



Welcome to the Arlington Elementary Schools/  
Robbins and Fox Libraries

## **Amazing Alien Adventure**

### Summer Reading Program!

Summer is such a fabulous time for a little R. and R. (relaxing and reading, of course!) Bring a book along where ever you're headed and spend some time enjoying new worlds, new characters and some really great stories!

This summer the Arlington Public Libraries (Robbins and Fox) and the Arlington Public Elementary Schools have partnered to provide a consistent reading program for grades K – 5. It's easy and it's fun. Here's how you do it!

1. Come into either the Robbins Library or the Fox Branch Library beginning on June 10<sup>th</sup> and sign up for the Amazing Alien Adventure summer reading program. The program runs throughout the summer and you can sign up at anytime.
2. We'll give you a chart that counts for 10 hours of reading.
3. Read for 5 hours and return to the library for an out of this world shape to mark your progress
4. When you complete your chart, come back to the library to collect your **fabulous prize!**
5. Keep reading and we'll give you more charts and more prizes.

**\*\* Look for a copy of the full, recommended reading list on-line at either [www.robbinslibrary.org](http://www.robbinslibrary.org) or [www.arlington.k12.ma.us](http://www.arlington.k12.ma.us) \*\***

Your teachers are requiring that you read a certain amount of hours this summer based on what grade you are going in to...

So, if you're going in to:

<b>Kindergarten</b>	read for <i>at least</i>	10 hours	1 chart
<b>First Grade</b>	read for <i>at least</i>	10 hours	1 chart
<b>Second Grade</b>	read for <i>at least</i>	15 hours	1 ½ charts
<b>Third Grade</b>	read for <i>at least</i>	15 hours	1 ½ charts
<b>Fourth Grade</b>	read for <i>at least</i>	20 hours	2 charts
<b>Fifth Grade</b>	read for <i>at least</i>	20 hours	2 charts

Of course, you can read more than the required minimums and remember, the more you read and the more charts you complete at the Robbins and Fox libraries, the more prizes you can win.

Don't forget to keep track of the titles you read on the READING LOG. **Your teachers will be looking for the LOG in September.**

Check out the other fun summertime activities taking place at the Robbins and Fox Libraries at [www.robbinslibrary.org](http://www.robbinslibrary.org) – click on the calendar.

# Mostly pictures....

## beginning to read and starting school:

Most readers, even the ones just starting out, are looking for a good story. These titles vary in reading level and page length but all of the authors were chosen because they have written plenty of stories that have fascinating or recognizable characters, rich language and illustrations that brilliantly interpret the text. Some can be read alone while others are fantastic to share with parents. Small bites of each new book (checking out new words and their meaning, looking for pictures for story clues or taking turns reading alternate pages) help reluctant or picky readers develop confidence and a healthy appetite for books. (Watch for a **Δ** next to some titles for a “Just Right” Level C suggestion for newer readers.)

