

Summer Reading List

Please note that you are not limited to this list. These are suggestions only.

Grades 2-5

The Alfred Summer

by Jan Slepian
ISBN: 039923747X

Book Description: Four preteen outcasts, two of them handicapped, learn lessons in courage and perseverance when they join forces to build a boat.

A Book of Coupons

by Susie Morgenstern
ISBN: 0670899704

Book Description: The last thing students expect when they go back to school is for their new teacher to be *old!* And then he gives them a goofy present – a book of coupons: one coupon for skipping school for a day; one coupon for not listening in class; one coupon for singing at the top of your lungs whenever you like. The list goes on!

Bug Muldoon: The Garden of Fear

by Paul Shipton
ISBN: 067089687X

Book Description: Something strange is going on in the garden and Bug Muldoon, beetle private investigator, tries to figure out how the ants and the wasps are involved.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

by Roald Dahl
ISBN: 0394810112

Book Description: Finding a Golden Ticket allows Charlie to fulfill his dearest wish – to have a specially conducted tour of Willie Wonka's mysterious chocolate factory.

Chuck Close Up Close

by Jan Greenberg
ISBN: 0789426587

Book Description: A biography of the revisionist artist who achieved prominence in the late 1960s for enormous, photographically realistic, black-and-white portraits of himself and his friends.

The Demon in the Teahouse

by Dorothy Hoobler
ISBN: 0399234993

Book Description: A teen poses as a teahouse attendant to learn who is responsible for a series of fires in Japan.

First Painter

by Kathryn Lasky
ISBN: 0789425785

Book Description: *First Painter* is a powerful, eerily beautiful book about self-expression and who the "first" painter might have been.

F Is for Freedom

by Roni Schotter
ISBN: 0789426412

Book Description: When ten-year-old Manda interrupts a midnight delivery, she discovers her parents' involvement in the Underground Railroad and makes her own contribution to a fugitive slave's freedom.

The Fling

by Julian F. Thompson
ISBN: 0140375031

Book Description: When three high-school friends are invited to live briefly with a wealthy neighbor, their lives are changed by their relationships with a mysterious "gardener."

Frank O. Gehry: Outside In

by Jan Greenberg and Sandra Jordan
ISBN: 0789426773

Book Description: Illustrated with color photographs of architect Gehry and his works, this thin volume is packed with details about his life, his creative process, and the planning and construction of his buildings.

Freddy the Detective

by Walter R. Brooks
ISBN: 087951809X

Book Description: Freddy the pig does some detective work in order to solve the mystery of a missing toy train.

Getting Used to the Dark: 26 Night Poems

by Susan Marie
ISBN: 0789424681

Book Description: The mysteries, surprises, and delights of the night are celebrated here in evocative style and variety. The poems are ideal for reading aloud and for encouraging children to see into the dark newly for themselves – perhaps in poems of their own making.

The Ghost Sitter

by Peni R. Griffin
ISBN: 0525466762

Book Description: Charlotte is looking forward to a great summer in her new home, despite her many baby-sitting duties. Gradually Charlotte realizes her all-too-normal house is haunted by the ghost of a girl who doesn't – or won't – realize that she's dead.

A Girl Named Disaster

by Nancy Farmer
ISBN: 0531095398

Book Description: After the death of her mother, Nhamo is left a slave in her small African village. Upon learning that by her 12th birthday she must marry a cruel man with three other wives, Nhamo desperately decides to run away.

The House of Wisdom

by Florence Parry Heide
ISBN: 0789425629

Book Description: Ishaq, the son of the chief translator to the Caliph of ancient Baghdad, travels the world in search of precious books and manuscripts and brings them back to the great library known as the House of Wisdom.

The Iron Ring

by Lloyd Alexander
ISBN: 0525455973

Book Description: Tamar, the young king of Sundari, loses everything in a dice game – his kingdom, his riches, and even the right to call his life his own. To make good on his debt, he sets out on a journey that leads him into a world of magic, where animals can talk, the foolish are surprisingly wise, and danger awaits.

Island of the Aunts

by Eva Ibbotson
ISBN: 0525464840

Book Description: 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.

James and the Giant Peach

by Roald Dahl
ISBN: 0679980903

Book Description: Wonderful adventures abound after James escapes from his fearful aunts by rolling away inside a giant peach.

Letters from Rifka

by Karen Hesse
ISBN: 0805019642

Book Description: In letters to her cousin, a young Jewish girl chronicles her family's flight from Russia in 1919 and her own experiences when she must be left in Belgium temporarily when the others emigrate to America.

Lucy Dove

by Janice Del Negro
ISBN: 0789425149

Book Description: While sewing the laird's trews by moonlight in a haunted churchyard in return for a sackful of gold, an aging seamstress outwits a terrible monster.

My Side of the Mountain

by Jean Craighead George
ISBN: 0525463461

Book Description: Young Sam Gibley leaves New York City and spends a year living by himself in a remote area of the Catskill Mountains.

Notes from a Liar and Her Dog

by Gennifer Choldenko
ISBN: 0399235914

Book Description: Antonia takes refuge in lies as her seemingly perfect siblings distance themselves from her.

Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes

by Eleanor Coerr, Ronald Himler
ISBN: 0399205209

Book Description: Hospitalized with leukemia, a child in Hiroshima races against time to fold 1,000 paper cranes to verify the legend that by doing so a sick person will become healthy.

The Secret of Platform 13

by Eva Ibbotson
ISBN: 0525459294

Book Description: Odge Gribble, a young hag, accompanies an old wizard, a gentle fey, and a giant ogre on their mission through a magical tunnel from their Island to London to rescue their King and Queen's son who had been stolen as an infant.

Stucksville

by Sheila Greenwald
ISBN: 0789426757

Book Description: While working on a project for a contest at school, fourth

grader Emerald comes to appreciate her family's very small, cramped New York City apartment.

Summer of the Swans

by Betsy Byars
ISBN: 0670681903

Book Description: A teenage girl gains new insight into herself and her family when her mentally handicapped brother gets lost.

Summer Reading Is Killing Me

by Jon Scieszka
ISBN: 0670880418

Book Description: At the beginning of summer vacation Joe, Sam, and Fred find themselves trapped inside their summer reading list, involved in a battle between good and evil characters from well-known children's books.

Sun and Spoon

by Kevin Henkes
ISBN: 0688152325

Book Description: After the death of his grandmother, ten-year-old Spoon tries to find the perfect artifact to preserve his memories of her.

The Thief

by Megan Whalen Turner
ISBN: 0140388346

Book Description: Gen flaunts his ingenuity as a thief and relishes in the adventure that takes him to a remote temple of the gods where he will attempt to steal a precious stone.

To Ride the Gods' Own Stallion

by Diane Lee Wilson
ISBN: 0789468026

Book Description: After being taken as a slave to Nineveh, 13-year-old Soulai finds his life intertwined with that of the son of King Ashurbanipal and a magnificent stallion, and he gets a chance to prove to himself and others that he is not a coward.

The Twenty-One Balloons

by William Paene Du Bois
ISBN: 0140320970

Book Description: Prof. William Waterman Sherman was found adrift in the Atlantic clinging to the debris of 21 balloons and all of America was rocked with curiosity.

The Westing Game

by Ellen Raskin

ISBN: 0140386645

Book Description: The mysterious death of an eccentric millionaire brings together an unlikely assortment of heirs who must uncover the circumstances of his death before they can claim their inheritance.