

**Council Rock School District Libraries
Elementary School
Summer Reading List
2009**

Aronson, Marc. For Boys Only: The Biggest, Baddest Book Ever. Grades 5-8
A compendium of information on a variety of topics of interest to boys, such as how to fight off an alligator, make fake blood, escape from being tied-up, land an airplane, and much more.

Berger, Melvin & Berger, Gilda. Mummies of the Pharaohs. Grades 4-7
Hawass, Zahi. Curse of the Pharaohs-My Adventures with Mummies.
Hawass, Zahi. Tutankhamen-The Mystery of the Boy King.
Those who love archaeology will enjoy these three books on Ancient Egypt, pharaohs and of course Tutankhamen. Two of the three books are written by the Director of Excavations at the Giza Pyramids and the Valley of the Golden Mummies and who has spent his life digging up ancient tombs and all three are sponsored by National Geographic Society.

Birdsall, Jeanne. The Penderwicks. Grades 4-6
A summer tale of four sisters, two rabbits, and a very interesting boy. A summer holiday at a beautiful estate called Arundel, a new found friend names Jeffery, his icy-hearted mother Mrs. Tifton and two weeks trying to stay out of trouble are all things the Penderwicks will not soon forget. Wonderful story about a wonderful family. National Book Award for Young People's Literature.

Bishop, Nic. Nic Bishop Spiders. Grades 1-3.
Includes fold-out pages. Photographs and text provide basic information about various kinds of spiders.

Buckley-Archer, Linda. The Time Travelers : Book One in the Gideon Trilogy. Grades 5-8.
When an attempt to bring Peter and Kate back to their own time is bungled, Peter finds himself stranded in 1763 while The Tar Man, a villainous eighteenth-century criminal, returns with Kate to twenty-first-century London.

Buckley, Michael. The Sisters Grimm books. Grades 4-6
Daphne and Sabrina Grimm, who are orphaned after their parents disappear, are sent to live with their Granny in upstate New York in Ferryport Landing. These ladies, who are descendants of the famous Grimm Brothers and the four titles so far show off wonderfully the historical chronicles of fairy tales and folk tales

Carbone, Elisa. Blood on the River – James Town 1607. Grades 5-8
Traveling to the New World in 1606 as the page to Captain John Smith, twelve-year-old orphan Samuel Collier settles in the new colony of James Town, where he must quickly learn to distinguish between friend and foe.

Chaiken, Andrew. Mission Control, This is Apollo: The Story of the First Voyages to the Moon. Grades 5-8
A well-researched and illustrated book presenting the stories behind the Apollo missions to the moon. The book includes interviews with Alan Bean, who walked on the moon during Apollo Mission 12.

Clements, Andrew. No Talking. Grades 3-6
The noisy fifth grade boys of Laketon Elementary School challenge the equally loud fifth grade girls to a "no talking" contest.

Cormier, Robert. The Chocolate War. Grades 5-9
A high school freshman discovers the devastating consequences of refusing to join in the school's annual fund raising drive and arousing the wrath of the school bullies.

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Coville, Bruce. **Moongobble and Me** series. Grades 2-4

Dragon of Doom, The Weeping Werewolf, The Evil Elves, The Mischief Monster.

A little town called Pigbone is the home of Moongobble the Magician, his faithful toad, URK, a bored little boy called Edward and Fireball the dragon. Adventure, humor, bullies, and friendship are all themes throughout this great little chapter book series.

Coville, Bruce. **Jeremy Thatcher Dragon Hatcher.** Grades 4-6

Small for his age but artistically talented, twelve-year-old Jeremy Thatcher unknowingly buys a dragon's egg.

Cummins, Julie. **Women daredevils: thrills, chills, and frills.** Grade 4-6

Profiles fourteen women who flouted convention to work as entertainers in the years between 1880 and 1929, performing thrilling feats in the water, in the air, and in the circus.