- Adoff, Arnold      [Black is Brown is Tan](#)  
Multicultural family celebrates similarities and differences
- Allard, Harry      [Miss Nelson is Missing](#)  
Everyone’s favorite teacher gets her class to behave.
- Anno, Mitsumo      [Anno’s Counting Book](#)  
Watch a village grow over time!
- Bang, Molly      [When Sophie Gets Angry—Really, Really Angry](#)  
An elegant and thought-provoking book for young children who are learning to deal with emotions.
- Bemelmans, Ludwig      [Madeline \(series\)](#)  
“In an old house in Paris that was covered with vines...”
- Brett, Jan      [The Mitten](#)  
Wonderful illustrations leave us guessing how the animals can possibly fit in to one small mitten.
- Brown, Marc      [Arthur’s New Puppy \(series\)](#)  
Arthur has to get his new puppy under control!
- Capucilli, Alyssa      [Δ Biscuit \(series\) Δ](#)  
Early reader introduces small, yellow puppy named “Biscuit”
- Carle, Eric      [The Very Hungry Caterpillar](#)  
A caterpillar eats everything in sight...
- Child, Lauren      [But, Excuse Me, That is My Book](#)  
Lola’s favorite book is not on the shelf...
- Cobb, Vicki      [I See Myself \(NF\)](#)  
Easy explanation of light and reflection for kids.
- Coffelt, Nancy      [Fred Stays With Me!](#)  
“Sometimes I live with my Mom. Sometimes I live with my Dad. But Fred stays with me”
- Cooney, Barbara      [Miss Rumphius](#)  
Miss Rumphius finds a way to make the world beautiful.
- Crews, Donald      [Δ Freight Train Δ](#)  
A train chugs down the track, gathers speed until its gone!
- Cronin, Doreen      [Diary of a Worm \(series\)](#)  
Meet Worm and his friends. Funny!
- [Duck for President](#)  
Duck is running for president
- DePaola, Tomie      [Strega Nona \(series\)](#)  
When Big Anthony overhears the secret of the pasta pot he creates trouble in the village.
- Ehlert, Lois      [Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf](#)  
It’s like having fall in your lap!
- Fleming, Denise      [In the Small, Small Pond](#)  
Brilliant color and delightful rhyming text bring a pond to life
- Falconer, Ian      [Olivia](#)  
Olivia is full of mischief, energy, fun and love.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Frazee, Marla       | <u><a href="#">A Couple of Boys Have the Best Weekend Ever!</a></u><br>James and Eamon spend a few weeks at the grandparents...                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Graham, Bob         | <u><a href="#">How to Heal a Broken Wing</a></u><br>Will is the only one who notices the bird with the broken wing.                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |                     | <u><a href="#">“Let’s Get a Pup”, Said Kate</a></u><br>Kate wakes up and decides she needs a dog – but which one?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Grey, Mini          | <u><a href="#">Traction Man is Here!</a></u><br>Traction Man guards the toast, searches for wrecks in the sink and protects the house from evil pillows. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Hall, Kirsten       | <u><a href="#">Δ I’m a Princess Δ</a></u><br>A day in the life of a princess...  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Henkes, Kevin       | <u><a href="#">Chester’s Way</a></u><br>“Chester and Wilson, Wilson and Chester. That’s the way it was...until Lily moved in to the neighborhood.”       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Himmelman, John     | <u><a href="#">A Ladybug’s Life</a></u> (NF)<br>Easy to read science – life of a ladybug   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Hoban, Russell      | <u><a href="#">A Bargain for Frances</a></u> (series)<br>Frances trades with a friend and finds she’s been tricked!                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Howe, James         | <u><a href="#">Horace and Morris but Mostly Dolores</a></u> (Fantasy)<br>Three mice friends find that the best clubs include everyone!                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Hutchins, Pat       | <u><a href="#">The Doorbell Rang</a></u> (Realistic)<br>How can there possibly be enough cookies to go around when the doorbell keeps ringing            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Isadora, Rachel     | <u><a href="#">Max</a></u> (Realistic)<br>Max loves to play baseball and he loves to dance.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Jonas, Ann          | <u><a href="#">Δ Now We Can Go Δ</a></u><br>Everyone is getting ready to leave...  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Lehman, Barbara     | <u><a href="#">The Red Book</a></u><br>A girl finds a book in a snowdrift...   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Lionni, Leo         | <u><a href="#">Swimmy</a></u><br>Swimmy, the lone black fish finds a way to save the school  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | McClintock, Barbara | <u><a href="#">Adele and Simon</a></u> (Adventure)<br>Follow a brother and sister through streets of Paris.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | McCloskey, Robert   | <u><a href="#">Make Way for Ducklings</a></u><br>Classic tale of duck family in Boston Common  |
