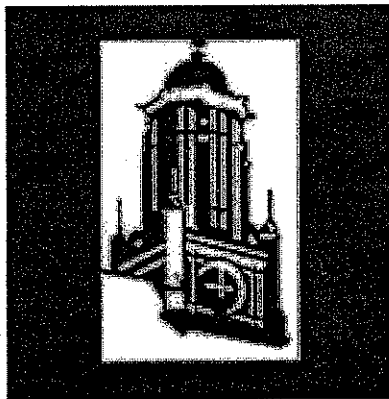
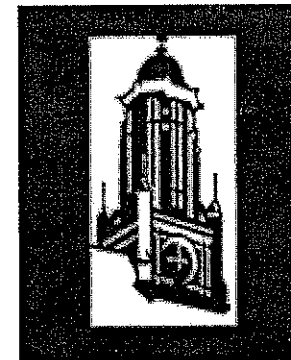


# Nichols Middle School



**Summer Reading List  
Grades 5 through 8  
2009**



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Dear Parents,

Summer reading is part of life at Nichols. In addition to developing and extending skills, it is important that students experience the pleasure of discovery, reflection, and imagination that a good book provides.

Summer reading is used to review, supplement, or introduce content that will be part of the regular school year. Middle School students are asked to read a minimum of five books: the required book(s) plus the students' own selections.

This booklet contains both a list of required books for each grade level and a variety of other summer reading choices. The books in this list are divided into Middle Reader books, which are appropriate for all middle school students and Young Adult books, which contain challenging vocabulary and more mature subject matter. The titles are suggestions, but please encourage your child to select at least one title marked with an asterisk. These multicultural books deal with a wide variety of characters and settings, and should serve to expand your child's reading experience.

Students do not need to write summer book reports, but must be prepared to discuss and write compositions about the books during the first weeks of school in September. Please have your child record the titles and authors of all books read over the summer on the record sheet that they will be given in English class, and sign your name when each book is completed. This form is due on the first day of school. Please talk with your child about how to make reading a part of his or her summer plans.

Sincerely,

Carol Sue Stapleton  
Middle School Librarian

## Required Reading List

**5th Grade:** Babbitt, Natalie—*Search for Delicious*

**6th Grade:** Paterson, Katherine - *The Great Gilly Hopkins*

**7th Grade:** Ritter, John H. - *The Boy Who Saved Baseball*

**8th Grade:**

**Short Story Collection** - Select one of the following to read.

Bradbury, Ray - *Illustrated Man*

Doyle, Arthur Conan - *Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*

Poe, Edgar Allen - *The Gold-Bug and Other Tales (Dover Thrift Editions)* OR any other Edgar Allen Poe story collection

**Novels** - Select one of the following to read.

Carroll, Lewis — *Alice in Wonderland*

Hammett, Dashiell - *The Thin Man*

Montgomery, L.M. - *Anne of Green Gables*

Richter, Conrad - *The Light in the Forest*

**8th Grade (New Students Only):** One of the five required books for summer reading is *Heroes, Gods and Monsters of the Greek Myths* by Bernard Evslin (Bantam Press)

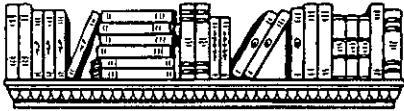
# NICHOLS MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER READING LIST

2009

## FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADES 5, 6, 7 AND 8

The following authors have written so many books, we cannot list every title. Please consider books by:

Alexander, Lloyd	Hinton, S.E.	Paterson, Katherine
Avi	Jacques, Brian	Paulsen, Gary
Beatty, Patricia	Jones, Diana Wynne	Peck, Richard
Bunting, Eve	Klein, Norma	Pierce, Tamora
Byars, Betsy	Konigsburg, E.L.	Rowlings, J.K.
Christie, Agatha	Lasky, Kathryn	Selden, George
Cooper, Susan	L'Engle, Madeleine	Slote, Alfred
Dahl, Roald	McCaffrey, Anne	Snyder, Zilpha Keatley
Fox, Paula	Nixon, Joan Lowery	Voigt, Cynthia
George, Jean Craighead	O'Dell, Scott	Zindel, Paul



