

## A Community of Readers: SMS Book List

### Reading Levels

A=accessible read

I=intermediate read

C=challenging read

*A Note to Parents:* Teachers collaborated to determine reading levels based on Lexile level, sentence complexity, book length, publication date, and content. The reading levels are meant only as a guide. Ultimately, it is up to you, the parent, to determine the “just right” book for your child. When helping your student to select a book, please carefully consider your student’s reading ability and maturity-level, as some books have themes that may not be appropriate for all students. If you need assistance in making an informed decision, please visit [www.commonsensemedia.org](http://www.commonsensemedia.org) or search Amazon for reviews.

<p><b>Title and Author:</b> <i>American Sniper</i> Chris Kyle</p> <p><b>Genre:</b> Memoir</p>	<p><b>Sponsored by:</b> Mr. Gomes</p> <p><b>Reading Level:</b> C</p>	<p>From 1999 to 2009, U.S. Navy SEAL Chris Kyle recorded the most career sniper kills in United States military history. His fellow American warriors, whom he protected with deadly accuracy from rooftops and stealth positions during the Iraqi War, called him "The Legend"; meanwhile the enemy feared him so much they placed a bounty on his head. Gripping and unforgettable, Kyle's masterful account of his extraordinary battlefield experiences ranks as one of the great war memoirs of all time.</p>
<p><b>Title and Author:</b> <i>Among the Hidden</i> Margaret Peterson Haddix</p> <p><b>Genre:</b> Science Fiction Dystopia</p>	<p><b>Sponsored by:</b> Ms. Healy</p> <p><b>Reading Level:</b> A</p>	<p>In a future where the Population Police enforce the law limiting a family to only two children, Luke, an illegal third child, has lived all his twelve years in isolation and fear on his family's farm in this start to the Shadow Children series from Margaret Peterson Haddix. Luke has never been to school. He's never had a birthday party, or gone to a friend's house for an overnight. In fact, Luke has never had a friend. Luke is one of the shadow children, a third child forbidden by the Population Police. He's lived his entire life in hiding, and now, with a new housing development replacing the woods next to his family's farm, he is no longer even allowed to go outside. Then, one day Luke sees a girl's face in the window of a house where he knows two other children already live. Finally, he's met a shadow child like himself. Jen is willing to risk everything to come out of the shadows -- does Luke dare to become involved in her dangerous plan? Can he afford not to?</p>
<p><b>Title and Author:</b> <i>Animal Farm</i> George Orwell</p> <p><b>Genre:</b> Dystopian Satire</p>	<p><b>Sponsored by:</b> Mrs. Mendez</p> <p><b>Reading Level:</b> C</p>	<p>Manor Farm is like any other English farm, except for a drunken owner, Mr. Jones, incompetent workers, and oppressed animals. Fed up with the ignorance of their human masters, the animals rise up in rebellion and take over the farm. Led by intellectually superior pigs like Snowball and Napoleon, the animals how to take charge of their destiny and remove the inequities of their lives. But as time passes, they realize that things aren't happening quite as expected.</p> <p>Animal Farm is, on one level, a simple story about barnyard animals. On a much deeper level, it is a savage political satire on corrupted ideals, misdirected revolutions, and class conflict-themes as valid today as they were sixty years ago.</p>
<p><b>Title and Author:</b> <i>Be a Perfect Person in Just Three Days</i> Stephen Manes</p> <p><b>Genre:</b> Fiction</p>	<p><b>Sponsored by:</b> Mrs. Sporbert</p> <p><b>Reading Level:</b> A</p>	<p>One day at the library, a book falls off the top shelf and hits Milo on the head. It's called <i>Be a Perfect Person in Just Three Days!</i> The book's author, Dr. K. Pinkerton Silverfish, doesn't look too perfect himself. In the picture on the back cover he's wearing a clown nose, and mustard is dripping down his chin. Milo figures the boor is worth a try anyway.</p> <p>Perfect is obviously the perfect thing to be! But who's ever heard of wearing a stalk of broccoli around your neck for twenty-four hours? And that's only the first day...</p>
<p><b>Title and Author:</b> <i>Because of Mr. Terupt</i> Rob Buyea</p>	<p><b>Sponsored by:</b> Mrs. Vedovelli-Peterson</p>	<p>Mr. Terupt’s fifth grade class loves their new teacher because he makes learning fun. Instead of ordinary assignments, he gives them the power to choose tasks and learn to solve problems. But does he go too far by giving them too much choice? Unlike a traditional school novel, Buvea’s story is told</p>