|                          | McKissack, Patricia | <u><a href="#">Δ Bugs! Δ</a></u><br>Learn all about the world of bugs.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Meddaugh, Susan     | <u><a href="#">Martha Speaks</a></u> (series) (Fantasy)<br>Martha, the dog, eats alphabet soup and now can order pizza!                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Montgomery, Sy      | <u><a href="#">Search for the Golden Moon Bear</a></u> (Science)<br>Sy Montgomery/Gary Gilbreath search for a new bear species                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Mosel, Arlene       | <u><a href="#">Tikki Tikki Tembo</a></u><br>Can you say his great long name and help Tikki Tikki Tembo?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Numeroff, Laura     | <u><a href="#">If You Give a Pig a Pancake</a></u><br>What happens if a pig wants a pancake and you give it to him?                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Opie, Iona          | <u><a href="#">My Very First Mother Goose</a></u><br>Mother Goose Treasury illustrated by Rosemary Wells   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Petrie, Catherine   | <u><a href="#">Δ Joshua James Like Trucks Δ</a></u><br>Can you name all the trucks that Joshua James likes?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Polacco, Patricia   | <u><a href="#">Thunder Cake</a></u><br>Grandmother helps granddaughter overcome fear of thunder.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Prelutsky, Jack     | <u><a href="#">Pizza the Size of the Sun</a></u> (Poetry)<br>Hilarious poems   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Rathman, Peggy      | <u><a href="#">Office Buckle and Gloria</a></u><br>1996 Caldecott. Rabbit means wells but always causes trouble  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Rosenthal, Amy      | <u><a href="#">Little Pea</a></u><br>Little Pea has to eat five pieces of candy before he can have spinach for dessert.                                  |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Ryan, Pam Munoz    | <u>Mice and Beans</u><br>Grandmother wants to make a perfect feast of the family but the mice know she really needs some help.               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Rylant, Cynthia    | <u>The Relatives Came</u><br>Visiting relatives are welcomed with dancing, feasting and hugging.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Scieszka, Jon      | <u>Stinky Cheese Man/ Other Fairly Stupid Fairy Tales</u><br>Storyteller gives his hilarious interpretations of favorite tales.              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Sendak, Maurice    | <u>Where the Wild Things Are</u><br>1964 Caldecott. Max sails to his own private land.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Shaw, Nancy        | <u>Sheep in a Jeep</u><br>Sheep can't drive a jeep or can they?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Simon, Seymour     | <u>Destination: Space (NF)</u><br>Fantastic pictures/text follow the discoveries of the Hubble telescope.                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Slate, Joseph      | <u>Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten</u><br>Teacher prepares her room while (alphabetically) students get ready for kindergarten |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Slobodkina, Esphyr | <u>Caps for Sale</u><br>How can the peddler get his caps back from those monkeys?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Steig, William     | <u>Sylvester and the Magic Pebble</u><br><i>1970 Caldecott Award.</i> A donkey makes the wrong wish.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Stevenson, James   | <u>What's Under My Bed? (series)</u><br>Something unusual always happens at Grandpa's.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Swanson, Susan     | <u>The House in the Night</u><br>Caldecott Winner 2009.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Tavares, Matt      | <u>Zachary's Ball</u><br>Zachary catches a ball at the Red Sox game – is it magic?   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Tafari, Nancy      | <b>▲ Spots, Feathers and Curly Tails ▲</b><br>Wonderful illustrations and all about animals.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Viorst, Judith     | <u>Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, VeryBad Day</u><br>Alexander has a bad day and learns some days are like that...           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Wiesner, David     | <u>Three Pigs</u><br>This <i>2002 Caldecott</i> winner jumps off the page  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Willems, Mo        | <u>Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus</u><br>The bus driver has to leave for awhile...   |