DiCamillo, Kate. **Mercy Watson Goes for a Ride.** Grades K to 3

Mr. Watson's usual Saturday drive in his Cadillac with his favorite pig, Mercy, turns into an adventure when an unexpected passenger shows up in the back seat and Mercy finds herself behind the wheel.

DiCamillo, Kate. **Mercy Watson Thinks Like a Pig.** Grades K-3

Two sisters move in next door to where Mercy the pig lives, and frustrated when Mercy continues to eat their flowers, decide to call for the help of an Animal Control Officer, Francine Poulet, to handle the case

Drummon, Allan. **Tin Lizzie.** Grades K-2

Grandpa loves working on old cars, especially his Model T Ford, and he passes along to his grandchildren not only the history of automobiles and all of their benefits, but also his concerns about traffic, pollution, and the problems of relying on foreign oil.

Edgers, Geoff. **Who were the Beatles?** Grades 2-4

A brief illustrated biography of the Beatles, one of world's most famous rock bands, providing information on each individual member, and tracing how the band started to when they broke up.

Fleischman, John. **Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story about Brain Science.**

Grades 5-8

The true story of Phineas Gage, whose brain had been pierced by an iron rod in 1848, and who survived and became a case study in how the brain functions.

Fleming, Denise. **Buster goes to Cowboy Camp.** Grades K-3

When Buster the dog's owner goes away for a few days, he sends Buster to Sagebrush Kennels for Cowboy Camp, where Buster is homesick at first, but then has fun herding balls into the corral, gathering sticks for a campfire, and making wanted posters with his paw prints.

Frazer, Marla. **A couple of boys have the best week ever.** Grades K-3

Friends James and Eamon enjoy a wonderful week at the home of Eamon's grandparents during summer vacation.

Gifford, Peggy Elizabeth. **Moxy Maxwell does not love Stuart Little.** Grades 4-6.

With summer coming to an end, about-to-be-fourth-grader Moxy Maxwell does a hundred different things to avoid reading her assigned summer reading book.

Gorbachev, Valeri. **Turtle's Penguin Day.** Grades K-2.

After hearing a bedtime story about penguins, Turtle dresses as one for school and soon the entire class is having a penguin day, sliding on their bellies and eating goldfish crackers.

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Gutman, Dan. Nightmare at the Book Fair. Grades 4-6.

On his way to lacrosse tryouts, the president of the PTA asks Trip Dinkelman to help her with the book fair, resulting in Trip sustaining a head injury which causes him temporary amnesia and makes for an interesting journey home.

Haddix, Margaret Peterson. Among the Hidden. Grades 3-6

In a future where the Population Police enforce the law limiting a family to only two children, Luke has lived all his twelve years in isolation and fear on his family's farm, until another "third" convinces him that the government is wrong.

Harness, Cheryl. George Washington. Grades 1-4

Presents the life of George Washington, focusing on the Revolutionary War years and his presidency.

Hoeye, Michael. Time Stops for No Mouse. Grades 4-6

A hardworking watchmaker mouse named Hermux Tantamog enjoys the simple things in life like donuts, coffee and a quiet evening at home with his pet ladybug. But his quiet life changes radically when he meets aviatrix/adventurer, Ms. Linka Peflinger. She drops off a broken watch but never returns for it which begins his quest not only for the watch but also for his heart. Others in series No Time like Show Time and The Sands of Time and Time to Smell the Roses.

Hulme, Joy N. Wild Fibonacci Nature's Secret Code Revealed. Grades 2-4

"Look carefully. Do you see a pattern? 1,1,2,3,5,8,13,21,24,55,..." This number set above is known as the Fibonacci sequence. The pattern is that each number above is the sum of the two numbers before it. Fascinating book about one of nature's most intriguing codes.

Hunter, Erin. Twilight. Grades 4-6

After the warrior cat Clans settle into their new homes, the harmony they once had disappears as the clans start fighting each other, until the day their common enemy--the badger--invades their territory.

Ichikawa, Satomi. Come Fly with Me. Grades K-2.

