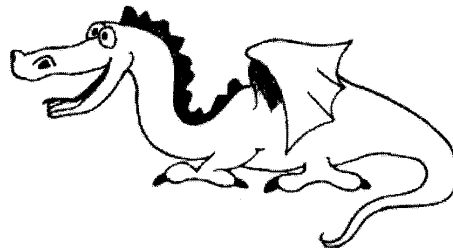


*Dragons,
Dreams, and Daring
Deeds*



*Madison Public Schools
2005 K-12 Summer Reading List*

Madison Public Schools

Excellence In Education

A Message to Parents...

Dear Parents and Guardians:

The 2005 Summer Reading List has been compiled through the collaborative efforts of many individuals, including the Madison Public Schools' library media specialists and staff, language arts / English coordinators and teachers, reading consultants, and Jane Ash, Children's Librarian and Dawn Fiorelli, Young Adult Librarian from Scranton Memorial Library. All have been truly dedicated to developing a compelling list of titles, which we hope will appeal to all age groups.

As always, the Summer Reading List is a roster of suggested titles, except where noted. All those involved in its development acknowledge that the list of titles, although covering a wide variety of genre, is limited. We do not intend to discourage students' sampling of other books or magazines and periodicals not on the list. Please feel free to suggest additional titles for students to read, and don't hesitate to ask librarians or representatives from local books stores for assistance in recommending more titles. Everyone is ready to do their utmost to help young people develop a love of reading.

As part of this effort, we encourage all parents and high school aged students to participate in The Friends of the Scranton Library's One Book One Town Program by reading **Waiting for Snow in Havana: Confessions of a Cuban Boy** by local author Carlos Eire. This summer, the library will bring the Madison community together in a shared reading experience celebrating this memoir. Book discussions, an author visit, and other activities are planned for the community this fall. Various departments at the high school will also be involved in this program.

Together, as in the past, we can make reading an integral part of our young people's lives. Best wishes for an enjoyable and relaxing summer in the imaginative world of books.

Should you like to explore reading lists for other grades, visit the Madison Public Schools' website at www.madison.k12.ct.us.

Sincerely,

H. Kaye Griffin, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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2005 Summer Reading List Grades K-4

General Instructions

On the following pages is the suggested Summer Reading List for students entering Grades K-4 in the fall of 2005. Books used for core instruction during the school year are not on this list.

Students are encouraged to read at least five books this summer. A selected book may be one that can be read by the child, with the child, or to the child.

While the summer reading list should serve as a guide, reading need not be limited to these titles. If the suggested book title is not available, try another by the same author. Additional authors are also listed. Please remember that each child's reading ability varies; therefore, you are welcome to choose a title from another grade level, if it seems appropriate. The library media specialists, classroom teachers, and reading teachers in each school, as well as the children's librarian at Scranton Library, will be happy to assist you and your child in choosing the best books for you to read to your child or for your child to read independently. Scranton Library has several resources (listed below) that may help you find a particular book. A list of periodicals is also included as part of this summer reading packet. Students are encouraged to enjoy this form of reading as well. Additional reading lists are available online at www.madison.k12.ct.us and at Scranton Library and local book stores.

It is expected that students will complete the recording sheet for grades K-4 found at the end of the list. **Please return the sheets to the school's library media specialist in September.**

Suggested Periodicals for Parents

Parents

Parenting

Suggested Periodicals for Students

Appleseeds	Ranger Rick
Jack and Jill	Sesame Street
Kids Discover	Spider
Ladybug	Zoo Books
National Geographic Kids	

Resources for Parents

Backes, Laura: **Best Books for Kids Who Think They Hate to Read**

Miles, Betty: **Hey! I'm Reading!**

Ragi, Esme: **How to Get Your Child to Love Reading**

Helpful Web Sites

Scranton Library Children's Section
www.scrantonlibrary.com/children

Connecticut Nutmeg Award
www.biblio.org/nutmegaward/

Recommended Reading for Children
www.kidsreads.com

Reading Is Fundamental
www.rif.org

Summer Programs at Scranton Memorial Library

Nutmeg Discussion Groups for Grades 4 – 6 will meet from 6:30 – 7:30 on Wednesdays, June 29 through August 31. Register at Scranton Memorial Library. Details can be found at the end of the Nutmeg list that follows.

Dragons, Dreams, and Daring Deeds Program registration begins on Monday, June 30 at Scranton Memorial Library. Reading is your ticket as you take a magical journey on the game board. You can play the game over and over as the reading you do this summer earns more prizes and fun. This program is for children preschool through grade 6.

Kindergarten

If the suggested title is not available, try another by the same author.

A selected book may be one that can be read by the child, with the child, or to the child. You are welcome to choose a title from another grade level to read aloud to your child.

Students are asked to complete and return a recording sheet(s) to the school's library media specialist in September.

FICTION: Picture Book

Anholt, Catherine and Laurence: **Chimp and Zee and the Big Storm**

Crimi, Carolyn: **Don't Need Friends**

Cuyler, Margery: **The Biggest Best Snowman**

Feiffer, Jules: **Bark, George**

Fleming, Denise: **Buster**

Ghigna, Charles: **Animal Track: Wild Poems to be Read Aloud**

Heide Parry, Florence: **Some Things are Scary**

Henkes, Kevin: **Kitten's First Full**

LaRochelle, David: **The Best Pet of All**

McCarty, Peter: **Hondo and Fabian**

Rohmann, Eric: **My Friend Rabbit**

Schlein, Miriam: **Little Raccoon's Big Question**

Silverman, Erica: **Don't Fidget a Feather**

Stevenson, James: **Don't Make Me Laugh**

Willems, Mo: **Knuffle Bunny**

Authors: Jan Brett, Eric Carle, Ezra Keats, David Shannon, Rosemary Wells

NON-FICTION: Picture Book

Brett, Jan: **The Mitten**

Demuth, Patricia: **Snakes**

Dodson, Peter: **An Alphabet of Dinosaurs**

Driscoll, Laura: **All About Dogs and Puppies**

Dussling, Jennifer: **Planets**

Egielski, Richard: **The Gingerbread Boy**

Frost, Helen: **Dogs**

Gillis, Jennifer Blizin: **Cats**

Hall, Margaret: **Ladybugs**

Macken, JoAnn Early: **Horses**

McKay, Sindy: **About Dinosaurs**

Ransom, Candice F.: **Big Rigs**

Authors: Allan Fowler, Gail Gibbons, David M. Schwartz

Grades 1 and 2

If the suggested title is not available, try another by the same author.

A selected book may be one that can be read by the child, with the child, or to the child. You are welcome to choose a title from another grade level to read aloud to your child.

Students are asked to complete and return a recording sheet(s) to the school's library media specialist in September.

FICTION: Picture Books

Andreae, Giles: **Giraffes Can't Dance**

Gerald the giraffe is too clumsy to dance with all the other animals at the Jungle Dance, until he finds the right music.

Cronin, Doreen: **Diary of a Worm**

On the title page, the i in the word diary is represented by a pencil. The o in the word worm is represented by a worm. A young worm discovers, day by day, that there are some very good and some not so good things about being a worm in this great big world.

Davis, Katie: **Mabel the Tooth Fairy**

Relates how Mabel Becaharovic's failure to brush or floss her own teeth turned her from an ordinary fairy into the Tooth Fairy.

Gerstein, Mordicai: **The Man Who Walked Between the Towers**

Philippe Petit of France, in 1974 did a tightrope walk between the World Trade Center towers. This is a true story and a wonderful way to look at and remember the Twin Towers.

Henkes, Kevin: **Owen**

Owen's parents try to get him to give up his favorite blanket before he starts school, but when their efforts fail, they come up with a solution that makes everyone happy.

Henkes, Kevin: **Kitten's First Full Moon**

When Kitten mistakes the full moon for a bowl of milk, she ends up tired, wet, and hungry trying to reach it.

James, Simon: **Baby Brains**

Even though the new baby of Mr. and Mrs. Brains is very intelligent, they realize that he is still just a baby.

Keller, Laurie: **Arnie the Doughnut**

Arnie the talking doughnut convinces Mr. Bing that not all doughnuts are meant to be eaten.

Munson, Derek: **Enemy Pie**

Hoping that the enemy pie which his father makes will help him get rid of his enemy, a little boy finds that instead it helps make a new friend.

Numeroff, Laura Joffe: **If You Give a Mouse a Cookie**

Relating the cycle of requests a mouse is likely to make after you give him a cookie takes the reader through a young child's day.

O'Neill, Alexis: **The Recess Queen**

Mean Jean is the biggest bully on the school playground until a new girl arrives and challenges Jean's status as the Recess Queen.

Palatini, Margie: **Tub-boo-boo**

Henry gets his toe stuck in the tub spout while taking a bath, and everyone who tries to free him gets stuck as well.

Richards, Chuck: **Jungle Gym Jitters**

Jerry's imaginative dad likes to build things, but when the jungle gym that started out fun grows out of control, Jerry's fear of heights--and the zoo animals and mobs of people the gym attracts--give Jerry the jitters.

Scieszka, Jon: **The True Story of the Three Little Pigs**

The wolf gives his own outlandish version of what really happened when he tangled with the three little pigs.

Willems, Mo: **Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus**

A pigeon that longs to drive a bus sees a chance to make its dream come true when the bus driver takes a short break. This is a wonderful read-aloud.

Authors: Janell Cannon, Ludwig Bemelmans, James Marshall, Susan Meddaugh, Katharine Holabrid, Marilyn Moss, Carol Carrick

FICTION: Chapter Books

Adler, David A.: **Young Cam Jansen and the Baseball Mystery**

When a baseball game is stopped because of a lost ball, Cam uses her photographic memory to find the ball.

Blume, Judy: **Freckle Juice**

Andrew wants freckles so badly that he buys Sharon's freckle recipe for fifty cents.

Byers, Betsy: **My Brother Ant**

Coerr, Eleanor: **Chang's Paper Pony**

Cushman, Doug: **Aunt Eater Loves a Mystery**

Rylant, Cynthia: **Poppleton**

Poppleton the pig makes a friend, reads a library book about adventure, and helps a sick friend get better.

Maccarone, Grace: **Itchy, Itchy Chicken Pox**

Peppy rhymes present the humorous side to a common ailment.