## Favorite Stories en Espanol

Brown, Marc	Arturo Y Sus Problemas Con El Professor
Carle, Eric	La Oruga Muy Hambrienta
Cole, Joanna	El Autobus magico en el cuerpo humano
DePaola, Tomi	La Clase de Dibujo
Emberley, Rebecca	Mi Ropa
Guarino, Deborah	Tu Mama Es una Llama?
Lobel, Arnold	Sapo Y Sepo, Inseparables
Dr. Seuss	Huevos verdes con jamon
Shannon, David	David Se Mete En Lios

# Amazing Readers:

Moving from picture books to early readers can be quite an accomplishment! Longer pages and the introduction of chapters blend with continued illustration to help transition new readers in to the world of chapter books. The list below contains non-fiction volumes as well as fiction in order to give new readers the beginning lessons in “fact” investigation as well as the thrill of finding out about the world around us. Watch for the genre labels in parenthesis at the end of each title for clues in to your favorite “type” of reading.

## *Easy to Read Series to enjoy!*

Adler, David	Cam Jansen
Baglio, Ben	Animal Ark
Cazet, Denys	Minnie and Moo
Haywood, Carolyn	Betsy and Billy
Howe, James	Pinky and Rex

## *More Easy to Read Series...*

Lobel, Arnold	Frog and Toad
Marshall, James	Fox All Week
	George and Martha
Osbourne, Mary	Magic Tree House
Rylant, Cynthia	Henry and Mudge
	Mr. Putter and Tabby
Willems, Mo	Today I Will Fly! (Elephant and Piggy)

- Bishop, Nic      Spiders (Non-Fiction)  
Everything you always wanted to know about spiders.
- Frogs (Non-Fiction)  
Incredible pictures from a fabulous nature photographer.
- Blood, Charles      Goat in the Rug (Multicultural)  
Goat gives his view of watching his sheared wool be made into a Navaho rug.
- Bridges, Ruby      Through My Eyes (Non-Fiction/History)  
While integrating a New Orleans public school, Ruby Bridges, remembers the year and the special teacher she met.
- Brown, Jeff      Flat Stanley (Adventure)  
When Stanley is flattened by a falling bulletin board, he finds out that there are advantages to being flat.
- Brown, Don      Odd Boy Out: Young Albert Einstein (biography)  
Not everyone learns in the same way. Find out more about the smartest man in the world.
- Bunting, Eve      Nasty, Stinky Sneakers (Humor)  
Colin’s sneakers smell really bad – but are they nasty enough to win the World’s Stinkiest Sneaker title?
- Cameron, Ann      Stories Julian Tells (Realistic/Humor)  
Julian manages to grow a garden, make a new friend and get himself into trouble in these stories of a boy’s daily life
- Christopher, Matt      Shadow Over Second (Sports)  
Matt Christopher has written tons of books about just about every sport.
- Cole, Joanna      Magic School Bus Stories (Science)  
Learn science in an exciting new way with wacky Ms. Frizzle and her class.
- Dahl, Roald      The Magic Finger (Fantasy)  
The magic finger will point at you if you are not a kind, caring person.
- Danziger, Paula      Amber Brown is Not a Crayon (Realistic/Humor)  
First in a series of trials and tribulations of a girl with a colorful life that makes for lots of fun.
- DePaola, Tomie      Legend of Blue Bonnet (Folktale)  
Native American folktale tells about a beautiful flower that blooms in the Texas desert.

- 26 Fairmount Avenue (Biography)  
DePaola's autobiography about growing up in the late 1930's.
- DiCamillo, Kate Mercy Watson Fights Crime (Humor)  
Mercy the pig's love of buttered toast leads to the capture of a small thief who would rather be a cowboy.
- The Tale of Despereaux (Fantasy)  
2004 Newbery Award Despereaux Tilling, the new baby mouse, is different from all other mice born in the castle...
- Dooley, Norah Everybody Cooks Rice (Social Studies)  
While looking for her brother, he girls visits her neighbors kitchens and discovers they have a lot in common.
- Estes, Eleanor The Hundred Dresses (Realistic)  
Wanda wore the same faded dress to school every day but claimed to have a hundred dresses at home.
- Fine, Anne Jamie and Angus (series)  
Story of two friends – one a boy, one a bull
- Frasier, Debra Miss Alaineus: A Vocabulary Disaster (Language)  
Sage (one who shows wisdom, experience and judgment) misunderstands one of Mrs. Page's vocabulary words in the homework assignment with interesting results.
- Friedman, Ina R. How My Parents Learned to Eat (Multicultural)  
An American sailor courts a Japanese woman and each tries, in secret, to learn the others way of eating.
- Funke, Cornelia Pirate Girl (Adventure)  
When a small girl is captured by the ferocious Firebeard, she tells him he will be sorry but he doesn't believe her until Mom (Barbarous Bertha) shows up.
- Hill, Kirkpatrick The Year of Miss Agnes (Realistic Fiction)  
"Fred" (short for Frederika) tells the story of Miss Agnes' first year of teaching
- Holt, Kimberly Willis Piper Reed, Navy Brat (Realistic)  
Piper has to move again!
- Kerrin, Jessica Martin Bridge, Sound the Alarm!  
Martin deals with life's problems from a new babysitter to being a pilot.
- King-Smith, Dick Mr. Potter's Pet (Humor)  
Mr Potter's new mynah bird mimics human speech and causes a lot of problems
- Kline, Suzy Horrible Harry (Humor)  
Harry has his problems at school but finds clever ways to solve them.
- Krensky, Stephen Lionel in the Spring (series)  
Early reader stories about Lionel and friends
- Kuskin, Karla What's it Like to be a Cat? (Poetry)  
A boy asks a cat to tell about it's life.
- Landon, Lucinda Meg MacIntosh in the Locked Library (Mystery)  
A series of clues leads this young detective to solve the mysteries of the strange happenings in the library.
- Levy, Elizabeth Something Queer at the Haunted School (Mystery)  
Two detectives investigate the haunting of their school.
- Locker, Thomas Water Dance (Science)  
Water speaks of it's existence throughout the water cycle...
- Martin, Jacqueline Snowflake Bentley (biography)  
Caldecott Award 1999. A self-taught scientist photographed thousands of individual snowflakes.
- MacLachlan, Patricia Seven Kisses in a Row (Fiction)  
Emma learns to accept "different strokes for different folks", when her aunt and uncle come to take care of her
- Minirak, Else H. Little Bear (series)  
Early reader – illustrated by Maurice Sendak

