

Recommended Books

The following are some suggestions for the monthly Independent Reading assignment. I have personally read and enjoyed them all. There are many great books available in the library. When choosing a book for the monthly independent reading, please make sure that there is an Accelerated Reader test available. Also, please try to read from a variety of genres. For a complete list of AR books available, please see the district website.

Historical Fiction

Little House on the Prairie by Laura Ingalls Wilder (Westward Movement) 4.9
By the Great Horn Spoon by Sid Fleischman (CA Gold Rush) 5.1
Indian Captive by Lois Lenski (Native American) 5.4
The Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth George Speare (Colonies) 5.7
The Ballad of Lucy Whipple by Karen Cushman (CA Gold Rush) 5.8
Johnny Tremain by Esther Forbes (Colonies) 5.9
Rifles for Watie by Harold Keith (Civil War) 6.1
The Golden Goblet by Eloise Jarvis McGraw (Ancient Egypt) 6.3
The Dark Frigate by Charles Boardman Hawes (Explorers/Pirates) 6.7

Realistic Fiction

Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson (Friendship/Death) 4.6
My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George (Adventure) 5.2
Bloomability by Sharon Creech (Friendship/Moving) 5.2
Missing May by Cynthia Rylant (Death) 5.3
Hatchet by Gary Paulsen (Adventure) 5.7

Science Fiction

The Giver by Lois Lowry (Utopian Society) 5.7

Fantasy

Spiderwick Chronicles/Book 1 The Field Guide by Tony DiTerlizzi 4.2
James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl 4.8
The Prydian Chronicles (five books to the series, the first being The Book of Three) by Lloyd Alexander 5.3
Fog Magic by Julia L. Sauer 6.1
The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien 6.6
A Series of Unfortunate Events (Book 1 is The Bad Beginning) by Lemony Snicket 6.4