Ivan Pavlov, offering humorous anecdotes, favorite foods, first loves, and more.

L'Engle, Madeleine. A Wrinkle in Time (Time Quintet series)

A Common Core Text Exemplar fiction selection and a Newbery Award Winner

Meg Murray and her friends become involved with unearthly strangers and a search for Meg's father, who has disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government.

Lerangis, Peter. The Colossus Rises (Seven Wonders series)

Teens Jack, Marco, Aly, and Cass begin a quest to find seven pieces of Atlantis' power that were hidden long ago and that will, if returned to Atlantis, save them from certain death due to the genetic abnormality that also gives them superior abilities.

Lupica, Mike. The Only Game

Sixth grade is supposed to be the year that Jack Callahan leads his team to the Little League World Series, but after his brother dies, he loses interest in baseball and only softball star Cassie seems to understand.

McCann, Michelle Roehm. Boys Who Rocked the World: Heroes From King Tut to Bruce Lee

Recounts the stories of forty-six men throughout history who impacted the world when they were teenagers or younger, covering Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Steve Jobs, Crazy Horse, Stephen King, and others. You might also like **Girls Who Rocked the World: Heroines from Joan of Arc to Mother Teresa!**

McCaughrean, Geraldine. Peter Pan in Scarlet

In the 1920s, as Neverland chafes against the Here and Now, holes are worn in the fabric that lies between, allowing nightmares to leak out and causing Wendy and the Lost Boys to return to help Peter Pan save Neverland.

Meloy, Colin. Wildwood (series)

When her baby brother is kidnapped by crows, seventh-grader Prue McKeel ventures into the forbidden Impassable Wilderness--a dangerous and magical forest at the edge of Portland, Oregon--and soon finds herself involved in a war among the various inhabitants.

Nielsen, Jennifer. The False Prince (The Ascendance Trilogy)

In the country of Carthya, a devious nobleman engages four orphans in a brutal competition to be selected to impersonate the king's long-missing son in an effort to avoid a civil war.

Scieszka, Jon. Guys Read: The Sports Pages (series)

A collection of sports stories featuring everything from fighting to friendship, set everywhere from the tennis court to the hockey rink.

Woodson, Jacqueline. Brown Girl Dreaming

2015 Newbery Honor and Sibert Honor book

In vivid poems that reflect the joy of finding her voice through writing stories, an award-winning author shares what it was like to grow up in the 1960s and 1970s in both the North and the South.

Yaccarino, Dan. Delivery of Doom

Newly responsible for delivering pizza all over the galaxy, Luno and his friends Clive, an intelligent garlic bulb, and Chooch, a robot pizza oven, go on dangerous deliveries and try to evade those who would steal the Zorgoochi family Golden Anchovy.

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New Hyde Park- Garden City Park Suggested Reading List 2015 Seventh Grade

**This year, every student who is entering
New Hyde Park Memorial High School as a seventh grader
must read the following book over the summer:**

Howe, James. The Misfits

Despite the horrible nicknames they have been given, a group of less-than-popular classmates become friends and decide to fight the system by forming a new political party of their own for the upcoming election.

In the mood for more?

After you read the mandatory book described above,
why not try some of these other great books just for fun?!

Dashner, James. The Maze Runner (series)

Sixteen-year-old Thomas wakes up with no memory in the middle of a maze and realizes he must work with the community in which he finds himself if he is to escape. The thrilling adventures continue in The Scorch Trials, and Thomas' journey ends in The Death Cure.

Gantos, Jack. From Norvelt to Nowhere

After an explosion, a new crime by an old murderer, and the sad passing of the founder of Norvelt, Pennsylvania, twelve-year-old Jack accompanies his slightly mental elderly mentor, Miss Volker, on a cross-country run as she pursues the oddest of outlaws.

Gavin, Rohan. Knightley & Son

A father and son detective team investigates the mystery surrounding a book that makes its readers commit terrible crimes, and a sinister organization known as the Combination.

Kraatz, Jeramey. The Cloak Society (series)

Every Hero Has a Story! (2015 Public Library Summer Reading Theme)

Alex Knight, a twelve-year-old in training to be a supervillain in the elite Cloak Society, becomes friends with a young superhero and begins to question where his loyalty lies.

Lawson, Jessica. The Actual & Truthful Adventures of Becky Thatcher

In 1860, eleven-year-old Becky Thatcher, new to St. Petersburg, Missouri, joins the boys at school in a bet to steal from the Widow Douglas in hopes of meeting a promise to have adventures that she made her brother, Jon, before he died.

Lynch, Chris. I Pledge Allegiance (Vietnam series)

Four best friends serving in the Vietnam War make a pledge to one another that they will do all they can to return home safely together.

Mackay, Donald A. The Building of Manhattan

A Common Core Text Exemplar informational selection

Hundreds of carefully researched line drawings illustrate the development of Manhattan's architecture and infrastructure--its early houses and super skyscrapers, its subways and waterlines, telephone and electrical cables, and bridges.

Murphy, Jim. Truce: the Day the Soldiers Stopped Fighting

Narrative illustrated with archival photos explains how World War I soldiers defied their commanding officers and stopped fighting to declare a miraculous "Christmas truce" and celebrate with their enemies.

Newquist, H.P. The Book of Blood: From Legends and Leeches to Vampires and Veins

A thrilling and lively tour of the world of blood, from ancient history to modern science, to dark and often gruesome legends of vampires and plague, this book informs readers about the most important tissue in the body.

Sheinkin, Steve. The Port Chicago 50: Disaster, Mutiny and the Fight for Civil Rights

Presents an account of the 1944 civil rights protest involving hundreds of African-American Navy servicemen who were unjustly charged with mutiny for refusing to work in unsafe conditions after the deadly Port Chicago explosion.

Sutcliff, Rosemary. Black Ships Before Troy: the Story of the Iliad

A Common Core Text Exemplar fiction selection

Retells the story of the Trojan War, from the quarrel for the golden apple, and the flight of Helen with Paris, to the destruction of Troy.

Twain, Mark. The Adventures of Tom Sawyer

A Common Core Text Exemplar fiction selection

This classic story narrates the adventures and pranks of a mischievous boy growing up in a Mississippi River town in the early nineteenth century.

Van Draanen, Wendelin. Flipped

In alternating chapters, two teenagers describe how their feelings about themselves, each other, and their families have changed over the years.

Walden, Mark. H.I.V.E.: The Higher Institute of Villianous Education (series)

Swept away to a hidden academy for training budding evil geniuses, Otto, a brilliant orphan, Wing, a sensitive warrior, Laura, a shy computer specialist, and Shelby, an infamous jewel thief, plot to beat the odds and escape the prison known as H.I.V.E.

Yousafzai, Malala. I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up For Education and Changed the World

Documents the educational pursuits of the Nobel Peace Prize nominee who became an international symbol of hope and inspiration when she challenged the traditions of her Pakistan community, offering insight into the influential role of her courageous father.

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