

Coles Elementary Summer Reading List 2009

The summer months are a great time to promote reading as a lifelong skill. Remember to pack some books or magazines for vacation.

Please remember that the public libraries have many activities and programs for children and adults. They are great places for weekly summer visits. The Summer Quest Program is free and offers many fun activities for students. Summer Quest participation may be used as documentation for the Prince William County Summer Reading Program.

Please remember that the summer reading list is only a **"suggested"** list. It may be used as a guide to help children and families choose age/grade level appropriate books. If students already have reading preferences, summer is a great time to enjoy whatever excites them as readers. Reading should be seen as an enjoyable, informative, and entertaining pastime, and summer is a great time to explore your own interests. If you need some suggestions to guide your choices, you may refer to the following grade level lists. Have a great summer and Happy Reading!

Coles Librarian

Kindergarten

Grade 1

Grade 2

Grade 3

Grade 4

Grade 5

Annotated Lists Are Found After Each Grade List

Kindergarten Suggested Summer Reading

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Author	Title	Publisher
Lionni, Leo	A Color of His Own	Knopf, 2003
Christelow, Eileen	Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed	Clarion, 1989
Rey, H.A.	Curious George	Houghton Mifflin, 1993
McQueen, Lucinda	The Little Red Hen	Scholastic, 1985
Berenstain, Jan	Berenstain Bears books	Random House
Guarino, Deborah	Is Your Mama a Llama?	Scholastic, 1984
Bridwell, Norman	Clifford's Puppy Days	Scholastic, 1989
Carle, Eric	The Very Hungry Caterpillar	Philomel, 1987
Hutchins, Pat	The Doorbell Rang	Green Willow, 1986
Numeroff, Laura	If You Give a Mouse a Cookie and others	Harper Collins, 1985
Dr. Seuss	The Foot Book	Random House, 1996
Eastman, P.D.	Go Dog Go!	Beginners Books, 1989
Lobel, Anita	Alison's Zinnia	Greenwillow, 1990
Martin, Bill	Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Did You See?	Henry Holt & Co., 1982
Viorst, Judith	Alexander and Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad	Atheneum, 1972

Carle, Eric	Day Rooster's Off to See the World	Simon & Schuster, 1987
Walsh, Ellen	Mouse Paint	Harcourt, 1995
De Paola, Tomie	Mother Goose Favorites	Grosset & Dunlap, 2007
Crews, Donald	Ten Black Dots	Greenwillow Books, 1986

Kindergarten Annotated List

Title	Annotation
A Color of His Own	A Chameleon goes in search of a color of his own, and finds a true friend.
Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed	A counting book in which one by one the little monkeys jump on the bed only to fall off and bump their heads.
Curious George	The curiosity of a newly captured monkey gets him into trouble, but he is saved by his friend, the man in the yellow hat.
The Little Red Hen	The little red hen finds none of her lazy friends willing to help her plant, harvest, or grind wheat into flour, but all are eager to eat the cake she makes from it.
Berenstain Bears books	The adventures and misadventures of this wonderful bear family.
Is Your Mama a Llama?	Lloyd the llama meets all kinds of animals as he asks his question, until at last his friend Llyn leads Llyod to the answer he longs to hear.
Clifford Books	These books tell about Clifford, the big red dog, and his many adventures.
The Very Hungry Caterpillar	A colorful story about the metamorphosis of a butterfly.
The Doorbell Rang	Each time the doorbell rings, there are more people who have come to share Ma's wonderful cookies.
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie	Relates the cycle of requests a mouse is likely to make after you give him a cookie. It takes the reader through a young boy's day.