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Nelson, Kadir         | <u>We are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball</u> (NF)<br>The story of the men who played baseball for the love of the game!                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Thomas, Shelley Moore | <u>Good Night, Good Knight</u><br>The good knight helps dragons get to sleep.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Parish, Peggy         | <u>Amelia Bedelia</u> (Humor)<br>Amelia Bedelia is always mixing up what people are saying.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Park, Barbara         | <u>Junie B. Jones</u> (Humor)<br>The messy antics of the irrepressible 6 yr. old...  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Paros, Jennifer       | <u>Violet Bing and the Grand House</u><br>Violet doesn't want to do anything or go anywhere but then she goes to stay with Great Aunt Astrid in the Grand House. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Peet, Bill            | <u>The Luckiest One of All</u> (Fantasy)<br>Wishing to be a bird, a little boy learns that there are benefits and drawbacks.                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Pennypacker, Sara     | <u>Clementine</u> (series)<br>Clementine keeps getting in to trouble but by accident!  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Schanzer, Rosalyn     | <u>George vs. George</u> (Non-Fiction/History)<br>Page by page comparisons of George Washington's and King George's lives.                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Schwartz, David       | <u>How Much is a Million?</u> (math)<br>See what counting to a million would look like   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Tang, Greg            | <u>The Grapes of Math</u> (math)<br>How is it possible to count a complicated pattern of strawberry seeds and in the blink of an eye?                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Willems, Mo           | <u>There is a Bird on Your Head</u> (Humor)<br>Geisel Winner 2008  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Woodson, Jacqueline   | <u>The Other Side</u> (Historical Fiction)<br>Two little girls, one black and one white, find an interesting solution to segregation.                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Yolen, Jane           | <u>Commander Toad</u> (Science Fiction)<br>Mr. Hop, Commander Toad and intrepid crew of Star Warts travel the galaxy!  |

Fantastic Non-Fiction Series from National Geographic  
"Face to Face with..."

J 595.781 MUR      Face to Face with Caterpillars  
 J 599.67 JOU        Face to Face with Elephants  
 J 599.737 JOU      Face to Face with Lions  
 J 599.759 JOU      Face to Face with Cheetahs  
 J 599.884 NIC      Face to Face with Gorillas  
 LOOK FOR: wolves, whales, sharks, frogs, dolphins,  
 polar bears and grizzlies, too.