Woggy and Cosmos, a toy dog and a toy airplane, go on an adventure in Paris.

Jones, Elizabeth McDavid. Ghost Light on Graveyard Shoal. Grades 2-5

In the late nineteenth century, twelve-year-old Rhoda investigates her suspicion that a wrecker may be luring ships to their destruction on the Virginia barrier island where her father is keeper of a U.S. Lifesaving Station. Includes historical notes on the United States Life-Saving Service.

Kessler, Liz. The Tail of Emily Windsnap. Grade 3-6

After finally convincing her mother that she should take swimming lessons, twelve-year-old Emily discovers a terrible and wonderful secret about herself that opens up a whole new world.

Kinney, Jeff. Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Last Straw. Grades 3-6

Middle-schooler Greg Heffley nimbly sidesteps his father's attempts to change Greg's wimpy ways until his father threatens to send him to military school.

Kirk, Daniel. Library Mouse. Grades K-2

Sam, a shy but creative mouse who lives in a library, decides to write and illustrate his own stories which he places on the shelves with the other library books but when children find the tales, they all want to meet the author.

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Kroll, Steven. Jungle Bunnies. Grades K-2

Good advice given by mother when Elephant takes Hippo's spot in the pond, causing Hippo to pick on Lion and Lion to pick on Leopard, and Leopard to pick on Monkey. "Why should a bigger animal get away with bullying a smaller one?" A theme showing off the benefits of sharing.

Livingston, Myra Cohn, illustrated by Will Hillenbrand. Calendar. Grades K-3

A beautiful poetry book showing off January through December months. "January shivers, February shines, March blows off the winter ice, April makes the mornings nice."

London, Jonathan. Froggy Goes To Camp. Grades K-2.

Froggy goes to a sleep-away camp, where all of his fun seems to cause trouble for the camp's director.

Lowry, Lois. The Willoughbys. Grades 4-6.

A tongue-in-cheek take on classic themes in children's literature, in which the four Willoughby children set out to become "deserving orphans" after their neglectful parents embark on a treacherous around-the-world adventure, leaving them in the care of an odious nanny.

MacLachlan, Patricia. Sarah, Plain and Tall. Grades 3-5

When their father invites a mail-order bride to come live with them in their prairie home, Caleb and Anna are captivated by their new mother and hope that she will stay.

McAllister, M.I. Urchin of the Riding Stars-Book One of the Mistmantle Chronicles. Urchin and the Heartstone-Book 2. The Heir of Mistmantle-Book 3 Grades 4-7

A tiny near dead squirrel is found abandoned on the Beach of Mistmantle, taken in and cared for by another kindly squirrel. Urchin born on the night of the Riding Stars has no idea how he will defend his powerful destiny to save his beloved island of Mistmantle.

McDonald, Megan. Stink and the Guinea Pig Express. Grades K-3

Stink Moody, friends Webster and Sophie, and Mrs. Birdwistle visit tourist attractions in Virginia as they try to give away 101 guinea pigs rescued from a laboratory, although Stink is very reluctant to relinquish his favorite, Astro.

Montgomery, Lucy Maud. Anne of Green Gables. Grades 4-7

Anne, an eleven-year-old orphan, is sent by mistake to live with a lonely, middle-aged brother and sister on a Prince Edward Island farm and proceeds to make an indelible impression on everyone around her.

Nelson, Kadir. We are the ship: the story of Negro League Baseball. Grades 3-6

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. Illustrations from oil paintings by artist Kadir Nelson.

Paul, Ann Whitford. Count on Culebra. Grades K-3

Culebra the rattlesnake comes to the rescue with a cure involving the Spanish numbers uno through diez after Iguana stubs her toe and cannot make her sweet cactus butter dulces. Includes a recipe.