The Foot Book	Describes all kinds of things the foot can do.
Go, Dog, Go!	A fun experience with opposites, color words, and number words.
Alison's Zinnia	In this alphabet book, flowers are used to guide youngsters through their ABC's.
Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?	A Pattern book involving colors and animals.
Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day	Alexander has the kind of day that is one mishap after another. He thinks about moving to Australia just to get away from his bad luck.
Rooster's Off to See the World	Rooster sets out to see the world. An introduction to the meaning of numbers as rooster is joined by other animals.
Mouse Paint	A funny tale of mice who get caught in some mixing jars and find various colors.
Mother Goose Favorites	A collection of wonderful and memorable Mother Goose nursery rhymes.
Ten Black Dots	A counting book which shows what can be done with 10 black dots.

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Ehlert, Lois	Snowballs	Harcourt Brace, 1999
Keats, Jack	Peter's Chair	Harper, 1998
Slobodkina, Esphyr	Caps for Sale	Harper Collins, 1985
Burton, Virginia	Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel	Houghton Mifflin, 1967
Stevens, Janet	Tops and Bottoms	Harcourt, 1995
Bourgeois, Paulette	Franklin in the Dark	Scholastic, 1986
Bourgeois, Paulette	Franklin Goes to School	Scholastic, 1995
Martin Jr. Bill	Chicka Chicka Boom Boom	Simon & Schuster, 2000
McCloskey, Robert	Blueberries for Sal	Viking, 1976
Hoban, Russell	Bedtime for Frances	Harper Collins, 1996
Pinkwater, Daniel	The Big Orange Splot	Scholastic, 1977
Dr. Seuss	Green Eggs and Ham	Random House, 1998
Shaw, Charles	It Looked Like Spilt Milk	Harper Collins, 1991
Gag, Wanda	Millions of Cats	Puffin, 2006
Sendak, Maurice	Where the Wild Things Are	Harper Collins, 1991
Adler, David	A Picture Book of George Washington	Holiday House, 1989
Adler, David	A Picture Book of Abraham Lincoln	Holiday House, 1989

Wilson, Karma	Bear Snores On	McElderry Books, 2002
DePaola, Tomie	Pancakes for Breakfast	Harcourt Brace, 1978
London, Jonathan	Froggy Rides a Bike	Puffin Books, 2006
Cronin, Eileen	Click, Clack Moo: Cows That Type	Simon Schuster, 2000
Martin, Bill	Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?	Holt, 1991
Payne, Emmy	Katy no-Pocket	Houghton Mifflin, 1992

First Grade Annotated List

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Snowballs	Some children create a family out of snow. Includes labeled pictures of all the items they use, as well as, information about how snow is formed.
Peter's Chair	When Peter discovers his blue furniture is being painted pink for a new baby sister, he rescues the last unpainted item, a chair, and runs away.
Caps for Sale	This humorous tale describes a peddler, his caps, and the monkeys who steal his caps while he is napping. The peddler gets his caps back by applying the old adage, "Monkey see, monkey do."
Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel	Mike Mulligan and his steam shovel, Marianne, team up to do a big job with persistence.
Tops and Bottoms	Hare turns his bad luck around by striking a clever deal with the rich and lazy bear down the road.
Franklin in the Dark	A turtle is afraid of dark places. He asks friends for advice and finds out that each one has fears of his own.
Franklin Goes to School	Franklin is nervous about his first day of school, but once he gets there he has too much fun to be nervous.
Chicka, Chicka Boom Boom	In a rhythmic alphabet chant, all the letters race one another up the coconut tree.
Blueberries for Sal	Sal and her mother set off in search of blueberries for the winter at the same time as a mother bear and her cub.
Bedtime for Frances	Frances finds it difficult to go to sleep with the