<b>Genre:</b> Fiction	<b>Reading Level:</b> A	from the points of view of seven of the fifth graders over the course of the school year. They all learn valuable lessons in this entertaining yet thought provoking novel that clearly addresses serious issues such as special needs, bullying, and accepting responsibility for one's actions.
<b>Title and Author:</b> <i>Because of Winn Dixie</i> Kate DiCamillo <b>Genre:</b>	<b>Sponsored by:</b> Mrs. Hill <b>Reading Level:</b> A	India Opal Buloni, called Opal by the people who know her best, thought love walked out on her when her mother left seven years ago. Ever since, this young girl has waited for her mother's return, questioning her father about this woman, now a stranger, so that she would recognize her when she came back. But in waiting, the heroine of Kate DiCamillo's heartfelt debut story, <i>Because of Winn-Dixie</i> , learns valuable lessons about friendship, love, and understanding.
<b>Title and Author:</b> <i>Bleachers</i> John Grisham <b>Genre:</b> Fiction	<b>Sponsored by:</b> Mr. Piper <b>Reading Level:</b> I	The story centers on the impending death of the Messina Spartans' football coach Eddie Rake. One of the most victorious coaches in high school football history, Rake is a man both loved and feared by his players and by a town that relishes his 13 state titles. The hero of the novel is Neely Crenshaw, a former Rake All-American whose NFL prospects ended abruptly after a cheap shot to the knees. Neely has returned home for the first time in years to join a nightly vigil for Rake at the Messina stadium. For Messina and for Neely, the homecoming offers the prospect of building a life after Rake.
<b>Title and Author:</b> <i>Can I See Your I.D.?: True Stories of False Identities</i> Chris Barton <b>Genre:</b> Crime Nonfiction	<b>Sponsored by:</b> Ms. Palmer, Ms. Devine, & Ms. Leader <b>Reading Level:</b> I	True crime, desperation, fraud, and adventure: from the impoverished young woman who enchanted nineteenth-century British society as a faux Asian princess, to the sixteen-year-old boy who "stole" a subway train in 1993, to the lonely but clever Frank Abagnale of <i>Catch Me if You Can</i> fame, these ten vignettes offer riveting insight into mind-blowing masquerades. Graphic panels draw you into the exploits of these pretenders, and meticulously researched details keep you on the edge of your seat. Each scene is presented in the second person, a unique point of view that literally places you inside the faker's mind. With motivations that include survival, delusion, and plain, old-fashioned greed, the psychology of deception has never been so fascinating or so close at hand.
<b>Title and Author:</b> <i>Captains Courageous</i> Rudyard Kipling <b>Genre:</b> Fiction	<b>Sponsored by:</b> Mr. Sheehan <b>Reading Level:</b> I	One of Rudyard Kipling's most enduringly popular works, <i>Captains Courageous</i> is both a stirring tale of the sea and a classic coming-of-age story. Harvey Cheyne, the pampered fifteen-year-old son of an American millionaire, is sailing to Europe when he falls overboard. Saved from drowning by a New England fishing schooner, he finds his rough new companions unimpressed by his wealth and shocked by his ignorance. He will have to prove his worth in the only way the captain and crew will accept: through the slow and arduous mastery of skills upon which their common survival depends.
<b>Title and Author:</b> <i>Chew on This</i> Eric Schlosser & Charles Wilson <b>Genre:</b> Nonfiction	<b>Sponsored by:</b> Mrs. Thompson <b>Reading Level:</b> I	An adaptation of Schlosser's <i>Fast Food Nation</i> (Houghton, 2001), <i>Chew on This</i> covers the history of the fast-food industry and delves into the agribusiness and animal husbandry methods that support it. From the 37-day life of the pre-McNugget chicken to the appallingly inhumane conditions of slaughterhouses and meatpacking plants, the author lays out the gruesome details behind the tasty burgers and sandwiches. Equally disturbing is his revelation of the way that the fast-food giants have studied childhood behavior and geared their commercials and free toy inclusions to hook the youngest consumers. The text is written in a lively, lay-out-the-facts manner. Occasional photographs add bits of visual interest, but the emphasis here is on the truth about soda pop and obesity, fries and lies.
<b>Title and Author:</b> <i>Cinder</i> Marissa Meyer <b>Genre:</b> Science Fiction Dystopia	<b>Sponsored by:</b> Mrs. Farnham <b>Reading Level:</b> I	Humans and androids crowd the raucous streets of New Beijing. A deadly plague ravages the population. From space, a ruthless lunar people watch, waiting to make their move. No one knows that Earth's fate hinges on one girl. . . .Cinder, a gifted mechanic, who is a cyborg. She's a second-class citizen with a mysterious past, reviled by her stepmother and blamed for her stepsister's illness. But when her life becomes intertwined with the handsome