Super Sports Series  
"The Story of the..."  
(796.357)

Toronto Blue Jays	Los Angeles Angels
Tampa Bay Devil Rays	Detroit Tigers
Philadelphia Phillies	New York Yankees
And, of course,	
The Story of the Boston Red Sox	

*Bodies from the...series from James Deem*

Bodies from the Ice      Bodies from the Bog  
 Bodies from the Ashes



- DiCamillo, Kate Because of Winn Dixie (Realistic Fiction)  
Because of Winn Dixie, India Opal learns ten things about her mother and makes friends in her new town.
- Dowd, Siobhan London Eye Mystery (Mystery)  
How could Salim disappear from the London Eye?
- DuPrau, Jeanne The City of Ember (Science Fiction/Fantasy)  
First book in the series – Lina and Doon need to save the city
- Flake, Sharon The Broken Bike Boy and the Queen of 33<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Queen is spoiled and having difficulty making friends and then Leroy moves in.
- Fleischman, Sid Whipping Boy (Historical Fiction/Humor)  
A bratty prince and his whipping boy have many adventures when they inadvertently trade places after becoming involved with dangerous outlaws.
- Fleming, Candace Trouble Begins at 8 (NF)  
Biography of the greatest wise-cracker of all time
- Fleming, Candace The Lincolns: A Scrapbook (NF)  
Biography of Abraham and Mary Todd – photo's, letters, etc
- Freedman, Russell Children of the Great Depression (NF)  
Photo's/text depict how children survived during the Great Depression
- Gaimon, Neil The Graveyard Book (Fantasy)  
Newbery 2009. Boy is raised by ghosts in a graveyard
- Gutman, Dan Honus and Me (Sports/Fantasy)  
The rarest baseball card in the world opens the door to time travel for Joe Stoshack.
- Hest, Amy Remembering Mrs. Rossi (Realistic Fiction)  
Nobody expected Anne's mother to die but when she does Anne and her father slowly find ways to cope
- Hill, Kirpatrick Year of Miss Agnes (Realistic Fiction)  
"Fred" (short for Frederika) tells the story of Miss Agnes' first year of teaching in Alaska.
- Himelblau, Linda Troubles Begins (Realistic Fiction)  
Du moves from Vietnam to the U.S. and has to adapt to new ways.
- Holm, Jennifer Penny from Heaven (Historical Fiction)  
Penny is growing up in the 1950's amid a huge Italian family and a mother who is getting remarried.
- Ibbotson, Eve Which Witch? (Fantasy)  
Great Wizard Arriman must choose the evilest, ugliest most horrible witch.
- Jacques, Brian Mariel of Redwall (Fantasy)  
Fourth in the series, the young heroine of this tale is a mouse maiden who seeks revenge against the dreadful pirate, Gabol.
- Koningsburg, E.L. From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler (Humor/Adventure)  
Jamie and Claudia runaway from home – to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City!
- Korman, Gordan Schooled (Realistic)  
Homeschooled by his hippie grandmother, Capricorn (Cap) Anderson has never watched television, tasted a pizza, or even heard of a wedgie. But when his grandmother lands in the hospital, Cap is forced to attend the local middle school. Cap knows a lot about tie-dyeing and Zen Buddhism, but no education could prepare him for the politics of school.
- Law, Ingrid Savvy (Fantasy)  
Mibs is waiting to find out what her "Savvy" (power) will be.
- Levine, Gail Carson Ella Enchanted (Fantasy)  
Ella struggles against a childhood curse that forces her to obey...