	strange noises and shapes that seem to fill her room after dark.
The Big Orange Sploit	When a seagull drops a can of orange paint on his house, Mr. Plumbean gets an idea that affects his entire neighborhood.
Green Eggs and Ham	This cumulative rhyme story tells of the many ways Sam-I-Am tries to get the car to eat his favorite foods.
It Looked Like Spilt Milk	Illustrations show that a cloud may look like spilt milk, an ice cream cone, a tree, a mitten, a rabbit, or many other objects.
Millions of Cats	An old man searches for just one cat among the "Millions and billions and trillions of cats" that live on a high hill.
Where the Wild Things Are	After he is sent to bed without supper for behaving like a wild thing, Max dreams of a voyage to an island where the wild things are.
A Picture Book of George Washington	A short account of the life of the first president of the United States.
A Picture Book of Abraham Lincoln	This book follows the life of the president from childhood until his assassination after the Civil War.
Bear Snores On	On a cold winter night many animals gather to party in the cave of a sleeping bear, who then awakes and protest that he missed the food and the fun.
Pancakes for Breakfast	A little old lady's attempts to make pancakes for breakfast are hindered by a scarcity of supplies and help from pets.
Froggy Rides a Bike	Froggy spends an exciting day buying and learning how to ride a bike.
Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type	When Farmer Brown's cows find a typewriter, they make demands and go on strike when the farmer refuses to give them what they want.
Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?	Zoo animals from polar bear to walrus make their distinctive sounds for each other, while children imitate the sounds for the zookeeper.
Katy No-Pocket	Katy the kangaroo finds the perfect solution after hunting for a pocket.

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Gibbons, Gail	Fire, Fire	Harper Collins, 1984
Lobel, Arnold	Mouse Soup	Harper & Row, 1977
Sharmat, Marjorie	Nate the Great	Dell Yearling, 2004
Cannon, Janell	Stellaluna	Harcourt, 1993
Flack, Marjorie	The Story About Ping	Grossett & Dunlap, 2000
Brown, Jeff	Flat Stanley	Harper & Collins, 2006
Adler, David	A Picture Book of Helen Keller	Holiday House, 1990
Mayer, Mercer	Just for You	Golden Book, 2003
Steig, William	Sylvester and the Magic Pebble	Aladdin, 1999
Brown, Marc	Arthur Meets the President	Little, Brown, 1991
Hoban, Lillian	Arthur's Loose Tooth	Harper Collins, 1985
Giff, Patricia	The Beast in Mrs. Rooney's Room	Yearling, 1984
Berenstain, Stan and Jan	The Berenstain Bears and Too Much TV	Random, 1990
Lobel, Arnold	Frog and Toad are Friends	Harper, Collins, 1970
Dr. Seuss	Hop on Pop	Random House, 2004
Blume, Judy*	The Pain and the Great One	Dell Dragonfly, 2001

Adler, David	Cam Jansen and the Double Beach Mystery	Puffin Books, 2003
Park, Barbara	Junie B. Jones and Some Sneaky Peaky Spying	Random House, 1994
Rylant, Cynthia	Henry and Mudge in the Sparkle Days	Simon & Schuster, 1988
Delton, Judy	Blue Skies, French Fries	Dell, 1988

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Grade 2 Annotated List

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Fire, Fire	This factual book explains how fire fighters fight fires. It realistically details the fire fighting processes, labels, fire fighting equipment, and represents fire fighting personnel of all sorts.
Mouse Soup	A mouse convinces weasel he needs the ingredients from several stories to make a tasty mouse soup.
Nate the Great	Nate the Great solves the mystery of the missing picture.
Stelluna	During an owl attack, Stellaluna, a baby fruit bat, loses her grip, falls from her mother, and lands in a bird's nest. She is adopted and raised by a mother bird until reunited with her mother.
The Story About Ping	Ping, a duck, lives with his mother, father, sisters, brothers, aunts, uncles, and forty-two cousins on a boat on the Yangtze River. He is an inquisitive duck who has many adventures.
Flat Stanley	Stanley is a perfectly normal boy until his bulletin board falls on top of him. Stanley has many adventures while he's 14mm thick, but he eventually wants to be normal.