		Prince Kai's, she suddenly finds herself at the center of an intergalactic struggle, and a forbidden attraction. Caught between duty and freedom, loyalty and betrayal, she must uncover secrets about her past in order to protect her world's future.
<b>Title and Author:</b> <i>Define Normal</i> Julie Anne Peterson <b>Genre:</b> Fiction	<b>Sponsored by:</b> Mrs. Michalik  <b>Reading Level:</b> I	This thoughtful, wry story is about two girls--a "punk" and a "priss"--who find themselves facing each other in a peer-counseling program and discover that they have some surprising things in common. When she agrees to meet with Jasmine as a peer counselor at their middle school, Antonia never dreams that this girl with the black lipstick and pierced eyebrow will end up helping her deal with the serious problems she faces at home and become a good friend.
<b>Title and Author:</b> <i>Divergent</i> Veronica Roth  <b>Genre:</b> Science Fiction	<b>Sponsored by:</b> Mrs. Caldwell  <b>Reading Level:</b> I	Perfect for fans of the Hunger Games and Maze Runner series, <i>Divergent</i> and its sequels, <i>Insurgent</i> and <i>Allegiant</i> —plus <i>Four: A Divergent Collection</i> , four stories told from the perspective of the character Tobias—are the gripping story of a dystopian world transformed by courage, self-sacrifice, and love.
<b>Title and Author:</b> <i>Dogs of Winter</i> Bobbie Pyron  <b>Genre:</b> Literary Nonfiction	<b>Sponsored by:</b> Mrs. Machuka  <b>Reading Level:</b> I	When Ivan's mother disappears, he's abandoned on the streets of Moscow, with little chance to make it through the harsh winter. But help comes in an unexpected form: Ivan is adopted by a pack of dogs, and the dogs quickly become more than just his street companions: they become his family. Soon Ivan, who used to love reading fairytales, is practically living in one, as he and his pack roam the city and countryside, using their wits to find food and shelter, dodging danger, begging for coins. But Ivan can't stay hidden from the world of people forever. When help is finally offered to him, will he be able to accept it? Will he even want to? Based on a true story. <i>Dogs of Winter</i> is a heart-pounding tale of survival and a moving look at what makes us human.
<b>Title and Author:</b> <i>Dormia</i> Jake Halpern <b>Genre:</b> Adventure/Fantasy	<b>Sponsored by:</b> Mr. Westcott  <b>Reading Level:</b> I	Twelve-year-old Alfonso Perplexon has a gift, or is it a curse? He possesses "the powers of active sleeping," which allow him to accomplish tasks and fight with superior skill while asleep. When his self-proclaimed uncle, Hill, appears and tries to persuade Alfonso to travel through the mountains to save the people of Dormia, the boy leaves his family to embark on the journey. Their goal: to deliver the "Dormian bloom" unharmed; if they fail to plant it, the citizens will starve and the Dragoonya, led by evil Nartam, will take over. Their trip is filled with doubt, stemming from Alfonso's encounters with white-eyed Kiril, who causes him to question his companions' motivations. Ultimately, Alfonso's faith and attitude that "sometimes you just have hunches about people" serve him even more than the innate powers of a Great Sleeper. Alfonso's quest believably demonstrates that the path home can be the most trying.
<b>Title and Author:</b> <i>Fever-1793</i> Laurie H Anderson <b>Genre:</b> Fiction	<b>Sponsored by:</b> Mrs. Jordan  <b>Reading Level:</b> A	During the summer of 1793, Mattie Cook lives above the family coffee shop with her widowed mother and grandfather. Mattie spends her days avoiding chores and making plans to turn the family business into the finest Philadelphia has ever seen. But then the fever breaks out and Mattie must learn quickly how to survive in a city turned frantic with disease.
<b>Title and Author:</b> <i>Girl, Stolen</i> April Henry  <b>Genre:</b> Fiction	<b>Sponsored by:</b> Mrs. Tabbi  <b>Reading Level:</b> A	Sixteen-year-old Cheyenne Wilder is sleeping in the back of a car while her mom fills her prescription for antibiotics. Before Cheyenne realizes what's happening, their car is being stolen. Griffin hadn't meant to kidnap Cheyenne, but once his dad finds out that Cheyenne's father is the president of a powerful corporation, everything changes--now there's a reason to keep her. How will Cheyenne survive this nightmare? Because she's not only sick with pneumonia--she's also blind.
<b>Title and Author:</b> <i>The Giver</i>	<b>Sponsored by:</b> Mrs. Shibley	<i>The Giver</i> , the 1994 Newbery Medal winner, has become one of the most influential novels of our time. The haunting story centers on twelve-year-old

