

Summer Reading
North Colonie Elementary Schools
Students Entering 6th Grade

Recommended by:
North Colonie Teachers
New York State Reading Association
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Fiction

White Fang

Jack London

The adventures in the northern wilderness of a dog that is part wolf.

Tangerine

Edward Bloor

Twelve-year-old Paul, who lives in the shadow of his football hero brother Erik, fights for the right to play soccer despite his near blindness and slowly recalls the incident that damaged his eyesight.

Winter People

Joseph Bruchac

Fourteen-year-old Saxso, a member of the Abenaki tribe in Canada, embarks on a dangerous rescue mission when his mother and two younger sisters are taken hostage during an attack by the British on their unprotected village in 1759.

*** *The Landry News***

Andrew Clements

Cara Landry, a new kid at Denton Elementary School, finds herself in Mr. Larson's classroom. He would rather drink coffee and read a newspaper than teach, so Cara decides to write her own newspaper, which leads to unexpected results.

Ruby Holler

Sharon Creech

Thirteen-year-old fraternal twins Dallas and Florida have grown up in a terrible orphanage but their lives change forever when an eccentric but sweet older couple invited them each on an adventure, beginning in an almost magical place called Ruby Holler.

Among the Hidden

Margaret Peterson Haddix

In a future where the Population Police enforce the law limiting a family to only two children, Luke is a third child. The first in a series of great books.

Hoot

Carl Hiaasen

Roy, who is new to his small Florida community, becomes involved in another boy's humorous attempt to save a colony of burrowing owls from a proposed construction site.

*** *Top Secret***

John Reynolds Gardiner

Why is Allen Brewster, the boy with amazing science projects, green? Why is there a car with two men inside, sitting outside his house watching? Why does no one believe what he has to say?

No More Dead Dogs

Gordon Korman

Eighth-grade football hero Wallace Wallace is sentenced to detention attending rehearsals of the school play where, in spite of himself, he becomes wrapped up in the production.

A Book of Coupons

Susie Morgenstern

With quirky characters and hilarious situations, this story about an eccentric teacher with a unique teaching style provides plenty of issues for discussion after the read aloud is over.

The Good Dog

Avi

The tale of a malamute sled dog torn between his wild instincts and his desire to be a “good dog” for his human family.

Holes

Louis Sachar

From page one to the end, readers are captivated by this tale that is so unique it’s hard to classify...mystery? fantasy? action/adventure?

Non-fiction

American Adventures: Thomas 1778, Patriots on the Run, Luke 1849, On the Golden Trail, Joseph 1861, A Rumble of War

Avon Press

A new series of adventures, each title introduces a new boy who lived during an important time period in history.

Ancient Greece: God and Goddesses

John Malam

Be a spectator at the great Olympic sacrifice. Watch a performance of Oedipus the King. Visit the ancient city of Athens; all through the pictures and text of this picture book.

Antarctica

Peter Leragis

In 1909, a secret American Expedition was made to discover the South Pole. The voyage south was not an easy one for Arctic explorer Jack Winslow and his crew.

God’s Children

Clarence Guenter

This is the heart-warming story of Jimmy Wiebe and his sister growing up in a Mennonite community in Canada in the late 1940’s.

Ellis Island

Conrad Stein

This book highlights immigration into New York State as part of the Cornerstones of Freedom series.

Growing Up In Ancient Egypt

Rosalie David

Who were the ancient Egyptians and where were their two kingdoms? What was everyday life like in their towns and villages?

Fantasy/Science Fiction

Once Upon a Marigold

Jean Ferris

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.

The Divide

Elizabeth Kay

Sickly, thirteen-year-old, Felix is on vacation with his parents in Costa Rica when he is transported into a world in which mythological creatures are real and humans are believed to be myths.

Eragon

Christopher Paolini

A world of dwarves, dragons, elves and heroic warfare with magic swords will keep a reader spellbound.

Poppy

Avi

Two brave mice test the authority of the king of the forest who, in this fantasy is not a lion, but a great horned owl.

The Door in the Wall

Marguerite de Angeli

This classic story, set in medieval times, is about a boy who learns his own strength when he saves the castle and discovers there is more than one way to serve his king.

Poetry

Love that Dog

Sharon Creech

A funny, sweet, short novel written in free verse introduces readers to a straight-talking boy who discovers the powers and pleasures of poetry.

Heartbeat

Sharon Creech

Annie, 12, takes great pleasure in running, but has no interest in racing or becoming a member of a team.

The Butterfly Jar

Jeff Moss

A slightly wacky, fun-to-read, collection of poems.

Peacock and Other Poems

Valerie Worth

A collection of 27 poems that celebrate the joy of words, the way they feel in the mouth, the way they look on the page.