Sachar, Louis: **Marvin Redpost: Alone in his Teacher's House**

Marvin is pleased when his teacher asks him to take care of her dog while she's away, but he soon finds that there's more pressure involved than he likes.

FICTION: Series

Adler, David: **Young Cam Jansen**

Betancourt, Jeanne: **Pony Pals**

Byars, Betsy: **The Golly Sisters Series**

Christopher, Matt: **Soccer Cats Series**

Dale, Jenny: **Puppy Patrol Series**

Gannett, Ruth Stiles: **Dragons of Blueland Series**

Giff, Patricia Reilly: **The Kids of the Polk Street School Series**

Howe, James: **Pinky and Rex Series**

Osborne, Mary Pope: **The Magic Tree House Series**

Parish, Peggy: **Amelia Bedelia Series**

Park, Barbara: **Junie B. Jones Series**

Roy, Ron: **A to Z Mysteries**

Rylant, Cynthia: **Henry and Mudge Series**

Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman: **Nate the Great Series**

Thaler, Mike: **Black Lagoon Series**

NON-FICTION:

Ballard, Robert D.: **Finding the Titanic**

Describes the voyage of the Titanic, the accident that caused it to sink, the rescue of those who survived, and the 1986 expedition to find the sunken ship.

Brust, Beth Wagner: **Sea Otters**

Cole, Joanna: **The Magic School Bus Inside a Hurricane**

A special field trip on the magic school bus allows Ms. Frizzle's class to experience a hurricane firsthand, from air, sea, and land.

DePaola, Tomie: **Jamie O'Rourke and the Big Potato**

The laziest man in all of Ireland catches a leprechaun, who offers a potato seed instead of a pot of gold for his freedom.

Gibbons, Gail: **Frogs**

An introduction to frogs, discussing their tadpole beginnings, noises they make, their hibernation, body parts, and how they differ from toads.

Gibbons, Gail: **Nature's Green Umbrella Tropical Rain Forests**

Describes the climatic conditions of the rain forest as well as the different layers of plants and animals that comprise the ecosystem.

Johnstone, Michael: **NASCAR**

Kimmel, Eric: **Anansi and the Moss Covered Rock**

Anansi the Spider uses a strange moss-covered rock in the forest to trick all the other animals, until Little Bush Deer decides he needs to learn a lesson.

Kipp, Steven L.: **Mars**

Kramer, Stephen: **Tornado**

Landa, Norbert: **Bunnies**

McDermott, Gerald: **Arrow to the Sun: a Pueblo Indian Tale**

An adaptation of the Pueblo Indian myth which explains how the spirit of the Lord of the Sun was brought to the world.

McLeese, Don: **Babe Ruth**

Neye, Emily: **All About Cats and Kittens**

Ouri, Patricia Ryon: **The Bill of Rights**

Sebel, Syl: **How the U.S. Government Works**

Steptoe, John: **The Story of Jumping Mouse**

The gifts of Magic Frog and his own hopeful and unselfish spirit bring Jumping Mouse finally to the Far-Off Land where no mouse goes hungry.

Stevens, Janet: **Tops and Bottoms**

Hare turns his bad luck around by striking a clever deal with the rich and lazy bear down the road.

Swanson, June: **I Pledge Allegiance**

Describes how and why the Pledge of Allegiance was written, how it has changed in wording over the years, and precisely what it means.

Swinburne, Stephen R.: **Bobcat North America's Cat**

Taylor, Barbara: **Oxford First Book of Dinosaur**

VanCleave, Janice: **Play and Find Out about Science**

Walker, Sally M.: **Dolphins**

Wyler, Rose: **Magic Secrets**

Easy magic tricks for the aspiring young magician.

Authors: John F. Prevost, Stuart A. Kallen, Paul O. Zelinsky,

POETRY:

Dakos, Kall: **Mrs. Cole on an Onion Roll and Other School Poems**

Florian, Douglas: **Beast Feast**

George, Kristine O'Connell: **Toasting Marshmallows**

Grossman, Bill: **Timothy Tunny Swallowed a Bunny**

Hopkins, Lee Bennett: **Extra Innings Baseball Poems**

Fleischman, Paul: **Joyful Noise**

Authors: **Brod Bagert, J. Patrick Lewis, Jane Yolen**

Grades 3 and 4

If the suggested title is not available, try another by the same author.

A selected book may be one that can be read by the child, with the child, or to the child. You are welcome to choose a title from another grade level to read aloud to your child.

The text of many picture books is at an advanced level for older students. Try the ones listed below!

Students are asked to complete and return a recording sheet(s) to the school's library media specialist in September.

FICTION: Picture Books

Bunting, Eve:

Fly Away Home
The Wednesday Surprise
The Bones of Fred McFee
The Wall

A boy and his father come from far away to visit the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington and find the name of the boy's grandfather, who was killed in the conflict.

Polacco, Patricia:

Babushka Baba Yaga
Mrs. Katz and Tush
Thank You Mr. Falker
Mr. Lincoln's Way
Pink and Say
The Keeping Quilt

A homemade quilt ties together the lives of four generations of an immigrant Jewish family, remaining a symbol of their enduring love and faith.

Van Allsburg, Chris:

The Sweetest Fig
Zathura
The Garden of Abdul Gasazi
The Stranger
The Wretched Stone
Jumanji

Left on their own for an afternoon, two bored and restless children find more excitement than they bargained for in a mysterious and mystical jungle adventure board game.

FICTION: Chapter Books

Cassels, Jean: **The Mysterious Collection of Dr. David Harleyson**

When world-famous artist David Harleyson disappears, his nephew pieces together the clues found on the backs of a group of portraits, which feature characters from Mother Goose, Grimm, and Aesop, to decipher where he went.

Cowell, Cressida: **How to Train Your Dragon**

Chronicles the adventures and misadventures of Hiccup Horrendous Haddock the Third as he tries to pass the important initiation test of his Viking clan, the Tribe of the Hairy Hooligans, by catching and training a dragon.

Evans, Douglas: **The Elevator Family**

The four members of the Wilson family decide to spend their holiday in one of the elevators at the San Francisco Hotel.

Fletcher, Ralph: **Flying Solo**

When the substitute teacher fails to show up, Mr. Fabiano's sixth grade class votes to run the class themselves. It starts out as a prank, but becomes a challenge. Can the kids prove they can run a class as well as any teacher before the principal finds out?

Klise, Kate: **Regarding the Fountain: A Tale, in Letters, of Liars and Leaks**

When the principal asks a fifth-grader to write a letter regarding the purchase of a new drinking fountain for their school, he finds that all sorts of chaos results.

Park, Barbara: **Mick Harte was Here**
Thirteen-year-old Phoebe recalls the death of her younger brother Mick in a bicycle accident, which might not have been fatal, had he been wearing his helmet, and how she and her family reacted to the tragedy. Closes with an appeal to bikers to wear protective bicycle helmets.

White, E.B.: **Charlotte's Web**
Wilbur, the pig, is desolate when he discovers that he is destined to be the farmer's Christmas dinner until his spider friend, Charlotte, decides to help him.

FICTION: Series

Baglio, Ben M.: **Animal Ark**

Dixon Franklin W.: **The Hardy Boys**

Keene, Carolyn: **Nancy Drew Mysteries**

Korman, Gordon: **Island**

Wilder, Laura Ingalls: **Little House on the Prairie**

Various Authors: **American Girl Series**

Authors: Judy Blume, Matt Christopher, Beverly Cleary, Roald Dahl, Dan Gutman

NON-FICTION:

Bridges, Ruby: **Through My Eyes**
Ruby Bridges recounts the story of her involvement, as a six-year-old, in the integration of her school in New Orleans in 1960.

Crossingham, John: **Lacrosse in Action**

Cummings, Pat: **Ananse and the Lizard: A West African Tale**

Ananse the spider thinks he will marry the daughter of the village chief, but instead he is outsmarted by Lizard.

Frisch, Aaron: **The History of the Boston Red Sox**

Kerley, Barbara: **The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins**

The true story of Victorian artist Benjamin Waterhouse Hawkins, who built life-sized models of dinosaurs in the hope of educating the world about what these awe-inspiring ancient animals were like.

Lewis, Paul Owen: **Storm Boy**

Thrown from his canoe during an ocean storm, a young Native American boy is washed ashore under a strange sky near a village inhabited by very large people who make him very welcome.

McKinney, Barbara Shaw: **A Drop Around the World**

Follows the water cycle through the journey of a raindrop around the world, in sky, on land, underground, and in the sea, in its liquid, solid, and vapor forms, as it supports life everywhere.

St. George, Judith: **So You Want to be President**
Presents an assortment of facts about the qualifications and characteristics of U.S. Presidents, from George Washington to Bill Clinton.

Scholastic Book of World Records, 2005.

Authors: Russell Freedman, Jean Fritz, David Maccauly, Patrick O'Brien

POETRY:

Dakos, Kalli: **If You're Not Here, Please Raise Your Hand: Poems about School**

Florian, Douglas: **Insectlopedia**

Authors: Jack Prelutsky, Shel Silverstein

Connecticut Nutmeg
Children's Book Award

The 2006 Nominees for Grades 4 - 6:

Codell, Esme Raji: Sahara Special

Struggling with school and her feelings since her father left, Sahara gets a fresh start with a new and unique teacher who supports her writing talents and the individuality of each of her classmates.

Collins, Suzanne: Gregor the Overlander

When eleven-year-old Gregor and his two-year-old sister are pulled into a strange underground world, they trigger an epic battle involving humans, bats, rats, cockroaches, and spiders while on a quest foretold by ancient prophecy.

DuPrau, Jeanne: The City of Ember***

In the city of Ember, twelve-year-old Lina trades jobs on Assignment Day to be a Messenger to run to new places in her decaying but beloved city, perhaps even to glimpse Unknown Regions.

***Please note that this book is part of the language arts curriculum for the lower middle school. It would be best to discover this title next school year with your class.

Ferris, Jean: Once Upon a Marigold

A young man with a mysterious past and a penchant for inventing things leaves the troll who raised him, meets an unhappy princess he has loved from afar, and discovers a plot against her and her father.

