



Grades 4 – 6

2009 Reading List Created by the Upper Saddle River Library

All books can be found in the Juvenile Fiction or YA section by Author

<u>Title</u>	<u>Call Number</u>	<u>Author</u>
Percy Jackson and the Olympians Mythical creatures seem to be walking straight out of the pages of Percy's Greek mythology textbook and into his life.	YA FANTASY RIORDAN	Rick Riordan
Shakespeare's Secret Misfit sixth-grader Hero becomes interested in exploring the connection between a valuable diamond supposedly hidden in her new house, an intriguing neighbor, and the unexpected attention of the most popular boy in school.	J BROACH	Elise Broach
The Fairy Tale Detectives (The Sisters Grimm) Orphans Sabrina and Daphne Grimm are sent to live with an eccentric grandmother that they have always believed to be dead.	J SISTERS GRIMM (Series)	Michael Buckley
Number the Stars Ten-year-old Annemarie learns how to be brave and courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis.	J LOWRY	Lois Lowry
Matilda Matilda applies her untapped mental powers to rid the school of the evil, child-hating headmistress, Miss Trunchbull.	J DAHL	Roald Dahl
Peter and the Starcatcher A rollicking adventure prequel to J.M. Barrie's Peter Pan.	J BARRY	Dave Barry
Inkheart Twelve-year-old Meggie learns that her father, who repairs and binds books for a living, can "read" fictional characters to life.	J FUNKE	Cornelia Funke
The Thief Lord Two brothers, having run away from the aunt who plans to adopt the younger one, are sought by a detective hired by their aunt, but they have found shelter with--and protection from--Venice's "Thief Lord."	J FUNKE	Cornelia Funke
Because of Winn Dixie Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big ugly dog Winn-Dixie.	J DICAMILLO	Kate DiCamillo
Medusa Jones In ancient Greece, Medusa Jones, a gorgon and her friends are mocked and sneered at by the other Acropolis Academy children whose parents are kings and gods, but when they go on a school camping trip together, the "freaks" become true heroes.	J COLLINS	Ross Collins
Rules Frustrated at life with an autistic brother, twelve-year-old Catherine longs for a normal existence	J LORD	Cynthia Lord
Roman Mysteries (#1 the Thieves of Ostia) In Rome in the year 79 A.D., a group of children from very different backgrounds work together to discover who beheaded a pet dog -- and why.	J LAWRENCE	Caroline Lawrence
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.	J CHOLDENKO	Gennifer Choldenko
The Fudge Series Peter describes the highs and lows of life with his younger brother Fudge.	J Blume	Judy Blume
Chasing Vermeer When strange and seemingly unrelated 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.	J BALLIETT	Blue Balliet

The Little House Series Chronicles the adventures of the Ingalls family as they stake their claim to a rugged parcel of land on the Kansas prairie	J LITTLE House (Series)	Laura Ingalls
The Tail of Emily Windsnap After convincing her mother that she should take swimming lessons, twelve-year-old Emily discovers a secret about herself.	J KESSLER	Liz Kessler
The World According to Humphrey Humphrey, pet hamster at Longfellow School, learns that he has an important role to play in helping his classmates and teacher.	J HUMPHREY (Series)	Betty Birney
Poppy Poppy the deer mouse urges her family to move next to a field of corn big enough to feed them all forever, but Mr. Ocax, a terrifying owl, has other ideas.	J AVI	Avi
Island of the Aunts As they get older, several sisters decide that they must kidnap children and bring them to their secluded island home to help with the work of caring for an assortment of unusual sea creatures.	J IBBOTSON	Eva Ibbotson
Redwall The heroes of Redwall Abbey are peace-loving mice, moles, shrews, and squirrels, who exhibit human characteristics in a medieval setting. They face the dark side of the animal world, in the day-to-day struggle of good vs. evil, life vs. death.	YA FANTASY JACQUES	Brian Jacques
Silverwing When a newborn bat named Shade but sometimes called "Runt" becomes separated from his colony during migration, he grows in ways that prepare him for even greater journeys.	J OPPEL	Kenneth Oppel
Cricket in Times Square The adventures of a country cricket who unintentionally arrives in New York and is befriended by Tucker Mouse and Harry Cat.	J SELDEN	George Selden
The Beloved Dearly Ernie, a twelve-year-old business tycoon, makes a tidy profit in the pet funeral business	J COONEY	Doug Cooney
Bud Not Buddy Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father--the renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway of Grand Rapids.	J CURTIS	Christopher Paul Curtis
Ruby Holler 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 invites them each on an adventure	J CREECH	Sharon Creech
The Willoughbys The four Willoughby children set about to become "deserving orphans" after their neglectful parents embark on a treacherous around-the-world adventure, leaving them in the care of an odious nanny.	J LOWRY	Lois Lowry
Gossamer While learning to bestow dreams, a young dream giver tries to save an eight-year-old boy from the effects of both his abusive past and the nightmares inflicted on him by the frightening Sinisteeds.	J Lowry	Lois Lowry
The Homework Machine Four fifth-grade students as well as their teacher and mothers, each relate events surrounding a computer programmed to complete homework assignments.	J Gutman	Dan Gutman
Wings Ten-year-old Nick, who misses his father, finds companionship after rescuing an injured baby mockingbird.	J Lozeaux	William Lozeaux
The Adventures of Marco Polo Engrossing narrative nonfiction combine with handsome bookmaking for a highly recommended biography.	J B Polo	Russell Freedman
Oggie Cooder Quirky fourth-grader Oggie Cooder goes from being shunned to everyone's best friend when his uncanny ability to chew slices of cheese into the shapes of states wins him a slot on a popular television talent show	J Weeks	Sarah Weeks
The Underneath An old hound that has been chained up at his hateful owner's run-down shack, and two kittens born underneath the house, endure separation, danger, and many other tribulations in their quest to be reunited and free.	J Appelt	Kathi Appelt