A Picture Book of Helen Keller	A picture biography that tells the story of how a woman overcame her handicap of being deaf and blind.
Just for You	Little Critter has a problem doing something special for his mother, until he finds just the right solution.
Sylvester and the Magic Pebble	Sylvester the Donkey finds a magic pebble and unthinkingly wishes himself a rock when frightened by a lion. After he was safe from the lion, Sylvester cannot hold the pebble to wish himself into a donkey again!
Arthur Meets the President	Arthur's essay wins a contest and he has to read it to the President in a special ceremony at the White House.
Arthur's Loose Tooth	Arthur the Chimp is a little worried about losing his loose tooth, until his sister shows him the meaning of bravery.
The Beast in Mrs. Rooney's Room	Held back for a year in second grade, Richard can't help getting into trouble, until he finally gets interested in reading and helps his class in a special way.
The Berenstain Bears and Too Much TV	Concerned that the family is spending too much time in front of the TV, Mama Bear decides that there will be no television watching for one week.
Frog and Toad are Friends	Five tales recounting the adventures of two best friends.
Hop on Pop	Pairs of rhyming words are introduced and used in simple sentences.
The Pain and the Great One	A six-year old (The Pain) and his eight year old sister (The Great One) see each other as troublemakers and the best loved in the family.
Young Cam Jansen and the the Double Beach Mystery	Cam uses her photographic memory and her brain to solve two mysteries at the beach, involving a missing mother and a missing set of papers.
Junie B. Jones and Some	Junie B. Jones likes to spy on people, but her

Sneaky Peaky Spying	curiosity about her teacher gets her into trouble at kindergarten.
Henry and Mudge in the Sparkle Days	In the winter Henry and his big dog Mudge play in the snow, share a family Christmas, and gather around a winter fireplace.
Blue Skies, French Fries	The Pee Wee Scouts practice hard for their football game. Can they win?

Grade 3 Suggested Summer Reading List

- Students are required to read **3** books to participate in summer reading.
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dePaola, Tomie	Strega Nona	Simon & Schuster, 1975
Miles, Miska	Annie and the Old One	Little Brown, 1971
Mathis, Sharon	The Hundred Penny Box	Puffin Books, 2006
Young, Ed	Seven Blind Mice	Philomel, 1992
Huck, Charlotte	Princess Furball	Greenwillow, 1989
Goebel, Paul	Her Seven Brothers	Aladdin, 1993
Martin, Rafe	The Rough-Face Girl	Putnam's Sons, 1992
Rylant, Cynthia	The Relatives Came	Aladdin, 1993
Polacco, Patricia	Chicken Sunday	Philomel, 1992
Sobol, Donald	Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective	Dell Yearling, 2002
Osburne, Mary Pope	Magic Treehouse Series Dingoes at Dinnertime	Random House, 2000
Catling, Patrick	The Chocolate Touch	Harper Trophy, 2006
Cameron, Ann	Julian, Secret Agent	Random House, 2006
Warner, Gertrude	The Boxcar Children	Whitman, 2006
Cleary, Beverly	The Mouse and Motorcycle	Harper Trophy, 2000
McKissack, Patricia	Mirandy and Brother Wind	Knopf, 1996
Danziger, Paula	Amaber Brown is Not a Crayon	Puffin Books, 2006
White, E.B.	Charlotte's Web	Harper Collins, 1980
Roy, Ron	A to Z Mysteries	Random House, 1987
DePaola, Tomie	The Legend of the Indian Paintbrush	Putnam, 1988
Prelutsky, Jack	Something Big Has Been Here	Greenwillow, 1990