Frederick, Heather Vogel: The Voyage of Patience Goodspeed

Following their mother's death in Nantucket, Captain Goodspeed brings twelve-year-old Patience and six-year-old Tad aboard his whaling ship, where a new crew member incites a mutiny and Patience puts her mathematical ability to good use.

Giff, Patricia Reilly: Pictures of Hollis Woods

A troublesome twelve-year-old orphan, staying with an elderly artist who needs her, remembers the only other time she was happy in a foster home, with a family that truly seemed to care about her.

Klise, Kate: Trial by Jury Journal

In this illustrated novel told through journal entries, news clippings, and letters, twelve-year-old Lily finds herself on the jury of a murder trial while conducting her own undercover investigation of the case.

Pearsall, Shelley: Trouble Don't Last

Samuel, an eleven-year-old Kentucky slave, and Harrison, the elderly slave who helped raise him, attempt to escape to Canada via the Underground Railroad.

Roberts, Diane: Made You Look

Jason, who longs to try out for his favorite game show, is excited when his parents plan a family vacation to California until he learns that it will be a cross-country camping expedition in a camper that looks like a giant sardine can.

Frederick, Heather Vogel: The Voyage of Patience Goodspeed

Following their mother's death in Nantucket, Captain Goodspeed brings twelve-year-old Patience and six-year-old Tad aboard his whaling ship, where a new crew member incites a mutiny and Patience puts her mathematical ability to good use.

Wallace, Bill: Goosed!

When Jeff's girlfriend leaves a Labrador retriever puppy with his family for a week, his dog T.P. and cat Cord hope the energetic puppy does not stay any longer.

**Connecticut Nutmeg
Children's Book Award**

Former Winners for Grades 4 - 6:

- 2005 Bruchac, Joseph: **Skeleton Man**
- 2004 Gutman, Dan: **Babe and Me**
- 2003 DiCamillo, Kate: **Because of Winn Dixie –**
- 2002 Haddix, Margaret Peterson: **Among the
Hidden**
- 2001 Wardlee, Lee: **101 Ways to Bug your
Parents**
- 2000 Gutman, Dan: **Million Dollar Shot**

Nutmeg Book Discussion

Grades 4 – 6

**Scranton Memorial Library
Wednesdays, 6:30 – 7:30**

- June 29** Collins, Suzanne: **Gregor the
Overlander**
- July 6** Codell, Esme Raji: **Sahara Special**
- July 13** Giff, Patricia Reilly: **Pictures of
Hollis Woods**
- July 20** Frederick, Heather Vogel: **The
Voyage of Patience Goodspeed**
- July 27** Wallace, Bill: **Goosed!**
- August 3** DuPrau, Jeanne: **The City of
Ember**
- August 10** Pearsall, Shelley: **Trouble Don't
Last**
- August 17** Klise, Kate: **Trial by Jury Journal**
- August 24** Roberts, Diane: **Made You Look**
- August 31** Ferris, Jean: **Once Upon a
Marigold**

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2005 Summer Reading Grades 5-8

General Instructions

On the following pages is the suggested Summer Reading List for students entering Grades 5-8 in the fall of 2005. Books used for core instruction during the school year are not on this list. **Students in grades 5 and 6 are encouraged to read at least five books this summer. Students in grades 7 and 8 are encouraged to read a minimum of four books, at least one of which must come from the list that specifies required reading.**

While the summer reading list should serve as a guide, reading need not be limited to these titles for the rest of your reading. If the suggested book title is not available, try another by the same author. Students are encouraged to read from a variety of genre, and additional authors are listed for each. Reading ability varies; therefore, students are welcome to choose a title from another grade level, if it seems appropriate. The library media specialists, classroom teachers, and reading teachers in each school, as well as the librarians at Scranton Library, will be happy to assist you in choosing the best books to read. A list of periodicals is included as part of this summer reading booklet, and students are encouraged to enjoy this form of reading as well. Any magazine that you read regularly throughout the summer or any graphic novel you read will be considered one of the works. Graphic novels can be found in the 741.593 section of Scranton Library.

Additional reading lists are available online at www.madison.k12.ct.us and at Scranton Library and local book stores.

Students must complete the recording sheet that can be found at the end of the list. **Please return the sheets to the library media specialist in September.**

Assessments for Grades 7 and 8

Each student is expected to complete summer reading before school begins. When you begin your English class, you should be prepared for some type of assessment on the book that you read from the list of **required reading for grades 7 and 8** that follows. This assessment may include a written and/or oral assignment. For this reason, you are encouraged either to take notes while reading this book or to discuss its content with another in order to develop your thoughts.

Suggested Periodicals

The Hartford Courant Justine	Teen Ink Time
National Geographic Electronic Gaming Monthly	Newsweek Transworld Snowboarding or Skateboarding

Helpful Web Sites

Scranton Library Children's Section
www.scrantonlibrary.com/children

Scranton Library Teen Section
www.scrantonlibrary.com/teen

Novelist (Go to Databases)
www.scrantonlibrary.com

Our National Library
www.loc.gov/

Best Books for Young Adults
www.ala.org/yalsa/booklists/bbya

Connecticut Nutmeg Award
www.biblio.org/nutmegaward/

Reference Site free from the state of Connecticut
www.iconn.org/

R. H. Brown Lower Middle School
www.brownmiddleschool.edu

Walter C. Polson Upper Middle School
www.polsonmiddleschool.us

Summer Programs at Scranton Memorial Library

Nutmeg Discussion Groups will meet weekly from June 29 through August 31. Register at Scranton Memorial Library. Details can be found at the end of the Nutmeg lists that follow.

Grades 4 - 6 Wednesdays 6:30 – 7:30

Grades 7 - 8 Wednesdays 7:30 – 8:30

Dragons, Dreams, and Daring Deeds Program registration begins on Monday, June 30 at Scranton Memorial Library. Reading is your ticket as you take a magical journey on the game board. You can play the game over and over as the reading you do this summer earns more prizes and fun. This program is for children through grade 6.

Grades 5 and 6

All students are asked to read at least **five** books. If the suggested title is not available, try another by the same author.

Students are asked to return their recording sheets to their Language Arts teachers during the first week of school.

FICTION: Realistic

Bruchac, Joseph: **Skeleton Man**

After her parents disappear and she is turned over to the care of a strange "great-uncle," Molly must rely on her dreams about an old Mohawk story for her safety and maybe even for her life. This year's Nutmeg Award Winner.

Bunting, Eve: **Riding the Tiger**

Ten-year-old Danny is bored and lonely when he hops on the back of the exciting and somewhat scary tiger that offers him a ride, but he soon discovers that it's easier to get on the tiger than it is to get off.

Clements, Andrew: **The School Story**

After twelve-year-old Natalie writes a wonderful novel, her friend Zoe helps her devise a scheme to get it accepted at the publishing house where Natalie's mother works as an editor.

Danziger, Paula and Martin, Ann M.: **P.S. Longer Letter Later**

Twelve-year-old best friends Elizabeth and Tara-Starr continue their friendship through letter-writing after Tara-Starr's family moves to another state.

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

Annoyed with 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.

Fletcher, Ralph: **Flying Solo**

Rachel, having chosen to be mute following the sudden death of a classmate, shares responsibility with the other sixth-graders who decide not to report that the substitute teacher failed to show up.

Hannigan., Katherine: **Ida B : and Her Plans to Maximize Fun, Avoid Disaster, and (Possibly) Save the World**

In Wisconsin, fourth-grader Ida B spends happy hours being home-schooled and playing in her family's apple orchard, until her mother begins treatment for breast cancer and her parents must sell part of the orchard and send her to public school.

Horvath, Polly: **Everything on a Waffle**

Eleven-year-old Primrose, who lives in a small fishing village in British Columbia, recounts her experiences and all that she learns about human nature and the unpredictability of life in the months after her parents are lost at sea.

Johnson, D. B.: **Henry Works**

On a misty morning, Henry, a bear modeled after Henry David Thoreau, shows his awareness of nature as he helps neighbors during his walk to work.

Konigsburg, E. L.: **The Outcasts of 19 Schuyler Place**

Margaret Rose, a twelve year-old girl, is rescued from a summer camp by her two great uncles, who are creating a controversy with three giant towers built from scrap metal and glass in their back yard.

Lupica, Mike: **Travel Team**

After he is cut from his travel basketball team--the very same team that his father once led to national prominence--twelve-year-old Danny Walker forms his own team of cast-offs that might have a shot at victory.

Matthews, L.S.: **Fish**

As fighting closes in on the village where Tiger's parents have been working, three of them and a mysterious guide set out on a difficult journey to safety.

Paulsen, Gary: **Brian's Hunt**

Two years after having survived a plane crash into the Canadian wilderness, a sixteen-year-old returns to the wild to befriend a wounded dog and hunt a rogue bear.

Ritter, John H.:

The Boy Who Saved Baseball

The fate of a small California town rests on the outcome of one baseball game, and Tom Gallagher hopes to lead his team to victory with the secrets of the now disgraced player, Dante Del Gato.

Ryan, Pam Munoz: **Becoming Naomi Leon**

When Naomi's absent mother resurfaces to claim her, Naomi runs away to Mexico with her great-grandmother and younger brother in search of her father.

Sachar, Louis: **Holes**

Stanley Yelnats begins a journey of self-discovery when he is sent to a juvenile detention center in Texas and suspects the motives of a warden who forces him and the other boys to dig five-foot-deep holes as punishment.

Authors: Louisa May Alcott, Lloyd Alexander, Sharon Creech, Lois Lowry, Patricia Pollacco, Emily Rodda, Linda Sue Park, Daniel Pinkwater

FICTION: Fantasy / Science Fiction

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

Seconds before Earth is demolished to make room for a galactic freeway, an earthman is saved by his friend. Together they journey through the galaxy.

Almond, David: **Skellig**

Unhappy about his baby sister's illness and the chaos of moving into a dilapidated old house, Michael retreats to the garage and finds a mysterious stranger who is something like a bird and something like an angel.

Barry, Dave: **Peter and the Starcatchers**

Peter, an orphan boy, and his friend Molly fight off thieves and pirates in order to keep the secret safe away from the diabolical Black Stache and his evil associate Mister Grin.

Booth, Martin: **Doctor Illuminatus**

Pip and her twin brother, Tim, awaken an alchemist's son from a centuries-long slumber when their family moves to an old English country estate, and he enlists them in the fight against an evil alchemist who seeks to create a homunculus.