### ADVENTURE—Middle Readers

Alexander, Lloyd *The High King*  
Creech, Sharon *The Wanderer*  
George, Jean Craighead *Julie of the Wolves\**; *My Side of the Mountain*  
Hobbs, Will *Ghost Canoe*; *Far North*  
Horowitz, Anthony *The Alex Rider series*  
Konigsburg, E.L. *From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*  
Lindgren, Astrid *Pippi Longstocking*  
Paulsen, Gary *Hatchet*; *Brian's Return*; *Brian's Winter*  
Sperry, Armstrong *Call It Courage\**  
Taylor, Theodore *A Sailor Returns*

### ADVENTURE—Young Adults

Alexander, Lloyd *Taran Wanderer*  
Bartholomew, Lois T. *The White Dove*  
Borland, Hal *When the Legends Die\**

Fox, Paula *The Slave Dancer\**  
Greene, Bette *Summer of My German Soldier\**  
Hinton, S.E. *The Outsiders*  
Jacques, Brian *Castaways of the Flying Dutchman*  
Krakauer, Jon *Into Thin Air*  
Paulsen, Gary *Canyons*  
Schaefer, Jack *Shane*  
Taylor, Theodore *The Cay*  
Verne, Jules *Around the World in 80 Days*

### CONFLICTS—Middle Readers

Auch, Mary Jane *The Road to Home*; *The Journey to Nowhere*  
Avi *The Secret School*  
Babbitt, Natalie *The Eyes of the Amaryllis*  
Banks, Kate *Dillon Dillon*  
Bauer, Joan *Sticks*; *Hope Was Here*; *Rules of the Road*; *Stand Tall*  
Betancourt, Jeanne *My Name is Brian*  
Blume, Judy *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing*  
Byars, Betsy *Summer of the Swans*  
Caldwell, V.M. *The Ocean Within*  
Childress, Alice *A Hero Ain't Nothing But a Sandwich*  
Cleary, Beverly *Dear Mr. Henshaw*; *Henry Huggins*; *Strider*  
Clements, Andrew *Frindle*; *The Landry News*; *Lunch Money*; *The School Story*; *Things Not Seen*  
Creech, Sharon *Bloomability*; *Love That Dog*  
Curtis, Christopher Paul *The Watsons Move to Birmingham\**  
Danzinger, Paula *P.S. Longer Letter Later*; *Snail Mail No More*; *Pistachio Prescription*  
De Clements, Barthe *Nothing's Fair in Fifth Grade*  
DiCamillo, Kate *Because of Winn-Dixie*; *The Tiger Rising*  
Enright, Elizabeth *Thimble Summer*  
Fenner, Carol *Yolanda's Genius*  
Fitzhugh, Louise *The Long Secret*; *Nobody's Family Is Going To Change*  
Gantos, Jack *Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key*; *Joey Pigza Loses Control*; *What Would Joey Do?*  
George, Jean Craighead *The Missing 'gator of Gumbo-Limbo*  
Giff, Patricia Reilly *The Girl Who Knew It All*; *Left-handed Shortstop*; *Pictures of Hollis Woods*  
Hiaasen, Carl *Hoot*; *Flush*  
Holt, Kimberly Willis *When Zachary Beaver Came to Town*  
Ibbotson, Eva *Journey to the River Sea*  
Kehret, Peg *My Brother Made Me Do It*  
Kerr, Judith *When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit\**  
Konigsburg, E.L. *The View From Saturday*  
L'Engle, Madeleine *Meet the Austins*  
Lord, Bette Bao *In the Year of the Boar & Jackie Robinson\**

Martin, Ann M. *A Corner of the Universe*  
 Mohr, Nicholasa *Felita\**; *Going Home\**  
 Parkinson, Siobhaan *Second Fiddle, or, How to tell a black bird from a sausage*  
 Paterson, Katherine *The Great Gilly Hopkins*; *Flip-Flop Girl*;  
*The Same Stuff as Stars*  
 Peck, Richard *The Dreadful Future of Blossom Culp*  
 Price, Susan *Ghost Song\**  
 Roberts, Willo Davis *The Girl With the Silver Eyes*  
 Sawyer, Ruth *Roller Skates*  
 Shreve, Susan *Trout and Me*  
 Streatfield, Noel *Theater Shoes*  
 Taylor, Theodore *The Maldonado Miracle\**  
 Tolan, Stephanie S. *Surviving the Applewhites*  
 White, Ruth *Bell Prater's Boy*  
 Yep, Laurence *Ribbons\**

