

5th Grade



Recommended Reading List

Looking for some good books to read, but don't know where to begin?
These books are recommended reads by our staff of librarians. Many of the authors listed below have other great books for this age group. Read and enjoy!

J Fiction

Crispin: The Cross of Lead by Avi
Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt
Chasing Vermeer (series) by Blue Balliett
Peter and the Starcatchers (series) by Dave Barry
Well Wished by Franny Billingsley
Cornelia and the Audacious Escapades of the Somerset Sisters by Lesley M. M. Blume
The Name of This Book is Secret by Pseudonymous Bosch
Shakespeare's Secret by Elise Broach
The Fairy Tale Detectives (series) by Michael Buckley
Molly Moon's Incredible Book of Hypnotism by Georgia Byng
No Talking by Andrew Clements
Artemis Fowl (series) by Eoin Colfer
Misadventures of Maude March by Audrey Coulombis
Heartbeat by Sharon Creech
Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis
James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl
Lostman's River by Cynthia DeFelice
The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo
City of Ember (series) by Jeanne DuPrau
Half Magic by Edgar Eager
Once Upon Marigold by Jean Ferris
Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key by Jack Gantos
The Liberation of Gabriel King by K. L. Going
Among the Hidden (series) by Margaret Haddix
All the Lovely Bad Ones by Mary Downing Hahn
Ida B. by Katherine Hannigan
Hoot by Carl Hiaasen
Jason's Gold by Will Hobbs
The Trolls by Polly Horvath
The Warriors (series) by Erin Hunter
Dying to Meet You by Kate Klise
Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai
The Best Bad Luck I Ever Had by Kristin Levine
Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin
Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life by Wendy Mass

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Greetings From Nowhere by Barbara O'Connor
Chicken Boy by Frances O'Roark Dowell
Keeping Score by Linda Sue Park
A Year Down Yonder by Richard Peck
Freak the Mighty by W. R. Philbrick
I Was a Rat by Philip Pullman
The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin
Simon Bloom: Gravity Keeper by Michael Reisman
Becoming Naomi Leon by Pam Munoz Ryan
Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli
Stuart Little by E. B. White
Way Down Deep by Ruth White
Little House on the Prairie (series) by Laura Ingles Wilder
Ravenmaster's Secret by Elvira Woodruff

Non Fiction Books

The Day-Glo Brothers by Chris Barton, 535.352 BAR
Nic Bishop Marsupials by Nic Bishop, 599.2 BIS
Tarra and Bella: The Elephant and Dog Who Became Best Friends by Carol Buckley, 599.67 BUC
Knut: How One Little Polar Bear Captivated the World by Juliann Lee Hatkoff, 599.786 HAT
Boys of Steel: The creators of Superman by Mark Tyler Nobleman, 741.5092 NOB
House Baba Built: An Artist's Childhood in China by Ed Young, 741.64092 YOU
The Spatulatta Cookbook: Recipes For Kids By Kids by Isabella Ger, 781.66 GEO
Shake, Rattle & Roll: The Founders of Rock & Roll by Holly George-Warren, 781.66 GEO
Blues Journey by Walter Dean Myers, 811.54 MYE
Don't Bump the Glump and Other Fantasies by Shel Silverstein, 811.54 SIL
Hana's Suitcase by Karen Levine, 940.5318 LEV

Biographies

Reaching For the Moon by Buzz Aldrin, J Biography ALDRIN
What To Do About Alice? by Barbara Kerley, J Biography LONGWORTH
Knucklehead by Jon Scieszka, J Biography SCIESZKA
Piano Starts Here: The Young Art Tatum by Robert Andrew Parker, J Biography TATUM



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