Grade 3 Annotated List

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Strega Nona 800L	When Strega Nona leaves him alone with her magic pasta pot, big Anthony is determined to show the townspeople how it works.
Annie and the Old One 700L	A Navajo girl unravels a day's weaving on a rug whose completion, she believes, will mean the death of her grandmother.
The Hundred Penny Box700L	Michael's love for his great-great-aunt, who lives with them, leads him to intercede with his mother who wants to toss out all of her old things.
Seven Blind Mice AD350L	Retells in verse the Indian fable of the blind men discovering different parts of an elephant and arguing about its appearance.
Princess Furball 920L	A Cinderella story about a girl and her coat of a thousand furs.
Her Seven Brothers AD520L	In this Cheyenne legend a girl and her 7 brothers become the Big Dipper. This book is excellent for an introduction to the solar system.
The Rough-Faced Girl AD540L	In this Algonquin Indian version, the Cinderella character is scarred from tending the fire. Her two beautiful but heartless sisters compete for the attention of the Invisible Being.
The Relatives Came AD940L	When a car-load of relatives come from Virginia, a family cannot tell one cousin from another.
Chicken Sunday 650L	Stewart, Winston, and their newly adopted Russian American sister, pool their money to buy their Gramma, Miss Eula, an Easter bonnet, but they come up short and must think of a way to earn the money.
Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective 560L	Leroy "Encyclopedia" Brown solves ten mysteries and by putting the solutions at the back of the book, challenges the reader to do

	the same.
Magic Treehouse Series Dingoes at Dinnertime 310L	Annie and Jack find themselves transported to Australia where they must save some animals from a wildfire.
The Chocolate Touch 770L	A boy acquires a magical gift that turns everything his lips touch to chocolate.
Julian, Secret Agent 460L	When Julian, his little brother Huey, and their friend Gloria decide to be "crime busters" they find themselves in one adventure after another.
The Boxcar Children 490L	Four orphans, two boys and two girls, set up housekeeping in an old boxcar.
The Mouse and the Motorcycle 860L	The adventures of a boy and a little mouse who wants to ride his toy motorcycle.
Mirandy and Brother Wind 690L	Mirandy is trying to catch the wind to be her partner at a cakewalk (dance contest), but instead of Brother Wind her partner is a boy named Ezel,
Amber Brown is Not a Crayon 720L	Amber Brown, a third grader, is sad because her best friend, Justin, is getting ready to move to another state.
Charlotte's Web 680L	Charlotte, a spider, helps to save Wilbur, a pig, from becoming Christmas dinner.
A to Z Mysteries	Third Grader Dink and his detective friends solve mysteries.
The Legend of the Indian Paintbrush AD840L	Little Gopher follows his destiny and becomes an artist who can bring the colors of the sunset down to earth.
Something Big Has Been Here	An illustrated collection of humorous poems on a variety of topics.

Grade 4 Suggested Summer Reading List

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Howe, Deborah	Bunnicula: A Rabbit Tale of Mystery	Atheneum, 2004
Cleary, Beverly	Dear Mr. Henshaw	Morrow, 1983
McCloskey, Robert	Homer Price	Viking Press, 1971
Henry, Marguerite	Misty of Chincoteague	Aladdin, 2006
McGovern, Ann	The Secret soldier: The Story of Deborah Sampson	Scholastic, 1975
Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds	Shiloh	Aladdin Paperbacks, 2000
Speare, Elizabeth	Sign of the Beaver	Houghton Mifflin, 1983
Fritz, Jean	Where Was Patrick Henry on the 29 th of May?	Penguin Putnam Books, 1997
Fleishman, Sid	The Whipping Boy	Greenwillow, 1986
McDonald, Megan	Judy Moody	Candlewick Press, 2006
Hurwitz, Johanna	Class Clown	Scholastic, 1987
McGovern, Ann	If You Lived in Colonial Times	Scholastic, 1992
Butler, Amy	Virginia Bound	Clarion Books, 2003
Sachar, Louis	Wayside School is Falling Down	Harper Trophy, 2004
Creech, Sharon	Love That Dog	Harper Trophy, 2003
Christopher, Matt*	Challenge at Second Base	Little-Brown, 1992
DeCamillo, Kate	Because of Winn Dixie	Candlewick Press, 2000
Clements, Andrew	Frindle	Simon & Schuster, 1996
Scieszka, Jon	It's All Greek to Me	Puffin Books, 2004
Blume, Judy *	Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing	Puffin Books, 2007