Chabon, Michael: **Summerland**

The ferishers, little creatures who ensure perfect weather for Summerland, recruit Ethan Feld, one of history's worst baseball players, to help them in their struggle to save Summerland, and ultimately the world, from giants, goblins, and other legendary, terrible creatures.

Colfer, Eoin: **Artemis Fowl the Opal Deception**

Twelve-year-old millionaire, genius, and criminal mastermind Artemis Fowl finds himself in over his head again.

Funke, Cornelia: **The Thief Lord**

Orphaned brothers Prosper and Bo, having run away from their cruel aunt and uncle, decide to hide out in Venice where they fall in with the Thief Lord, a thirteen-year-old boy who leads a crime ring of street children.

Gaiman, Neil: **Coraline**

Looking for excitement, Coraline ventures through a mysterious door into a world that is similar, yet disturbingly different from her own, where she must challenge a gruesome entity in order to save herself, her parents, and the souls of three others.

Gutman, Dan: **Abner & Me (Baseball Card Adventure- # 6)**

With his ability to travel through time using baseball cards and photographs, thirteen-year-old Joe and his mother go back to 1863 to ask Abner Doubleday whether he invented baseball, but instead find themselves in the middle of the Battle of Gettysburg.

Hale, Shannon: **Goose Girl**

Princess Anidori, on her way to marry a prince she has never met, is betrayed by her guards and her lady-in-waiting and must become a goose girl to survive until she can reveal her true identity and reclaim the crown that is rightfully hers.

Jacques, Brian: **Rakkety Tam**

Two warrior squirrels lead the battle against Gulo, a bloodthirsty wolverine who will stop at nothing to recover the Walking Stone that will give him the authority to rule the lands of ice beyond the Great Sea.

Kay, Elizabeth: **Back to the Divide**

Felix returns to the Divide to find a cure for the freezing spell that Snakeweed the japegrin has put on his parents, which may threaten the entire world.

Paolini, Christopher: **Eragon**

In Alagaesia, a fifteen-year-old boy of unknown lineage called Eragon finds a mysterious stone that weaves his life into an intricate tapestry of destiny, magic, and power, peopled with dragons, elves, and monsters.

Pullman, Phillip: **The Golden Compass**

Accompanied by her daemon, Lyra Belacqua sets out to prevent her best friend and other kidnapped children from becoming the subject of gruesome experiments in the Far North.

Smith, Jeff: **Bone. 1, Out from Boneville**

Fone Bone, Phoney Bone, and Smiley Bone are run out of their home, Boneville, and become separated in the wilds, but better fortune begins when the three cousins reunite at a farmstead in a deep forested valley, where Fone meets a young girl named Thorn.

Swope, Sam: **Jack and the Seven Deadly Giants**

While hoping to find his mother, Jack encounters seven deadly giants: the Giant Poet, the Terrible Glutton, Mrs. Roth, the Wild Tickler, Avaritch, Orgulla the Great, and the Green Queen.

Scieszka, Jon: **Da wild da crazy da Vinci**

In their latest time travel adventure, Fred, Joe, and Sam meet Leonardo da Vinci and try to avoid becoming toilet scrubbers in a sixteenth-century Italian army.

Van Allsburg, Chris: **The Wreck of the Zephyr**

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.

Series: Baum, Frank S.: **The Oz Books**

DiTerlizzi, Tony: **Spiderwick Chronicles**

Rowling, J.K.: **The Harry Potter Books**

Snicket, Lemony: **Series of Unfortunate Events**

Tolkien, J. R. R.: **The Lord of the Rings**

Authors: Avi, E.D. Baker, Roald Dahl, Anthony Horowitz, Eva Ibbotsen, Eva, Garth Nix, T.H. White

FICTION: Mystery / Suspense

Balliet, Blue: **Chasing Vermeer**

When seemingly unrelated and strange events start to happen and a precious Vermeer painting disappears, eleven-year-olds Petra and Calder combine their talents to solve an international art scandal.

Hamilton, Virginia: **House of Dies Drear**

An African-American family tries to unravel the secrets of their new home which was once a stop on the Underground Railroad.

Holland, Robert: **Mad Max Murphy**

Mad Max Murphy, goalie on the Madison, Connecticut summer soccer league, becomes embroiled in a mystery involving two headless bodies, some Russian missiles, and a missing vial from the government's laboratory on Plum Island.

Sedgewick, Marcus: **The Book of Dead Days**

A magician named Valerian has only the days between Christmas and New Years to save his own life after making a pact with the devil years before and seeks the help of a servant boy and an orphan girl named Willow.

Van Velde, Vivian: **Never Trust a Dead Man**

In the medieval village of Penryth, seventeen-year-old Selwyn sets out to find the real killer of Farold, a young man he has been wrongfully convicted of murdering, with Farold himself as his only companion, brought back to life in the form of a bat by a cave-dwelling witch.

Series: Dixon, Frank: **Hardy Boys Mysteries**

Herge: **Tintin Books**

Holland, Robert: **Mysteries for Boys**

Keene, Caroline: **Nancy Drew Mysteries**

Authors: David A. Adler, Cynthia C. DeFelice, Bruce Hale, Odo Hirsch, James Howe, Gloria Skurzynski, Robert D. San Souci

FICTION: Historical

Avi: **Crispin: Cross of Lead**

Falsely accused of theft and murder, an orphaned peasant boy in fourteenth-century England flees his village and meets a larger-than-life juggler who holds a dangerous secret.

Blackwood, Gary: **The Shakespeare Stealer**

A young orphan boy is ordered by his master to infiltrate Shakespeare's acting troupe in order to steal the script of "Hamlet," but he discovers instead the meaning of friendship and loyalty.

Choldenko, Gennifer: **Al Capone Does My Shirts**

A twelve-year-old boy named Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935 when guards' families were housed there, and has to contend with his extraordinary new environment in addition to life with his autistic sister.

Cooney, Caroline B.: **Goddess of Yesterday**

Taken from her home on an Aegean island as a six-year-old girl, Anaxandra calls on the protection of her goddess while she poses as two different princesses over the next six years, before ending up as a servant in the company of Helen and Paris as they make their way to Troy.

Farmer, Nancy: **A Girl Named Disaster**

While journeying to Zimbabwe, eleven-year-old Nhamo struggles to escape drowning and starvation and in so doing comes close to the luminous world of the African spirits.

Fleischman, Sid: **The Giant Rat of Sumatra, or, Pirates Galore**

A cabin boy on a pirate ship finds himself in San Diego in 1846 as war breaks out between the United States and Mexico.

Kadohata, Cynthia: **Kira-kira**

Chronicles the close friendship between two Japanese-American sisters growing up in rural Georgia during the late 1950s and early 1960s, and the despair when one sister becomes terminally ill.

Lawrence, Caroline: **The Assassins of Rome**

Flavia and Nubia follow Jonathan to Rome and into the Golden House built by the emperor Nero, where a dangerous assassin lurks.

Park, Linda Sue: **When My Name was Keoko**

With national pride and occasional fear, a brother and sister face the increasingly oppressive occupation of Korea by Japan during World War II, which threatens to suppress Korean culture entirely.

Schmidt, Gary D.: **Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy**

In 1911, Turner Buckminster hates his new home of Phippsburg, Maine, but things improve when he meets Lizzie Bright Griffin, a girl from a poor, nearby island community founded by former slaves that the town fathers--and Turner's--want to change into a tourist spot.

Series: Scholastic Publisher: **Dear America Series**

Authors: Betsy Cromer Byars, Karen Cushman, Marguerite De Angeli, Patricia Reilly Giff, Patricia Hermes, Karen Hesse, Mary Hooper, Kathryn Lasky, Gary Paulsen, Ann Rinaldi, Cynthia Rylant, Jean Van Leeuwen, Gloria Whelan, Laura Ingalls Wilder, Laurence Yep, Jane Yolen

NON-FICTION: Biography, Autobiography, Memoir

Dahl, Roald: **Boy: Tales of Childhood**

Presents humorous anecdotes from the author's childhood, including his summer vacations in Norway and life at an English boarding school.

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

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.

Freedman, Russell: **The Voice that Challenged a Nation: Marian Anderson and the Struggle for Equal Rights**
Tells the life story of singer Marian Anderson, describing her famous 1939 Lincoln Memorial performance and explaining how she helped end segregation in the American arts after being refused the right to perform at Washington's Constitution Hall because of the color of her skin.

Hawk, Tony: **Hawk: Occupation: Skateboarder**
Internationally known American skateboarding champ Tony Hawk chronicles his life and his very eventful involvement with the sport.

Ntozake Shange: **Ellington was Not a Street**
Presents an illustrated poem in which Ntozake Shange recalls her childhood growing up in the company of W.E.B. Du Bois, Dizzy Gillespie, Paul Robeson, and other great African-American men who were instrumental in changing American culture and society.

Sis, Peter: **The Tree of Life: A Book Depicting the Life of Charles Darwin, Naturalist, Geologist & Thinker**
Presents the life of the famous nineteenth-century naturalist using text from Darwin's writings and detailed drawings by Sis.

Thimmesh, Catherine: **Madam President**
An introduction to women, some better known than others, who have influenced politics and policies in the United States and in the world.

Winter, Jeannette: **The Librarian of Basra: A True Story from Iraq**
During the Iraq War of 2003, librarian Alia Muhammad saves thirty thousand new and old books in her Basra library from destruction.

Authors: James Lincoln Collier, Tomie De Paola, Dennis B. Fradin, Jean Fritz, Nikki Grimes, Eric A. Kimmel, Walter Dean Myers, Walter Dean, Andrea Davis Pickney, Diane Stanley

NON-FICTION: GENERAL

Blum, Raymond: **Mathemagic**
Presents the secrets to dozens of math tricks and stunts in a variety of skill levels, from easy to expert.

Canfield, Jack, et al.: **Chicken Soup for the Preteen Soul : 101 Stories of Changes, Choices and Growing up for Kids Ages 9-13**
A collection of more than one hundred stories, poems, and other writings presented to inspire and comfort children ages 9-13.