#### CONFLICTS—Young Adults

Alexie, Sherman *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*  
 Avi *A Place Called Ugly*; *True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle*; *Nothing But the Truth*  
 Bauer, Joan *Hope Was Here*; *Rules of the Road*; *Stand Tall*  
 Blume, Judy *Deenie*  
 Borland, Hal *When the Legends Die\**  
 Byars, Betsy *Summer of the Swans*  
 Cormier, Robert *The Chocolate War*; *Beyond the Chocolate War*  
 DeFelice, Cynthia *Devil's Bridge*; *Weasel*  
 Ferris, Jean *Of Sound Mind*  
 Fritz, Jean *Homesick: My Own Story\**  
 Gauch, Patricia *Fridays*  
 Haddix, Margaret Peterson *Don't You Dare Read This Mrs. Dumphrey*;  
*Takeoffs and Landings*  
 Hamilton, Virginia *M.C. Higgins the Great\**  
 Hinton, S.E. *The Outsiders*  
 Holland, Isabelle *The Man Without a Face*  
 Holman, Felice *Slake's Limbo\**  
 Koss, Amy Goldman *Side Effects*  
 Laird, Elizabeth *Kiss the Dust*  
 Les Becquets, Diane *The Stones of Mourning Creek*  
 Levoy, Myron *Alan and Naomi\**  
 Mazer, Norma *The Solid Gold Kid*; *I Love You, Stupid*  
 Moore, Yvette *Freedom Songs\**  
 Myers, Walter Dean *Won't Know Till I Get There*  
 O'Neal, Zibby *The Language of Goldfish*  
 Paterson, Katherine *Jacob Have I Loved\**  
 Peters, Julie Anne *Define Normal*

Rawls, Wilson *Where the Red Fern Grows*  
 Sachar, Louis *Holes*  
 Sebestyen, Ouida *Far From Home\**  
 Singer, Marilyn *Stay True: Short Stories for Strong Girls*  
 Spinelli, Jerry *Maniac Magee\**; *Stargirl*; *Wringer*; *Crash*  
 Staples, Suzanne *Shabanu: Daughter of the Wind\**  
 Tashjian, Janet *The Gospel According to Larry*  
 Thomas, Joyce Carol, ed. *A Gathering of Flowers (short stories)\**  
 Uchida, Yoshiko *Journey Home\**  
 Van Draanen, Wendelin *Flipped*  
 Voigt, Cynthia *A Solitary Blue*  
 Wartski, Maureen Crane *A Boat to Nowhere\**; *A Long Way From Home\**  
 Wojciechowska, Maia *Shadow of a Bull\**  
 Wolff, Virginia Auwer *True Believer*  
 Zindel, Paul *The Pigman*

#### FANTASY/ SCIENCE FICTION—Middle Readers

Alexander, Lloyd *The High King*; *Time Cat*  
 Banks, Lynn Reid *Indian In the Cupboard Series*  
 Bernstein, Nina *Magic by the Book*  
 Coatsworth, Elizabeth *The Cat Who Went to Heaven*  
 Colfer, Eoin *Artemis Fowl*  
 Conley, Jane Leslie R.T. *Rats of NIMH Books*  
 Corder, Zizou *LionBoy*  
 Coville, Bruce *Any Bruce Coville book*  
 Dahl, Roald *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*  
 DiCamillo, Kate *A Tale of Despereaux*  
 Farmer, Nancy *The Ear, the Eye and the Arm\**; *Sea Trolls*  
 Ferris, Jean *Once Upon a Marigold*  
 Funke, Cornelia *The Thief Lord*; *Dragon Rider*; *Inkheart*  
 Haddix, Margaret Peterson *Just Ella*; *Among the Hidden*; *Among the Imposters*; *Running Out of Time*; *Among the Betrayed*; *Among the Barons*  
 Hunter, Mollie *A Stranger Came Ashore*  
 Ibbotson, Eva *Island of the Aunts*; *Dial-A-Ghost*; *Secret of Platform 13*;  
*Which Witch?*  
 Jacques, Brian *Redwall series*; *Triss*  
 Juster, Norman *Phantom Tollbooth*  
 L'Engle, Madeleine *Wind in the Door*  
 Levine, Gail Carson *Ella Enchanted*; *The Two Princesses of Bamarre*  
 Lewis, C.S. *Chronicles of Narnia*