Pratchett, Terry. The Wee Free Men-A Story on Discworld. Grades 4-6

Tiffany Aching, a young very spirited witch-to-be armed with a lot of common sense and a frying pan is forced into Fairyland to find her kidnapped brother. She allies herself with a clan of six-inch-high blue men-AKA the Wee Free Men and battles her way to final showdown. Pratchett a master storyteller tells a wonderful Celtic tale that combines both humor and suspense right to the last page. Others in series: A Hat Full of Sky and Winter-smith and more coming.

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O'Connor, Jane. Fancy Nancy, Explorer Extraordinaire! Grades K-3
Fancy Nancy and her friend Bree explore trees, leaves, birds, wildflowers, and butterflies as part of the Explorers' Club. Includes recipes and a map.

Pinkwater, Daniel. Bear's Picture. Grades K-3.
A bear continues to paint what he likes despite the criticism of two passing gentlemen who believe that bears cannot be artists.

Pitzer, Susanna. Not Afraid of Dogs. Grades K-2
Young Daniel must confront his fear of dogs when his mom dog sits his aunt's pet.

Polacco, Patricia. Someone for Mr. Sussman. Grades 2-4
Although she is the best matchmaker in the neighborhood, Jerome's Bubbie has a hard time finding a match for the fussy Mr. Sussman.

Ransom, Candice. Giant in the Garden. Grades 2-4.
Alex and his sisters look through a spyglass, and suddenly find themselves in a strange, mixed-up fairy tale.

Rappaport, Doreen. Abe's Honest Words: The Life of Abraham Lincoln. Grades 3-6.
An illustrated biography of Abraham Lincoln, the sixteenth president of the United States and the man responsible for seeing the country through the Civil War.

Ray, Jane. The Apple-Pip Princess. Grades K-3.
In a land that has stood barren, parched by drought and ravaged by frosts since the Queen's death, the King sets his three daughters the task of making the kingdom bloom again, and discovers that sometimes the smallest things can make the biggest difference.

Rawls. Wilson. Where the red fern grows; the story of two dogs and a boy. Grades 4-8.
A young boy living in the Ozarks achieves his heart's desire when he becomes the owner of two redbone hounds and teaches them to be champion hunters.

San Souci, Robert D. Triple-Dare to Be Scared: Thirteen Further Freaky Tales.
Grades 4-7
This is the third thrilling book in San Souci's acclaimed Dare to Be Scared series. "Sleep with the lights on," is the advice given after reading these thirteen tales. The other two in the series, Dare to Be Scared: Thirteen Stories to Chill and Thrill and Double-Dare to Be Scared: another Thirteen Chilling Tales.

Siminovich, Lorena. Alex and Lulu: Two of a Kind. PreS-Gr. 1
Alex the Dog and Lulu the cat are best friends. They like a lot of the same things, but Lulu begins to notice their differences. Alex wonders if this is the end of their friendship, but they discover that good friends don't agree on everything!

Van Draanen, Wendelin. Sammy Keyes and the Cold Hard Cash. Grades 5-8.
Thirteen-year-old Sammy meets a mysterious man who dies of a heart attack after telling her to get rid of the large amount of money he is carrying, leading her to investigate who the man was and how he came to be carrying so much cash.

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Watson, Jude. The 39 Clues: Beyond the Grave. Grades 4-7

A Clue found in Book 3 sends Amy and Dan jetting off to find out just what's behind the fierce rivalry between the Tomas and Ekaterina branches of the Cahill family. Was a Clue stolen from the Tomas branch? Where is it now? And most important, can Amy and Dan get their hands on it before their rivals do? It's a wild race that will take Amy and Dan deep into the bowels of the earth . . . and right into the hands of the enemy.

Willems, Mo. The Pigeon Finds a Hot Dog. Grades K-1

Pigeon learns about sharing when a curious duckling keeps asking questions about the hot dog Pigeon has found.

Willems, Mo. I Will Surprise My Friend. Grades K-3

Gerald the elephant and Piggie, who are best friends, play a game to surprise each other by a big rock and their fun takes a strange turn when Gerald gets worried