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Grade 4 Annotated List

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Bunnica: A rabbit Tale of Mystery 700L	Though scoffed at by Harold the dog, Chester the cat tries to warn his human family that their founding baby bunny must be a vampire.
Dear Mr. Henshaw 910L	In his letter to his favorite author, ten-year-old Leigh reveals his problems in coping with his parents' divorce, being the new boy in school, and generally finding his own place in the world.
Homer Price 1000L	Six episodes in the life of Homer Price including one in which he and his pet skunk capture four bandits and another about a donut machine on a rampage.
Misty of Chincoteague 750L	Two youngsters' determination to own a Chincoteague pony is greatly increased when the Phantom and her colt are among those rounded up for the yearly auction.
The Secret Soldier: The Story of Deborah Sampson 590L	A biography of the woman who disguised herself as a man and joined the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War.
Shiloh 890L	When he finds a lost beagle in the hills behind his West Virginia home, Marty tries to hide it from his family and the dog's real owner, a mean-spirited man known to shoot deer out of season and mistreat his dogs.
Sign of the Beaver 770L	Left alone to guard the family's wilderness home in eighteenth-century Maine, a boy is hard-pressed to survive until local Indians teach him their skills.
Where Was Patrick Henry on the 29 th of May? 1000L	A brief biography of Patrick Henry tracing his progress from planter to statesman.
The Whipping Boy 570L	A bratty prince and his whipping boy have many adventures when they inadvertently trade places after becoming involved with dangerous outlaws.

Judy Moody 530L	Get to know Judy Moody through mad-faced moods, funniest-thing-ever moods, and every mood in between.
Class Clown 670L	Lucas Cott, the most unruly and terrible boy in the 3 rd grade, finds it hard to turn over a new leaf when he decides to become the perfect student.
If You Lived in Colonial Times 590L	This provides information about life in colonial times including clothing, education, and punishment for crimes.
Virginia Bound 700L	In the process of helping Nell, Rob finds himself kidnapped and bound for the Virginia Colony. Both Nell and Rob have to learn to survive in the harsh conditions in Jamestown as indentured servants.
Wayside School is Falling Down 440L	More funny episodes from the classroom on the 13 th floor, where students learn to tango, face the cafeteria's dreaded Mushroom Surprise and study a hobo during show and tell.
Love That Dog 1010L	A young student learns to enjoy poetry by understanding what famous poems mean to him. He surprises himself by writing his own poetry.
Challenge at Second Base 600L	Story of how a young boy faces competition on his baseball team.
Because of Winn-Dixie 610L	Ten year old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big, ugly dog Winn-Dixie.
Frindle 830L	Nick Allen invents a new word to turn his teacher's love of the dictionary around on her. This begins a chain of events that moves beyond his control.
It's All Greek to Me 530L	As they are about to go on stage, Joe, Fred, and Sam are transported back to the time of Zeus and the other gods in Greek mythology, who, strangely enough, behave much like the characters in the trio's class play.
Tales of a Fourth Grade	Living with his little brother Fudge, makes Peter

Nothing
470L

feel like a 4th grade nothing. Fudge is never far from trouble. He's a 2 year old terror who gets away with everything—and Peter's had enough.