Cordingly, David: **Under the Black Flag : the Romance and Reality of Life Among the Pirates**
Examines the popular image of pirates in modern times and compares it with the real world of pirates, who were more often murderers and thieves than romantic heroes.

Curlee, Lynn: **Seven Wonders of the Ancient World**
Profiles the Seven Wonders of the World, presenting painted illustrations and descriptions of their purposes, construction, and appearance, based on the findings of archaeologists.

Harvey, Miles: **Island of Lost Maps: A History of Cartographic Crime**
Tells the true story of Gilbert Bland, Jr., an antiques dealer from south Florida who stole some of the oldest and most valuable maps in Canada and the United States.

Highfield, Roger: **The Science of Harry Potter: How Magic Really Works**
Explores the ways in which the scientific world is like the magical world depicted in the Harry Potter books, and examines the origins of magical thinking as expressed in myth, legend, and witchcraft.

Krasner, Steven: **Play Ball like the Pros: Tips for Kids from 20 Big League Stars**
Nearly two dozen professional baseball players, such as Pedro Martinez and Derek Jeter, provide insights into how they prepare for and play the game.

Montgomery, Hugh: **Voyage of the Arctic Tern**
A simple fisherman betrays his village for a handful of jewels, a group of courageous Englishmen foils a traitorous Spanish pirate, and a lost soul seeks to redress an ancient wrong by finding a treasure chest.

Pinkney, Jerry. **Aesop's Fables**
A collection of nearly sixty fables from Aesop, including such familiar ones as "The Grasshopper and the Ants," "The North Wind and the Sun," "Androcles and the Lion," "The Troublesome Dog," and "The Fox and the Stork."

Rule, Leslie: **Coast to Coast Ghosts: True Stories of Hauntings Across America**
A collection of true stories about hauntings and ghost sightings throughout the United States.

Schlosser, Eric: **Fast Food Nation: The Dark Side of the All-American Meal**
Traces the history of the fast food industry and discusses how it arose in postwar America.

Tang, Greg: **Math-terpieces: The Art of Problem-Solving**
A series of rhymes about artists and their works introduces counting and grouping numbers, as well as such artistic styles as cubism, pointillism, and surrealism.

Series: DK Publisher: Eyewitness Books

Kingfisher Publishing: **Kingfisher Books**

Authors: Russell Freedman, Dan Gutman, Virginia Hamilton, Toni Morrison, Chris Oxlade, Edgar Allan Poe, Jack Prelutsky, Alvin Schwartz, Art Spiegelman

Connecticut Nutmeg Children's Book Award

The 2006 Nominees for Grades 4 - 6:

Codell, Esme Raji: **Sahara Special**

Struggling with school and her feelings since her father left, Sahara gets a fresh start with a new and unique teacher who supports her writing talents and the individuality of each of her classmates.

Collins, Suzanne: **Gregor the Overlander**

When eleven-year-old Gregor and his two-year-old sister are pulled into a strange underground world, they trigger an epic battle involving humans, bats, rats, cockroaches, and spiders while on a quest foretold by ancient prophecy.

DuPrau, Jeanne: **The City of Ember*****

In the city of Ember, twelve-year-old Lina trades jobs on Assignment Day to be a Messenger to run to new places in her decaying but beloved city, perhaps even to glimpse Unknown Regions.

***Please note that this book is part of the language arts curriculum for the lower middle school. It would be best to discover this title during the school year with your class.

Ferris, Jean: **Once Upon a Marigold**

A young man with a mysterious past and a penchant for inventing things leaves the troll who raised him, meets an unhappy princess he has loved from afar, and discovers a plot against her and her father.

Frederick, Heather Vogel: **The Voyage of Patience Goodspeed**

Following their mother's death in Nantucket, Captain Goodspeed brings twelve-year-old Patience and six-year-old Tad aboard his whaling ship, where a new crew member incites a mutiny and Patience puts her mathematical ability to good use.

Giff, Patricia Reilly: **Pictures of Hollis Woods**

A troublesome twelve-year-old orphan, staying with an elderly artist who needs her, remembers the only other time she was happy in a foster home, with a family that truly seemed to care about her.

Klise, Kate: **Trial by Jury Journal**

In this illustrated novel told through journal entries, news clippings, and letters, twelve-year-old Lily finds herself on the jury of a murder trial while conducting her own undercover investigation of the case.

Pearsall, Shelley: **Trouble Don't Last**

Samuel, an eleven-year-old Kentucky slave, and Harrison, the elderly slave who helped raise him, attempt to escape to Canada via the Underground Railroad.

Roberts, Diane: **Made You Look**

Jason, who longs to try out for his favorite game show, is excited when his parents plan a family vacation to California until he learns that it will be a cross-country camping expedition in a camper that looks like a giant sardine can.

Wallace, Bill: **Goosed!**

When Jeff's girlfriend leaves a Labrador retriever puppy with his family for a week, his dog T.P. and cat Cord hope the energetic puppy does not stay any longer.

Former Winners for Grades 4 - 6:

2005 Bruchac, Joseph: **Skeleton Man**

2004 Gutman, Dan: **Babe and Me**

2003 DiCamillo, Kate: **Because of Winn Dixie –**

2002 Haddix, Margaret Peterson: **Among the Hidden**

2001 Wardlee, Lee: **101 Ways to Bug your Parents**

2000 Gutman, Dan: **Million Dollar Shot**

Nutmeg Book Discussion Grades 4 – 6

Scranton Memorial Library Wednesdays, 6:30 – 7:30

June 29 Collins, Suzanne: **Gregor the Overlander**

July 6 Codell, Esme Raji: **Sahara Special**

July 13 Giff, Patricia Reilly: **Pictures of Hollis Woods**

July 20 Vogel, Heather: **The Voyage of Patience
Goodspeed**

July 27 Wallace, Bill: **Goosed!**

August 3 DuPrau, Jeanne: **The City of Ember**

August 10 Pearsall, Shelley: **Trouble Don't Last**

August 17 Klise, Kate: **Trial by Journal**

August 24 Roberts, Diane: **Made You Look**

August 31 Ferris, Jean: **Once Upon a Marigold**

Grades 7 and 8

All students are asked to read a minimum of **four** books. At least one of the titles must come from the list of required reading below. Please see page 1 for a discussion of assessments on the Summer Reading.

Students are asked to return their recording sheets to their English teacher during the first week of school.

Required Reading for Grades 7 and 8

Incoming 7th Graders:

You must read at least one title from the list below as one of your four books. **If these selections are not appropriate for your reading level, you should discuss the possibility of selecting an alternate title with your Special Education Program Manager, English teacher, or Reading teacher.**

Park, Linda Sue: **When My Name was Keoke**

With national pride and occasional fear, a brother and sister face the increasingly oppressive occupation of Korea by Japan during World War II, which threatens to suppress Korean culture entirely.

Paulson, Gary: **Woodsong**

For a rugged outdoor man and his family, life in northern Minnesota is a wild experience involving wolves, deer, and the sled dogs that make their way of life possible. Includes an account of the author's first Iditarod, a dogsled race across Alaska.

Soto, Gary: **Living Up the Street**

The author describes his experiences growing up as a Mexican American in Fresno, California.

Yen Mah, Adeline: **Chinese Cinderella**

The author tells the story of her painful childhood in China where she lived until the age of fourteen with her father, stepmother, and siblings, all of whom considered her bad luck because her mother died shortly after giving birth to her.

Incoming 8th Graders:

You must read at least one title from the list below as one of your four books. **If these selections are not appropriate for your reading level, you should discuss the possibility of selecting an alternate title with your Special Education Program Manager, English teacher, or Reading teacher.**

Adams, Richard: **Watership Down**

Chronicles the adventures of a group of rabbits searching for a safe place to establish a new warren where they can live in peace.

Dumas, Alexandre: **The Count of Monte Cristo**

After escaping from the island where he has been in prison, Dantes plots his revenge on the people responsible for his imprisonment.

Clement-Davies, Davis: **Fire Bringer**

Rannoch, born with a fawn mark the shape of an oak leaf on his forehead, is destined to lead the deer out of the Lord of the Herd's tyranny, but he must first complete a journey through the Great Land.

Farmer, Nancy: **The House of the Scorpion**

In a future where humans despise clones, Matt enjoys special status as the young clone of El Patron, the 142-year-old leader of a corrupt drug empire nestled between Mexico and the United States.

Kidd, Sue Monk: **The Secret Life of Bees**

Fourteen-year-old Lily and her companion, Rosaleen, an African-American woman who has cared for Lily since her mother's death ten years earlier, flee their home after Rosaleen is victimized by racist police officers, and find a safe haven in Tiburon, South Carolina at the home of three beekeeping sisters, May, June, and August

Smith, Betty: **A Tree Grows in Brooklyn**

Young Francie Nolan experiences the problems of growing up in a Brooklyn, New York slum.

All students are asked to read a minimum of **four** books. At least one of the titles must come from the lists of required reading above. The remaining titles may come from the rest of the list that follows.

FICTION: Realistic

Alvarez, Julia: **Finding Miracles**

Fifteen-year-old Milly Kaufman is an average American teenager until Pablo inspires her to search for her birth family in his native country.

Brashares, Ann: **Girls in Pants**

The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants graduates from high school and spends their last summer before college learning about life and themselves.

Creech, Sharon: **Heartbeat**

Twelve-year-old Annie ponders the rhythms of life the year that her mother becomes pregnant, her grandfather begins faltering, and her best friend becomes distant.

Cummings, Priscilla: **Red Kayak**

Living on Maryland's Eastern Shore, thirteen-year-old Brady and his friends J.T. and Digger find their friendship tested, as well as their ideas about right and wrong.

Korman, Gordon: **Son of the Mob**

Seventeen-year-old Vince's life is complicated by the fact that he is the son of a powerful Mafia boss, a relationship that threatens to destroy his romance with the daughter of an FBI agent.

Lupica, Mike: **Travel Team**

After he is cut from his travel basketball team, twelve-year-old Danny Walker forms his own team of cast-offs who might have a shot at victory.

McKay, Hilary: **Indigo's Star**

Twelve-year-old Indigo sticks up for himself and an American boy who has replaced him as the primary target of the school bullies.

Rallison Janette: **Life, Love and the Pursuit of Free Throws**

High school freshmen Josie and Cami try to remain best friends as they compete for basketball awards and boys.