Nimmo, Jenny *Midnight for Charlie Bone; Charlie Bone and the Time Twister; Charlie Bone and the Invisible Boy; Charlie Bone and the Castle of Mirrors*

O'Brien, Robert *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH*

Rowlings, J.K. *Harry Potter Series*

Selden, George *The Cricket in Times Square*

Sharp, Margery *The Rescuers*

White, E.B. *Charlotte's Web; Stuart Little; The Trumpet of the Swan*



#### FANTASY/ SCIENCE FICTION—Young Adults

Adams, Douglas *Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*

Alexander, Lloyd *Taran Wanderer*

Asimov, Isaac *I, Robot*

Barry, Dave *Peter Pan Series*

Bradbury, Ray *The Illustrated Man*

Card, Orson Scott *Ender's Game; Ender's Shadow*

Chabon, Michael *Summerland*

Clement-Davis, David *Fire-Bringer*

Clements, Andrew *Things Not Seen*

Cooper, Susan *King of Shadows; Over Sea, Under Stone*

Farmer, Nancy *The House of the Scorpion*

Haddix, Margaret Peterson *Turnabout; Escape from Memory*

Hurmenec, Belinda *A Girl Called Boy\**

James, Mary *Shoebag*

Kendall, Carol *The Gammage Cup*

LeGuin, Ursula *A Wizard of Earthsea*

Lowry, Lois *Gathering Blue*

McCaffrey, Anne *Dragondrums; Dragonflight*

McKinley, Robin *The Blue Sword; Spindle's End;*

*Beauty: A Retelling of the Story of Beauty and the Beast*

O'Brien, Robert C. *Z for Zachariah*

Pullman, Philip *His Dark Materials series*

Riorden, Rick *The Lightning Thief*

Schmidt, Gary *Straw Into Gold*

Selznick, Brian *The Invention of Hugo Cabret*

Snyder, Zilpha *The Egypt Game*

Stroud, Anthony *The Amulet of Samarkand*

Stroud, Jonathan *The Bartimaeus Trilogy*

Sutcliffe, Rosemary *The Dragonslayer*

Tingle, Rebecca *The Edge on the Sword*

Tolkien, J.R.R. *Lord of the Rings series*

Verne, Jules *Around The World in 80 Days*

Wells, H.G. *War of the Worlds*

#### ANIMAL—Middle Readers

Armstrong, William H. *Souder*

Conley, Jane Leslie R.T. *Margaret and the Rats of NIMH; Racco and the Rats of NIMH*

DiCamillo, Kate *Because of Winn-Dixie; The Tiger Rising*

George, Jean Craighead *Julie of the Wolves\*; My Side of the Mountain; Far Side of the Mountain*