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MacLachlan, Patricia	Arthur for the Very First Time	Harper Trophy, 1989
Steig, William	Abel's Island	Square Fish, 2007
O'Dell, Scott	The Black Pearl	Houghton Mifflin, 1995
Babbit, Natalie	Tuck Everlasting	Square Fish, 2007
Dahl, Roald	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory	Puffin Books, 2007
Scieszka, Jon	True story of the Three Little Pigs	Puffin, 1996
Christopher, Matt*	Dirt Bike Racer	Norwood House Press, 2008
Van Allsburg, Chris	Wreck of the Zephyr	Houghton Mifflin, 1983
Byars, Betsy	Trouble River	Puffin, 1989
Byars, Betsy	Summer of the Swans	Puffin, 2000
Butterworth, Oliver	The Enormous Egg	Little Brown, 1984
Lowry, Lois*	Anastasia Krupnik	Houghton Mifflin, 1993
O'Neill, Mary	Hailstones and Halibut Bones	Doubleday, 1989
Clements, Andrew	No Talking	Simon & Schuster, 2007
Sachar, Louis	There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom	Yearling, 2004
Blume, Judy*	Superfudge	Puffin Books, 2007
Spinelli, Jerry*	Maniac Magee	Little Brown, 1990
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Park, Barbara	The Kid in the Red Jacket	Yearling, 2006

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Grade 5 Annotated List

Title and Lexile Level	Annotation
The Great Brain 840L	The episodes of the <i>Great Brain</i> of Adenville, Utah are described by his younger brother, frequently the victim of the <i>Great Brain's</i> schemes for gaining prestige or money.
Arthur for the Very First Time 660L	Arthur spends the summer with his eccentric aunt and uncle. He is accused of being an observer rather than a doer. This story is full of warmth, humor, and quirky characters, both human and animal.
Abel's Island 920L	In this fantasy survival story a Victorian mouse battles physical elements and over comes loneliness and despair.
The Black Pearl 980L	16 year old Ramon has just harvested the biggest pearl he has ever seen from an underwater cave where a monster devilfish lurks. Neither Ramon nor his father can foresee the trouble such a gem can bring.
Tuck Everlasting 770L	The Tuck family is confronted with an agonizing situation when they discover a 10 year old girl and a stranger who know their secret about a spring whose waters prevent people from growing old.
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory 810L	Each of five children lucky enough to discover an entry ticket into Mr. Willy Wonka's mysterious chocolate factor takes advantage of the situation in his own way.
True Story of the Three Little Pigs AD507L	The "real" version told from the wolf's point of view.
Dirt Bike Racer 630L	12 year old Ron Baker finds a minibike and with the help of a former motorcycle rider, restores the bike and enters competitions.
Wreck of the Zephyr 500L	A boy's ambition to be the greatest sailor in the world brings him to ruin when he misuses his new ability to sail his boat in the air.

Trouble River 770L	When he builds his raft, 12 year old Dewey Martin never dreams that it will serve as the only means of escape for him and his grandmother when hostile Indians threaten their prairie cabin.
Summer of the Swans 830L	A teenage girl gains new insight into herself and her family when her mentally handicapped brother gets lost.
The Enormous Egg 900L	Neither twelve-year-old Nate nor his parents are prepared for what hatches out the amazing egg his hen lays.
Anastasia Krupnik 700L	This amusing and engaging tale is about an intelligent ten-year-old facing a world full of confusing issues.
Hailstones and Halibut Bones	Twelve poems reflect the author's feelings about various colors.
No Talking 820L	The noisy fifth grade boys of Laketon Elementary school challenge the equally loud fifth grade girls to a "No Talking" contest.
There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom 490L	An unmanageable, but lovable, eleven-year-old misfit learns to believe in himself when he gets to know the new school counselor, who is a sort of misfit, too.
Superfudge 560L	Peter describes the highs and lows of life with his younger brother, Fudge.
Maniac Magee 820L	After his parents die, Jeffrey Magee's life becomes legendary, as he accomplishes athletic and other feats which awe his peers.
Niagara Falls or Does It? 610L	Hank, Ashley, and Frankie are preparing for a magic show at the Rock 'N Bowl when Hank's creative alternative to an English essay gets him grounded.
The Kid in the Red Jacket 640L	When 10-year-old Howard has to move with his family to a distant state, he is forced to live on a street named Chester Pewe, adjust to a new school, and get used to being shadowed by the little girl in a nearby house.

End of Summer Reading Lists