Tashjian, Janet: **Gospel According to Larry**

Seventeen-year-old Josh tries to maintain his secret identity as the author of a web site that is receiving national attention.

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.

Westerfeld, Scott: **So Yesterday**

Hunter Braque is paid by corporations to spot what is "cool". He and his girlfriend Jen try find a missing person and thwart a conspiracy directed at the heart of consumer culture.

Authors: Sharon Creech, Ellen Wittlinger, Joan Bauer, Cathy Hopkins, Terry Trueman, Angela Johnson, Chris Crutcher, Kevin Brooks

FICTION: Fantasy / Science Fiction

Barker, Clive: **Days of Magic, Nights of War**

Candy Quackenbush's adventures in the Abarat continue as she realizes who she is, and the forces of Night begin plans for war. A sequel to *Arabat*.

Barry, Dave: **Peter and the Starcatchers**

Peter, an orphan boy, and his friend Molly fight off thieves and pirates in order to keep the secret safe away from Black Stache and his evil associate Mister Grin.

Bode N.E: **The Anybodies**

After learning that she is not the biological daughter of boring Mr. and Mrs. Drudger, Fern embarks on magical adventures with her real father and finds "a place that feels like home."

Foon, Dennis: **The Dirt Eaters**

After his parents and the others in Longlight are killed in a raid, struggles to reconcile his feelings of rage and his old pledge to peace.

Kay, Elizabeth: **Back to the Divide**

Felix returns to the Divide to find a cure for the freezing spell that Snakeweed the japegrin has put on his parents, which may threaten the entire world. Sequel to *The Divide*.

Pratchett, Terry: **Wee Free Men**

A young witch-to-be named Tiffany teams up with the Wee Free Men to rescue her brother and ward off an invasion from Fairyland.

Stroud, Jonathan: **The Golem's Eye**

Magician's apprentice Nathaniel and the djinni Bartimaeus travel to Prague to locate the source of a golem's power before it destroys London. Book 2 of the Bartimaeus Trilogy.

Wooding, Chris: **The Haunting of Alaizabel Cray**

Thaniel is a wuch-hunter. Together, he and Cathaline track down the creatures that lurk in the Old Quarter of London, where he first encounters Alaizabel Cray.

Authors: G.P. Taylor, Terry Pratchett, Eoin Colfer, Donna Jo Napoli, Tamora Pierce, Orson Scott Card

FICTION: Mystery / Suspense

Anderson, M.T.: **The Game of Sunken Places**

When two boys stay with an eccentric relative they discover a board game that draws them into a mysterious adventure.

Horowitz, Anthony: **Eagle Strike**

After meeting assassin Yassen Gregorovich, Alex Rider investigates pop star and philanthropist Damian Cray whose new video game venture hides motives. Try any of the books in the Alex Rider series.

Littke, Lael: **Lake of Secrets**

Having arrived in her mother's home town to try to find her long-missing brother, fifteen-year-old Carlene finds herself haunted by memories from a past life.

Miklowitz, Gloria: **The Enemy Has a Face**

Netta and her family have moved from Israel to Los Angeles, and when her seventeen-year-old brother disappears, she is convinced that he has been abducted by Palestinian terrorists.

Patneaude, Dave: **Thin Wood Walls**

When the Japanese bomb Pearl Harbor, Joe Hamada sent to a relocation camp in California, even as his older brother joins the United States Army to fight in the war.

Sedgwick, Marcus: **The Book of Dead Days**

With the help of a servant boy, and an orphan named Willow, magician Valerian has only the days between Christmas and New Years to save his own life.

Van Draanen, Wendelin: **Sammy Keyes and the Psycho Kitty Queen**

When cats begin to mysteriously disappear in Santa Martina, Sammy and Holly start snooping around town to find out what is happening. Try any of the *Sammy Keyes* mysteries.

Authors: Joan Lowery Nixon, Caroline Cooney, Nancy Werlin, Vivian Vande Velde, Robert Cormier, Lois Duncan, Michael Cadnum, Mary Higgins Clark

FICTION: Historical

Bennett, Cherie: **Anne Frank and Me**

After suffering a concussion while on a class trip to a Holocaust exhibit, Nicole finds herself living the life of a Jewish teenager in Paris during the Nazi occupation.

Janezko, Paul: **Worlds Afire**

In this novel written as a collection of eyewitness poems, the excitement of the circus on July 6, 1944 in Hartford, Connecticut, turns to horror when a fire engulfs the circus tent.

Meyer, L.A.: **Curse of the Blue Tattoo**

In 1803, after being exposed as a girl and forced to leave her ship, Jacky Faber finds herself at a school in Boston, where, she battles her classmates, roams the city in search of adventure.

Peck, Richard: **A River Between Us**

During the early days of the Civil War, the Pruitt family takes in two mysterious young ladies who have fled New Orleans to come north to Illinois.

Rinaldi, Ann: **Or Give me Death: A Novel of Patrick Henry's Family**

With their father away advocating independence for the American colonies, the children of Patrick Henry try to manage the family plantation, and care for their mentally ill mother.

Schmidt, Gary: **Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy**

In 1911, Turner Buckminster moves to Maine, and he meets Lizzie Bright Griffin, a girl from a nearby island community founded by former slaves that the town fathers want to change into a tourist spot.

Tocher, Timothy: **Chief Sunrise, John McGraw, and Me**

In 1919, Hank escapes an abusive father for a chance to become a baseball player, accompanied by a Chief Sunrise, who claims to be a full-blooded Seminole.

Whitesel, Cheryl Aylward: **Blue Fingers: a Ninja's Tale**

Having failed in his apprenticeship as a dye maker, Koji is forced to train as a ninja, where he discovers samurai have burned his former village.

Authors: Ann Rinaldi, Will Hobbs, Karen Cushman, James Lincoln Collier, Gary Paulsen, Kathryn Lasky, Theodore Taylor, Carol Matas

NON-FICTION: Biography, Autobiography, Memoir

Allen, Thomas B.: **George Washington, Spymaster: How the Americans Outspied the British and Won the Revolutionary War**

Chippendale, Lisa A.: **Yo-Yo Ma: A Cello Superstar Brings Music to the World**

Crutcher, Chris: **King of the Mild Frontier: An Ill-Advised Autobiography**

Fleischman, John: **Phineas Gage: A Gruesome But True Story About Brain Science**

Hickam, Homer H.: **October Sky: a Memoir**

NON-FICTION: GENERAL

Carle, Megan: **Teens Cook: How to Make What You Want to Eat**

Covey, Sean: **The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens: Personal Workbook**

Doeden, Matt: **Skateboarding**

Janezko, Paul B.: **Top Secret: a Handbook of Codes, Ciphers, and Secret Writing**

Karres, Erika V. Shearin: **Mean Chicks, Cliques, and Dirty Tricks: a Real Girl's Guide to Getting Through the Day with Smarts and Style**

Nelson, Marilyn: **Fortune's Bones: The Manumission Requiem**

A series of poems on the life of Fortune, an eighteenth-century African-American slave in New England whose skeleton came to be an exhibit at Connecticut's Mattatuck Museum; includes notes and archival photos.

Ovason, David: **The Secret Symbols of the Dollar Bill: A Closer Look at the Hidden Magic and Meaning of Money You Use Every Day**

Packer, Alex J.: **How Rude! : The Teenagers' Guide to Good Manners, Proper Behavior, and Not Grossing People Out**

Philbrick, Nat: **Revenge of the Whale: the True Story of the Whaleship Essex**

Weaver, Janice: **From Head to Toe: Bound feet, Bathing Suits, and Other Bizarre and Beautiful Things**

Nutmeg Book Discussion Grades 7 – 8

Scranton Memorial Library
Wednesdays, 7:30 – 8:30

June 29 Bell, Hilari: **The Goblin Wood**

July 6 Clements, Andrew: **Things Not Seen**

July 13 Cooney, Caroline: **Goddess of Yesterday**

July 20 Farmer, Nancy: **The House of the Scorpion**

July 27 Grimes, Nikki: **Bronx Masquerade**

August 3 Hughes, Dean: **Soldier Boys**

August 10 Hiaasen, Carl: **Hoot**

August 17 Mikaelson, Ben: **Touching Spirit Bear**

August 24 Shusterman, Neal: **Full Tilt**

August 31 Woodson, Jacqueline: **Hush**

Connecticut Nutmeg Book Award

The 2006 Nominees for Grades 7 & 8:

Bell, Hilari: **The Goblin Wood**

Goblins are evil and cannot be controlled. But good and evil are not always clearly defined, and friendship can cross all races. Fantasy.

Clements, Andrew: **Things Not Seen**

Sometimes, as you make your way through life, you feel invisible. Poor Bobby, one day he wakes up, and he literally IS invisible. Science fiction.

Cooney, Caroline: **Goddess of Yesterday**

The Trojan War, is seen through the eyes of young Anaxandra; daughter of kings, slave, hostage, royal impersonator, and clever survivor. Historical fiction.

Farmer, Nancy: **The House of the Scorpion**

Matteo Alacran knows he is a clone; no one lets him forget for even a moment. Science fiction.

Grimes, Nikki: **Bronx Masquerade**

Fridays are Open Mike days in Mr. Ward's class, when all the students can speak from the heart in poetry and not be mocked or judged. Realistic fiction.

Hiaasen, Carl: **Hoot**

Burrowing owls, pancake restaurants, truants with no shoes, and moving across the country. How can Roy deal with it all? Mystery.

Hughes, Dean: **Soldier Boys**

Spencer and Dieter are teenagers who love their country. But during World War II, they find they are NOT on the same side. Historical fiction.

Mikael, Ben: **Touching Bear Spirit**

Cole has beaten a classmate almost to death. While banished to a remote Alaskan island for one year, will the giant spirit bear that inhabits the island help Cole straighten up? Adventure.

Shusterman, Neal: **Full Tilt**

To save his daredevil brother Quinn, Blake must survive seven carnival rides before dawn. But this is a carnival of the mind, and each ride preys upon one of Blake's greatest fears. Horror.

Woodson, Jacqueline: **Hush**

Toswiah Green has just become a teenager when her father witnesses a murder. Now Toswiah and her family have to go into the witness protection program. Realistic fiction.