Henry, Marguerite *King of the Wind*

Hesse, Karen *Music of the Dolphins*

Hobbs, Valerie *Sheep*

Karwoski, Gail Langer *Seaman: The Dog Who Explored the West with Lewis & Clark*

Naylor, Phyllis R. *Shiloh; Saving Shiloh; Shiloh Season*

Neville, Emily *It's Like This, Cat*

North, Sterling *Rascal; The Wolfing*

O'Brien, Robert C. *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH*

Selden, George *The Cricket in Times Square*

Sharp, Margery *The Rescuers*

Taylor, Theodore *Trouble With Tuck; Tuck Triumphant*

White, E.B. *Charlotte's Web; Stuart Little; The Trumpet of The Swan*

#### ANIMAL —Young Adults

Burnford, Sheila *The Incredible Journey*

Durrell, Gerald *My Family and Other Animals*

Farley, Walter *The Black Stallion*

Gipson, Fred *Old Yeller*

Herriot, James *All Creatures Great and Small*

Kjelgaard, James *Big Red*

Kipling, Rudyard *Just So Stories*

Langton, Jean *The Fledgling*

London, Jack *White Fang*

Mowat, Farley *Never Cry Wolf; The Dog Who Wouldn't Be*

Rawls, Wilson *Where the Red Fern Grows*

### MYSTERY—Middle Readers

Bellairs, John *Any of the John Bellairs books*  
Dahl, Michael *Finnegan Zwake Mystery Series*  
Fitzgerald, John *The Great Brain Series*  
Peck, Richard *Ghost I Have Been; The Ghost Belonged To Me*  
Raskin, Ellen *The Westing Game*  
Snicket, Lemony *Unfortunate Events Series*  
VanDraanen, Wendelin *Sammy Keyes Series*



### MYSTERY—Young Adults

Aiken, Joan *The Wolves of Willoughby Chase*  
Christie, Agatha *Any of the Agatha Christie books*  
Duncan, Lois *Daughters of Eve; Twisted Window*  
Holland, Isabelle *The Man Without a Face*  
Mazer, Norma *The Solid Gold Kid; I Love You, Stupid*  
Nixon, Joan Lowry *The Weekend was Murder; Murdered, My Sweet*  
Peck, Richard *Are You In the House Alone?; A Day No Pigs Would Die*  
Pullman, Philip *Ruby in the Smoke; The Shadow in the North; The Tiger in the Well; The Tin Princess*

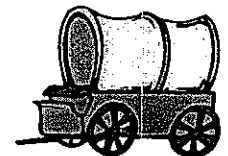
### HUMOR—Middle Readers

Blume, Judy *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing and Others*  
Cleary, Beverly *Dear Mr. Henshaw; Henry Huggins; Strider*  
Coville, Bruce *Any Bruce Coville books*  
Curtis, Christopher Paul *Mr. Chickbee's Funny Money*  
Dahl, Roald *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*  
Fitzgerald, John *The Great Brain Series*  
Howe, James and Deborah Howe *Bunnacula; Howliday Inn; Return to Howliday Inn*  
Lindgren, Astrid *Pippi Longstocking*  
Mowat, Farley *The Dog Who Wouldn't Be*  
Peck, Richard *A Long Way From Chicago; A Year Down Yonder*  
Robinson, Barbara *Best Christmas Pageant Ever*  
Rockwell, Thomas *How to Eat Fried Worms*  
Rodgers, Mary *Freaky Friday*



### HISTORICAL—Middle Readers

Almond, David *Kit's Wilderness*  
Alvarez, Julia *Before We Were Free*  
Anderson, Laurie Halse *Fever 1793*  
Avi *Midnight Magic; Crispin: The Cross of Lead*  
Babbitt, Natalie *The Eyes of the Amaryllis*  
Beatty, Patricia *The Coach That Never Came; Charley Skedaddle*  
Blackwood, Gary *Shakespeare's Scribe; The Shakespeare Stealer*  
Clark, Margaret Goff *Freedom Crossing\**  
Crossley-Holland, Kevin *The Seeing Stone: Arthur*  
Curtis, Christopher Paul *Elijah of Buxton*  
Cushman, Karen *Midwife's Apprentice*  
Ellis, Deborah *The Breadwinner*  
Farmer, Nancy *The Land of Silver Apples*  
Fast, Howard *April Morning*  
Fletcher, Susan *Shadow Spinner\**  
Forbes, Esther *A Mirror for Witches; Johnny Tremain*  
Giff, Patricia Reilly *Lily's Crossing*  
Hesse, Karen *Letters From Rifka\**  
Lasky, Kathryn *The Night Journey\**  
Latham, Jean Lee *Carry On, Mr. Bowditch*  
Lawrence, Caroline *The Roman Mysteries*  
Lawson, Robert *Ben and Me*  
Levine, Gail Carson *Dave at Night\**  
Lowry, Lois *Number the Stars\**  
Meyer, Carolyn *Beware, Princess Elizabeth; Mary, Bloody Mary*  
O'Dell, Scott *My Name is Not Angelica\*; Streams to the River, River to the Sea*  
Park, Linda Sue *A Single Shard\**  
Paterson, Katherine *Jip, His Story; Master Puppeteer\*; Sign of the Chrysanthemum\**  
Petry, Ann *Tituba of Salem Village\**  
Reiss, Joanna *The Upstairs Room\*; The Journey Back\**  
Schlitz, Laura Amy *Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! Voices from a Medieval Village*  
Speare, Elizabeth *Sign of the Beaver\**  
Whelan, Gloria *Homeless Bird\*; Angel on the Square*  
Willard, Barbara *If All the Swords in England*  
Yep, Lawrence *Dragonwings\**  
Yolen, Jane *Devil's Arithmetic\**