- LeGuin, Ursula Catwings (Fantasy)  
The catwings (cats with wings) have to leave the poverty of the city in order to survive.
- Lord, Cynthia Rules (Realistic)  
Catherine makes a rule book for her autistic brother who doesn't know the rules himself.
- McDonald, Betty Mrs. Piggle Wiggle (Humor)  
Children adore her because she understands them – Grownups adore her because of her wacky “cures”.
- Montgomery, Sy Quest for the Tree Kangaroo (Non-Fiction)  
Sy searches for the elusive kangaroo that lives in trees.
- O'Connor, Jane The Emperor's Silent Army (Non-Fiction)  
Thousands of life-like terracotta soldiers were uncovered in China in 1974. Why were they there?
- Pratchett, Terry Johnny and the Dead (Fantasy)  
At first Johnny is a little unnerved when he starts hearing voices in the graveyard especially since he's the only one who can hear them!
- Rockwell, Thomas How to Eat Fried Worms (Humor)  
Billy makes a bet with his friends that he can eat 15 worms in 15 days.
- Rowling, J. K. Harry Potter and the...(Fantasy/series)  
Harry has spent the first ten years of his life being raised by people who treat him like dirt. Now he finds that he is a wizard and is destined to battle the most evil wizard of all time.
- Sachar, Louis Holes (Adventure)  
1999 Newbery Award - Stanley Yelnats gets sentenced to time at Camp Green Lake for a crime he did not commit.
- Schlitz, Laura Amy Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! (Non-Fiction)  
Newbery 2008 – Short plays featuring medieval characters
- Schmidt, Gary The Wednesday Wars (Historical Fiction/Humor)  
During the 1967 school year, on Wednesday afternoons when all his classmates go to either Catechism or Hebrew school, seventh-grader Holling Hoodhood stays in Mrs. Baker's classroom. L.O.L.
- Scieszka, Jon Summer Reading is Killing Me (Fantasy/Humor)  
When Fred puts the summer reading list inside “The Book”, the boys are transported inside...
- Knucklehead: Tall Tales & Mostly True Tales of Growing Up Scieszka (NF)  
The title says it all...
- Selden, George Cricket in Times Square (Fantasy)  
Mario's cricket plays the sweetest music in the subway and saves the family newsstand.
- Selznick, Brain Invention of Hugo Cabret (Graphic/Historical)  
(Caldecott 2008) Orphan Hugo meet mysterious toyseller
- Shulevitz, Uri How I Learned Geography (NF)  
During WWII in a refugee camp, a boy studies his fathers map.
- Sobol, Donald Encyclopedia Brown (Mystery)  
Encyclopedia Brown, the neighborhood boy detective, solves a variety of mysteries.
- Tarshis, Lauren Emma-Jean Lazarus Fell Out of a Tree (Realistic)  
Emma Jean's good intentions keep landing her in trouble.
- Timberlake, Amy That Lucy Moon (Realistic Fiction)  
Lucy organizes a campaign against horrible Miss Wiggins when she takes away the town's sledding hill.
- VanDraanen, Wendelin Sammy Keyes and the Hotel Thief (Mystery)  
Sammy Keyes makes a big mistake when she witnesses a theft and then waves to the burglar.

- Warren, Andrea      We Rode the Orphan Trains (Non-Fiction)  
 Oral histories from children who rode the orphan trains in the early 1900s.
- White, E.B.      Trumpet of the Swan (Fantasy)  
 In the wilds of Canada, Sam discovers a trumpeter swan who's lost his voice.
- Charlotte's Web (Fantasy)  
 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.
- Stuart Little (Fantasy)  
 What happens when the Little family's second son turns out to be a mouse?
- White, Ruth      Way Down Deep (Realistic Fiction)  
 Ruby June is found outside the courthouse...
- Wright, Betty      Dollhouse Murders (Ghost Story)  
 When the dollhouse comes alive at night, Amy and her sister solve a mystery that happened years ago.

*Classics to read aloud: (Robbins and Fox Libraries also have many of these on CD...)*

<b>Alcott</b>	<i>Little Women</i>	<b>Farley</b>	<i>Black Stallion</i>
<b>Alexander</b>	<i>Book of Three</i>	<b>Grahame</b>	<i>Wind in the Willows</i>
<b>Atwater</b>	<i>Mr. Popper's Penguins</i>	<b>Juster</b>	<i>Phantom Tollbooth</i>
<b>Barrie</b>	<i>Peter Pan</i>	<b>Lewis</b>	<i>Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe</i>
<b>Baum</b>	<i>Wonderful Wizard of Oz</i>	<b>Montgomery</b>	<i>Anne of Green Gables</i>
<b>Brink</b>	<i>Caddie Woodlawn</i>	<b>Rawls</b>	<i>Where the Red Fern Grows</i>
<b>Burnett</b>	<i>Secret Garden</i>	<b>Smith</b>	<i>101 Dalmatians</i>
<b>Burnford</b>	<i>Incredible Journey</i>	<b>Spyri</b>	<i>Heidi</i>
		<b>Robertson</b>	<i>Henry Reed</i>
		<b>Stevenson</b>	<i>Treasure Island</i>