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2005 Summer Reading List Grades 9-12

General Instructions

On the following pages is the suggested Summer Reading List for students entering Grades 9-12 in the fall of 2005. Students must read at least four books this summer. At least one of the four books must come from this list in order to comply with the assessments in English class (see below). While the summer reading list should serve as a guide, reading need not be limited to these titles for the rest of your reading. We have also included suggested authors in each list. Any **magazine** that you read regularly throughout the summer or any **graphic novel** you read will be considered one of the four works. Graphic novels can be found in the 741.593 section of Scranton Library. You will find a list of suggested periodicals below.

Students in Selected AP Courses

Students taking AP U. S. History, AP Psychology, AP European History / Western Civilization, and AP English have special summer reading requirements. You will find a separate list of readings for those courses at the end of the section for Grades 11 and 12.

English Assessments

Each student is expected to complete summer reading before school begins. When you begin your English class, your teacher will provide instructions and guidance for the summer reading assessment activities during the first few days of class. You are encouraged to prepare yourself for this assessment by keeping notes. The following guidelines may be useful in taking notes on the summer reading or you may wish to utilize a journal (see below).

1. There are several problems or conflicts that develop in this book. Choose one conflict that stands out and explain why you think it is important.
2. Choose one short but significant passage from the book and write it out. Explain why you think it is significant; discuss what it says about the characters in the story as well as about people in general.
3. Relate the story or novel to other characters in literature, to events or people in real life, or to situations (real or imaginary), such as those in films or on television.

A Journal

What is a journal?

Journals are tools used by many readers to assist them in taking notes about their reading. Think of your journal as a personal record of your interaction with the selections.

What, When, and How to write?

Use your journal to record personal reactions, your thoughts, feelings, and experiences. Critical reading of literature should help you to contemplate human motivation. You should understand how attitudes, feelings, and beliefs govern the characters' actions and behavior. Try to write in your journal right after you do some reading. Think on paper without worrying about the mechanics of writing. Use language that expresses your personal voice – language that is natural to you.

Suggested Periodicals

Art News	Macworld
Business Week	Runner's World
Car and Driver	Wired
Discover	The New York Times

Web Sites

...for finding lists of recommended books

Novelist
www.scrantonlibrary.com (Go to Databases)

Best Books for Young Adults
www.ala.org/yalsa/booklists/bbva

Outstanding Books for the College Bound
www.ala.org/yalsa/booklists/obcb

Scranton Library Teen Section
www.scrantonlibrary.com/teen

Find out about summer programs for teens here!

One Book One Town

High school students are encouraged to participate in The Friends of the Scranton Library's One Book One Town Program by reading **Waiting for Snow in Havana: Confessions of a Cuban Boy** by local author Carlos Eire. This summer, the library will bring the Madison community together in a shared reading experience celebrating this memoir. Book discussions, an author visit, and other activities are planned for the community this fall.

Grades 9 and 10

All students are asked to read **four** books. At least one of the four titles must come from this list. Please see page 1 for a discussion of assessments on the Summer Reading.

Students are asked to return their recording sheets to their English teachers during the first week of school. If they don't have English class during the first trimester, then they must give them to the Library Media Specialist.

FICTION: Realistic

Achebe, Chinua: **Things Fall Apart**

Anaya, Rudolfo: **Bless Me, Ultima**

When a curandera comes to stay with a young boy, he tests the bonds that tie him to his culture and finds himself in the secrets of the past.

Caletti, Deb: **Honey, Baby, Sweetheart**

In the summer of her junior year, sixteen-year-old Ruby McQueen and her mother, both nursing broken hearts, set out on a journey to reunite an elderly woman with her long-lost love and in the process learn many things about "the real ties that bind" people to one another.

Courtenay, Bryce: **The Power of One**

Hartzinger, Brent: **Geography Club**

A group of gay and lesbian teenagers finds mutual support when they form the "Geography Club" at their high school.

Jenkins, A.M.: **Out of Order**

Sophomore Colt Trammel loves baseball and his girlfriend Grace, but he hates the rest of high school and maintains a tough facade to hide his feelings of inferiority.

Johnson, Angela: **The First Part Last**

Bobby's carefree teenage life changes forever when he becomes a father and must care for his adored baby daughter.

Marchetta, Melina: **Saving Francesca**

Sixteen-year-old Francesca could use her outspoken mother's help with the problems of being one of a handful of girls at a parochial school that has just turned co-ed, but her mother has suddenly become severely depressed.

Quindlen, Anna: **Object Lessons**

Authors: Alex Flinn, Laurie Halse Anderson, Joyce Carol Oates, Catherine Clark, Chris Crutcher, Jaelyn Moriarty, Ann Brashares, Sarah Dessen

FICTION: Fantasy / Science Fiction

Bradley, Marion Zimmer: **Mists of Avalon**

Bray, Libba: **A Great and Terrible Beauty**

After the suspicious death of her mother in 1895, sixteen-year-old Gemma returns to England, after many years in India, to attend a finishing school where she becomes aware of her magical powers and ability to see into the spirit world.

Card, Orson Scott: **Ender's Game**

An outstanding tale of the child-hero Ender Wiggin, who must fight a desperate battle against a deadly alien race if mankind is to survive.

Hamilton, Edith: **Mythology (Ch. 1, 3, 4; 9, 11; 13-15)**

Stroud, Jonathan: **Amulet of Samarkand**

Nathaniel, a magician's apprentice, summons up the djinni Bartimaeus and instructs him to steal the Amulet of Samarkand from the powerful magician Simon Lovelace.

Werlin, Nancy: **Double Helix**

Eighteen-year-old Eli discovers a shocking secret about his life and his family while working for a Nobel Prize-winning scientist whose specialty is genetic engineering.

Authors: Patricia Wrede, Terry Brooks, Michael Crichton, Alice Hoffman, J.R.R. Tolkien, Terry Prachett, Brian Jacques, Tamora Pierce

FICTION: Mystery / Suspense

Haddon, Mark: **A Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time**

Despite his overwhelming fear of interacting with people, Christopher, a mathematically-gifted, autistic fifteen-year-old boy, decides to investigate the murder of a neighbor's dog and uncovers secret information about his mother.

Lupica, Mike: **Too Far**

McCall Smith, Alexander: **No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency**

In contemporary Botswana, sleuth Precious Ramotswe decides to go against tradition and start her own business--a detective agency. Soon she is in the thick of several perplexing cases.

Werlin, Nancy: **The Killer's Cousin**

After being acquitted of murder, seventeen-year-old David goes to stay with relatives in Cambridge, Massachusetts, where he finds himself forced to face his past as he learns more about his strange young cousin Lily.

Authors: Clive Barker, Tom Clancy, Sue Grafton, Mary Higgins Clark, Clive Cussler, Stephen King, John Grisham, Lois Duncan, Agatha Christie, Sherlock Holmes, Dick Francis, Ian Fleming

FICTION: Historical

Alvarez, Julia: **How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents**

Burns, Olive: **Cold Sassy Tree**

Grandpa Blakeslee marries a young milliner just three weeks after Granny Blakeslee has gone to her reward. Young Will is boggled by this act but becomes the newlyweds' conspirator and confidant; meanwhile he does some growing up on his own.

Dai, Sijie: **Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress**

At the height of Mao's Cultural Revolution, two teenage boys are among thousands exiled to the countryside for "re-education." The narrator and his best friend find themselves in a remote village where their only distractions are a violin and the beautiful daughter of the local tailor. But it is when they discover a hidden stash of Western classics in Chinese translation that their re-education takes its most surprising turn.

Donnelly, Jennifer: **A Northern Light**

In 1906, sixteen-year-old Mattie, determined to attend college and be a writer against the wishes of her father and fiance, takes a job at a summer inn where she discovers the truth about the death of a guest. Based on a true story.

Lawrence, Iain: **B for Buster**

In the spring of 1943, sixteen-year-old Kak, desperate to escape his abusive parents, lies about his age to enlist in the Canadian Air Force and soon finds himself based in England as part of a crew flying bombing raids over Germany.

McLaren, Clemence: **Inside the Walls of Troy: A Novel of the Women Who Lived the Trojan War**

The events surrounding the famous battle between the Greeks and the Trojans are told from the points of view of two women, the beautiful Helen and the prophetic Cassandra.

Authors: Michael Shaara, Allan Stratton, Caleb Carr, E.L. Doctorow

NON-FICTION: Biography, Autobiography, Memoir

Cox, Lynne: **Swimming to Antarctica: Tales of a Long-Distance Swimmer**

Feinstein, John: **The Punch: One Night, Two Lives, and the Fight that Changed Basketball Forever**

Keller, Helen: **The Story of My Life (c 2003)**

McBride, James: **The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother**

Russert, Tim: **Big Russ and Me: Father and Son: Lessons of Life**

Silverstein, Ken: **The Radioactive Boy Scout: The True Story of a Boy and His Backyard Nuclear Reactor**
Includes bibliographical references. Tells the story of David Hahn, the Michigan teenager who built a nuclear breeder reactor in his backyard in 1994, endangering the residents of his Michigan hometown and raising the ire of the federal government.

Watson, James: **Double Helix: A Personal Account of the Discovery of the Structure of DNA**

NON-FICTION: GENERAL

Andersen, Tom: **This Fine Piece of Water: An Environmental History of Long Island Sound**

Bryson, Bill: **A Walk in the Woods: Rediscovering America on the Appalachian Trail**

Krakauer, John: **Into Thin Air: A Personal Account of the Mount Everest Disaster**

The author relates his experience of climbing Mount Everest during its deadliest season and examines what it is about the mountain that makes people willingly subject themselves to such risk, hardship, and expense. For another point of view of the same Everest season, see below.

Boukreev, Anatoli: **The Climb: Tragic Ambitions on Everest**

Draws from the recollections of climbing guide Anatoli Boukreev and other survivors to tell the story of the worst disaster in the history of Mount Everest which occurred on May 10, 1996, when twenty-three climbers from two commercial expeditions were caught in a killing storm while attempting to reach their high-altitude base camp.

Lindstrom, Martin: **Brandchild: Remarkable Insights into the Minds of Today's Global Kids and Their Relationships with Brands**

McManus, Patrick: **The Bear in the Attic**

Presents thirty essays by Patrick McManus in which he provides his humorous perspective on various aspects of the natural world.