## HISTORICAL—Young Adults

Aiken, Joan *The Wolves of Willoughby Chase*  
Alexander, Lloyd *The Arkadians*  
Avi *The Fighting Ground; Don't You Know There's a War On?*  
Bagdasarian, Adam *Forgotten Fire\**  
Beatty, Patricia *Lupita Manana\**  
Bell, William *Forbidden City\**  
Bennett, Cherie and Jeff Gottesfield *Anne Frank and Me, The Play*  
Blos, Joan *A Gathering of Days*  
Borton de Trevino, Elizabeth *I, Juan de Pareja\**  
Cather, Willa *Shadows on the Rock*  
Collier, James Lincoln *My Brother Sam is Dead; Who is Carrie\*;  
Jumpship to Freedom\**  
Cooper, Susan *King of Shadows*  
Dalglish, Alice *The Courage of Sarah Noble*  
Draper, Sharon M. *Forged by Fire*  
Dumas, Alexander *The Three Musketeers*  
Edmonds, Walter D. *Drums Along the Mohawk\**  
Fox, Paula *The Slave Dancer\**  
Greene, Bette *Summer of My German Soldier\**  
Hamilton, Virginia *House of Dies Drear\*; Mystery of Drear House\**  
Hesse, Karen *Out of the Dust; Witness*  
Hunt, Irene *Across Five Aprils*  
Hurmence, Belinda *A Girl Called Boy\**  
Keith, Harold *Rifles for Watie*  
Laird, Elizabeth *Kiss the Dust*  
Lewis, Elizabeth *Young Fu of the Upper Yangtze\**  
Liele, Janet Taylor *The Art of Keeping Cool*  
Matas, Carol *In My Enemy's House\**  
Montgomery, Lucy *Anne of Green Gables*  
Na, An *A Step from Heaven*  
Nixon, Joan Lowery *Land of Hope\*; Land of Promises\*; Land of Dreams\**  
Pausewang, Gudrun *The Final Journey*  
Peck, Richard *The River Between Us*  
Richter, Hans Peter *Friedrich\**  
Rinaldi, Ann *Wolf by the Ears; Break With Charity*  
Schmidt, Gary D. *Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy*  
Sebestyen, Ouida *Far From Home\**  
Shaara, Michael *Killer Angels*  
Staples, Suzanne Fisher *Shiva's Fire\**  
Taylor, Mildred *The Land*  
Temple, Frances *Taste of Salt: Story of Modern Haiti\**  
Uchida, Yoshiko *Journey Home\**  
Wiesel, Elie *Night*  
Wiseman, David *Jeremy Visick*  
Wojciechowska, Maia *Shadow of a Bull\**

## SPORTS—Middle Readers

Christopher, Matt *Soccer Halfbacks*  
Dygar, Thomas *Quarterback Walk-on*  
Giff, Patricia *The Girl Who Knew It All; Left-handed Shortstop*  
Gutman, Dan *Jackie & Me; Honus & Me; Shoeless Joe & Me*  
Lupica, Mike *Hot Hand; Two Minute Drill*  
Ritter, John H. *The Boy Who Saved Baseball; Choosing Up Sides; Over  
the Wall; Under the Baseball Moon*  
Tunis, John R. *The Kid Comes Back; Highpockets; The Kid From  
Tomkinsville*



## SPORTS—Young Adults

Bee, Coach *Clair Chip Hilton Series*  
Klass, David *A Different Season; Atami Dragons; Wrestling with Honor*  
Lipsyte, Robert *The Contender\*; The Brave\**  
Myers, Walter Dean *Hoops\**  
Soto, Gary *Pacific Crossing\**



## ENVIRONMENT/ECOLOGY—Middle Readers

Babbitt, Natalie *The Eyes of the Amaryllis*  
Conley, Jane Leslie *Racco and the Rats of NIMH*  
George, Jean Craighead *The Missing 'gator of Gumbo-Limbo; My Side of  
the Mountain; Far Side of the Mountain*

## ENVIRONMENT/ECOLOGY—Young Adults

Carson, Rachel *The Silent Spring*  
Gore, Al *Earth in the Balance*  
L'Engle, Madeleine *A Ring of Endless Light*  
Paulsen, Gary *Tracker; The Island*

## CLASSICS FOR CHILDREN

Because there is a wide range of readability, use the following difficulty scale as a general guideline when choosing classics:

- (1) easy reading, vocabulary, large type, and numerous illustrations
- (2) moderate level of vocabulary, type size, illustrations, and style
- (3) challenging reading, vocabulary, style, and format

Alcott, Louisa May *Little Women* (3)  
Andersen, Hans Christian *Fairy Tales* (2)  
Bagnold, Enid *National Velvet* (1)  
Barrie, James *Peter Pan* (2-3)  
Baum, L. Frank *The Wizard of Oz* (1)  
Burnett, Frances H. *The Secret Garden; Little Princess* (2)  
Collodi, Carlo *Pinocchio* (1)  
Defoe, Daniel *Robinson Crusoe* (3)  
Dodge, Mary Mapes *Hans Brinker and the Silver Skates* (3)  
Farley, Walter *The Black Stallion* (1)  
Irving, Washington *Rip Van Winkle and Other Stories* (2)  
Kipling, Rudyard *The Jungle Book\** (2)  
Knight, Eric *Lassie Come Home* (1)  
Lanski, Lois *Strawberry Girl* (1)  
Lofting, Hugh *The Voyages of Dr. Dolittle* (1-2)  
London, Jack *White Fang* (3)  
Merrill, Jean *The Pushcart War\** (2)  
Rawlings, Marjorie Kinnan *The Yearling* (2)  
Sewell, Anna *Black Beauty* (1)  
Spyri, Johanna *Heidi* (1-2)  
Stevenson, Robert Louis *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* (3); *Kidnapped* (2)  
Travers, Pamela L. *Mary Poppins* (1)  
Twain, Mark *The Prince and the Pauper* (3)  
Verne, Jules *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea* (2)  
Webster, Jean *Daddy Long Legs* (2)  
Wyss, J.R. *Swiss Family Robinson* (3)

This year we have added non-fiction books to our summer reading list because many readers enjoy true stories and factual information. There are many different subjects covered in non-fiction books; please feel free to choose a title from an area that interests you. This is only a starting point.



## NONFICTION

Hakim, Joy *A History of US series*  
Hakim, Joy *Story of Science series*  
Simmons, Rachel *Odd Girl Out: The Hidden Culture of Aggression in Girls*

## BIOGRAPHIES—Middle Readers

Any of the Great Lives Series  
Angel, Ann *John Glenn: Space Pioneer*  
Cameron, Ann *The Kidnapped Prince: The Life of Olaudah Equiano*  
Coren, Michael *J.R.R. Tolkien: The Man Who Created The Lord of the Rings*  
Delany, Sarah L., Amy Hill Hearsh, Amy H. Hearsh, and A. Elizabeth Delany *Having our Say: The Delany Sisters' First 100 Years*  
Gilbreth, Frank B. and Ernestine Gilbreth Carey *Belles on Their Toes*  
Guthridge, Sue *Thomas A. Edison: Young Inventor*  
Krass, Peter *Sojourner Truth*  
Lord Walter *A Night to Remember*  
McClard, Megan *Harriet Tubman, Slavery and the Underground Railroad*  
Nelson, Marilyn *Carver*  
Paulsen, Gary *Guts: the true story behind Hatchet and the Brian books*  
Seaver, James E. *Captured by Indians: the life of Mary Jemison*  
Shorto, Russell *Abraham Lincoln: to preserve the Union*  
Tillage, Leon Walter *Leon's Story*