Morgenstern, Julie: **Organizing from the Inside Out for Teens: the Foolproof System for Organizing Your room, Your time, and Your Life**

Philbrick, Nat: **In the Heart of the Sea: The Tragedy of the Whaleship Essex**

Tells the story of the Essex, a whaleship that set sail from Nantucket in 1819 on a routine voyage, and was rammed and sunk by an enraged sperm whale in the South Pacific, setting the twenty-man crew adrift in three tiny boats.

Zinsser, William Knowlton: **On Writing Well: An Informal Guide to Writing Nonfiction**

Grades 11 and 12

All students are asked to read **four** books. At least one of the four titles must come from this list. Students taking AP courses have different requirements, which can be found at the end of this list. Please see page 1 for a discussion of assessments on the Summer Reading.

Students are asked to return their recording sheets to their English teachers during the first week of school. If they don't have English class during the first trimester, then they must give them to the Library Media Specialist.

FICTION: Realistic

Fowler, Karen Joy: **The Jane Austen Book Club**

Six Californians join to discuss Jane Austen's novels. Over the six months they meet, marriages are tested, affairs begin, unsuitable arrangements become suitable, and love happens.

Hosseini, Khaled: **The Kite Runner**

Amir, haunted by his betrayal of Hassan, the son of his father's servant and a childhood friend, returns to Kabul as an adult after he learns Hassan has been killed, in an attempt to redeem himself by rescuing Hassan's son from a life of slavery to a Taliban official.

Quindlen, Anna: **One True Thing**

Salinger, J.D.: **The Catcher in the Rye**

Sittenfeld, Curtis: **Prep**

Midwesterner, Lee Fiora is sent by her father to a prestigious boarding school in Massachusetts where she manages to survive in spite of the social differences between her and her classmates.

Steinbeck, John: **East of Eden**

In a California farming valley in 1913, a wild adolescent rebels against his stern father, realizing that he favors his twin brother.

Wharton, Edith: **Ethan Frome**

Story of a man torn between his joyless marriage to one woman and his lustful desire for another.

Authors: Toni Morrison, Kurt Vonnegut, Amy Tan, John Irving, Elizabeth Berg, Anita Shreve, Helen Fielding, Jeffery Archer, Jane Hamilton, Ellen Wittlinger, John Updike, Fannie Flagg, Sue Miller

FICTION: Fantasy / Science Fiction

Anderson, M.T.: **Feed**

In a future where most people have computer implants in their heads to control their environment, a boy meets an unusual girl who is in serious trouble.

Fforde, Jasper: **Eyre Affair**

In a world where one can literally get lost in literature, Thursday Next, a Special Operative in literary detection tries to stop the world's Third Most Wanted criminal from kidnapping characters, including Jane Eyre.

Le Guin, Ursula: **Gifts**

When a young man in the Uplands blinds himself rather than use his gift of "unmaking"--a violent talent shared by members of his family--he upsets the precarious balance of power among rival, feuding families, each of which has a strange and deadly talent of its own.

Quinn, David: **Ishmael**

Records the philosophical conversations that take place between a man and a gorilla named Ishmael after the man answers an advertisement for a pupil with a desire to save the world.

Authors: Michael Crichton, J.R.R. Tolkien, Ray Bradbury, Isaac Asimov, Robin McKinley, David Clement-Davies, T.A. Barron, David Eddings

FICTION: Mystery / Suspense

Clendenen, Corinna: **An Artful Affair**

Coben, Harlan: **Tell No One**

James, P. D.: **Original Sin**

O'Brien, Tim: **In the Lake of the Woods**

Authors: Patricia Cornwall, John Grisham, Ken Follett, Janet Evanovich, Agatha Christie, Dick Francis, Tony Hillerman, Rex Stout, Stephen King, John Grisham, Martha Grimes, Carol Plum-Ucci

FICTION: Historical

Diamant, Anita: **The Red Tent**

The story of Dinah, a tragic character from the Bible whose great love, a prince, is killed by her brother, leaving her alone and pregnant. The novel traces her life from childhood to death, in the process examining sexual and religious practices of the day, and what it meant to be a woman.

Guterson, David: **Snow Falling on Cedars**

A murder trial has upset the quiet community of San Pedro, and now this tranquil village has become the center of controversy. For a local reporter the trial strikes a deep emotional chord when he finds his ex-lover is linked to the case.

Kelly, Thomas: **Empire Rising**

A fictional account of the building of the Empire State Building.

Lightman, Alan: **Einstein's Dreams**

Hurston, Zora Neale: **Their Eyes Were Watching God**
Janie Crawford, a Southern Black woman in the 1930's who journeys from being a free-spirited girl to a woman of independence and substance.

Authors: Ursula Hegi, Dan Brown, Willa Cather

Drama:

Ibsen, Henrik: **Wild Duck**

Miller, Arthur: **All My Sons**

Authors: Tennessee Williams, Edward Albee, August Wilson, Eugene O'Neill, George Bernard Shaw, Neil Simon

NON-FICTION: Biography, Autobiography, Memoir

Angelou, Maya: **I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings**

Barack, Obama: **Dreams from My Father: A Story of Race and Inheritance**

Barack Obama tells the story of his life as the son of a black African father and a white American mother, searching for a workable meaning to his life as an African American.

Feinstein, John: **Caddy for Life: The Bruce Edwards Story**

Goldsmith, Barbara: **Obsessive Genius: The Inner World of Marie Curie**

Gottfried, Martin: **Arthur Miller: His Life and Work**

McCourt, Frank: **Angela's Ashes**

Nafisi, Azar: **Reading Lolita in Tehran: a memoir in books**
The author presents a memoir of her life in post-revolutionary Iran, focusing on her organization of a group of young women in 1997 who met secretly once a week to read and discuss forbidden works of Western literature.

Noor, Queen: **Leap of Faith: Memoirs of an Unexpected Life**

Queen Noor, born into an Arab-American family, shares the story of her relationship with her husband King Hussein of Jordan, telling of their first meeting, the time they spent together before their marriage, and her life and work as queen, and discussing Hussein's legacy to his family and country.

O'Nan, Stewart: **Faithful: Two Diehard Boston Red Sox Fans Chronicle the Historic 2004 Season**

Roberts, Cokie: **Founding Mothers: The Women who Raised our Nation**

Sedaris, David: **Me Talk Pretty One Day**

Tate, Sonyrea: **Little X: Growing Up in the Nation of Islam**

NON-FICTION: GENERAL

Auletta, Ken: **Backstory: Inside the Business of News**

Benedict, Jeff: **Without Reservation: How a Controversial Indian Tribe Rose to Power and Built the World's Largest Casino**

Bowden, Mark: **Black Hawk Down: A Story of Modern War**

Belkin, Lisa, ed.: **Tales From the Times; Real-life stories from the Pages of the New York Times**

Carroll, Michael C.: **Lab 257: The Disturbing Story of the Government's Secret Plum Island Germ Laboratory**

Eichenwald, Kurt: **Conspiracy of Fools: A True Story**
An account of Enron's collapse.

Kerbel, Matthew R.: **If It Bleeds, It Leads: An Anatomy of Television News**

King, Ross: **Michelangelo and the Pope's Ceiling**

King, Stephen: **On Writing: A Memoir of the Craft**

Mason, Christopher: **The Art of the Steal: Inside the Sotheby's-Christie's Auction House Scandal**

Pirsig, Robert M.: **Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance**

Pesci, David: **Amistad**

Salak, Kira: **The Cruellest Journey: Six Hundred Miles to Timbuktu**

Sides, Hampton: **Ghost Soldiers: The Forgotten Epic Story of World War II's most Dramatic Mission**

Steinberg, Jacques: **The Gatekeepers: Inside the Admissions Process of a Premier College**

The author provides an account of his experiences, beginning in the fall of 1999, observing the process by which applicants are selected to attend Wesleyan University, one of America's top schools.

Tennant, Alan: **On the Wing: To the Edge of the Earth with the Peregrine Falcon**

Truss, Lynne: **Eats Shoots and Leaves: The Zero Tolerance Approach to Punctuation**

Zukav, Gary: **The Dancing Wu Li Masters: An Overview of New Physics**

AP Courses

AP students must read the books listed for each of their courses. In some cases, you will have assignments to complete over the summer.

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AP English

You must read ALL of the following:

Forster, E.M.: **A Passage to India**

Flaubert, Gustav: **Madame Bovary**

Hurston, Zora Neale: **Their Eyes Were Watching God**

Orwell, George: **1984**

AP U.S. History

You will be given a textbook and an assignment to complete for this course before leaving school in June. You must read the following:

Blum, et al: **The National Experience**
Chapters 1, 2, and 3.

AP European History / Western Civilization

You must read the following:

Manchester, William: **A World Lit Only by Fire: The Medieval Mind and the Renaissance – Portrait of an Age**

AP Psychology

You will be given an assignment to complete for this course before leaving school in June. You must read ONE of the following:

Allport, Gordon W., editor: **Letters From Jenny** (story of Jenny Masterson)

Coren, Stanley: **Sleep Thieves** (sleep and dreams)

Gregory, Julie: **Sickened: The Memoir of a Munchausen by Proxy Childhood** (child abuse)

Jamison, Kay Redfield: **An Unquiet Mind** (bipolar disorder)

LeBlanc, Adrian Nicole: **Random Family: Love, Drugs, Trouble, and Coming of Age in the Bronx**

Rapoport, Judith L.: **The Boy Who Couldn't Stop Washing: the Experience and Treatment of Obsessive Compulsive Disorder**

Sacks, Oliver: **The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat and Other Clinical Tales** (therapy)

Sacks, Oliver: **An Anthropologist on Mars** (therapy)

Schiller, Lori: **The Quiet Room** (schizophrenia)

Simon, Rachel: **Riding the Bus with My Sister: A True Life Journey** (mental retardation)

Tatum, Beverly Daniel: **"Why are all the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?": And Other Conversations About Race** (racial identity)

Wurtzel, Elizabeth: **Prozac Nation: Young and Depressed in America** (depression and drug therapy)

Madison Public Schools' Summer Reading List
Grades 9 – 12 RECORDING SHEET

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