Lois Lowry <b>Genre:</b> Science Fiction Dystopia	<b>Reading Level:</b> I	Jonas, who lives in a seemingly ideal, if colorless, world of conformity and contentment. Not until he is given his life assignment as the Receiver of Memory does he begin to understand the dark, complex secrets behind his fragile community.
<b>Title and Author:</b> <i>The Graveyard Book</i> Neil Gaiman <b>Genre:</b> Fantasy	<b>Sponsored by:</b> Mr. Michalik <b>Reading Level:</b> I	In this Newbery Medal-winning novel, Bod is an unusual boy who inhabits an unusual place—he's the only living resident of a graveyard. Raised from infancy by the ghosts, werewolves, and other cemetery denizens, Bod has learned the antiquated customs of his guardians' time as well as their ghostly teachings—such as the ability to Fade so mere mortals cannot see him. Can a boy raised by ghosts face the wonders and terrors of the worlds of both the living and the dead?
<b>Title and Author:</b> <i>Guts</i> Gary Paulsen <b>Genre:</b> Biography	<b>Sponsored by:</b> Mrs. Schwaber <b>Reading Level:</b> A	In <i>Guts</i> , Gary tells the real stories behind the Brian books, the stories of the adventures that inspired him to write Brian Robeson's story. He describes how he made his own bows and arrows, and takes readers on his first hunting trips, showing the wonder and solace of nature along with his hilarious mishaps and mistakes. He shares special memories, such as the night he attracted every mosquito in the county, or how he met the moose with a sense of humor, and the moose who made it personal. There's a handy chapter on "Eating Eyeballs and Guts or Starving: The Fine Art of Wilderness Nutrition." Recipes included.
<b>Title and Author:</b> <i>Harry Potter: The Sorcerer's Stone</i> J. K. Rowling <b>Genre:</b> Fantasy	<b>Sponsored by:</b> Mr. Wheeler & Mr. Hibert <b>Reading Level:</b> I	Harry Potter has no idea how famous he is. That's because he's being raised by his miserable aunt and uncle who are terrified Harry will learn that he's really a wizard, just as his parents were. But everything changes when Harry is summoned to attend an infamous school for wizards, and he begins to discover some clues about his illustrious birthright. From the surprising way he is greeted by a lovable giant, to the unique curriculum and colorful faculty at his unusual school, Harry finds himself drawn deep inside a mystical world he never knew existed and closer to his own noble destiny.
<b>Title and Author:</b> <i>A Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy</i> Douglas Adams <b>Genre:</b> Science Fiction	<b>Sponsored by:</b> Mr. Strycharz <b>Reading Level:</b> C	Join Douglas Adams's hapless hero Arthur Dent as he travels the galaxy with his intrepid pal Ford Prefect, getting into horrible messes and generally wreaking hilarious havoc. Dent is grabbed from Earth moments before a cosmic construction team obliterates the planet to build a freeway. You'll never read funnier science fiction; Adams is a master of intelligent satire, barbed wit, and comedic dialogue. <i>The Hitchhiker's Guide</i> is rich in comedic detail and thought-provoking situations and stands up to multiple reads.
<b>Title and Author:</b> <i>The Hobbit</i> J.R.R. Tolkien <b>Genre:</b> Fantasy	<b>Sponsored by:</b> Mrs. Kastrinakis <b>Reading Level:</b> I	A great modern classic and the prelude to <i>THE LORD OF THE RINGS</i>  Bilbo Baggins is a hobbit who enjoys a comfortable, unambitious life, rarely traveling any farther than his pantry or cellar. But his contentment is disturbed when the wizard Gandalf and a company of dwarves arrive on his doorstep one day to whisk him away on an adventure. They have launched a plot to raid the treasure hoard guarded by Smaug the Magnificent, a large and very dangerous dragon. Bilbo reluctantly joins their quest, unaware that on his journey to the Lonely Mountain he will encounter both a magic ring and a frightening creature known as Gollum.
<b>Title and Author:</b> <i>The House on Mango Street</i> Sandra Cisneros <b>Genre:</b> Realistic Fiction	<b>Sponsored by:</b> Mrs. Cotto & Mrs. Majkut <b>Reading Level:</b> I	<i>The House on Mango Street</i> is the remarkable story of Esperanza Cordero. Told in a series of vignettes – sometimes heartbreaking, sometimes deeply joyous – it is the story of a young Latina girl growing up in Chicago, inventing for herself who and what she will become. Few other books in our time have touched so many readers.
<b>Title and Author:</b> <i>The Hunger Games</i>	<b>Sponsored by:</b> Mr. Proulx	In the ruins of a place once known as North America lies the nation of Panem, a shining Capitol surrounded by twelve outlying districts. Long ago the

<p>Suzanne Collins</p> <p><b>Genre:</b> Science Fiction Dystopia</p>	<p><b>Reading Level:</b> I</p>	<p>districts waged war on the Capitol and were defeated. As part of the surrender terms, each district agreed to send one boy and one girl to appear in an annual televised event called, "The Hunger Games," a fight to the death on live TV. Sixteen-year-old Katniss Everdeen, who lives alone with her mother and younger sister, regards it as a death sentence when she is forced to represent her district in the Games. The terrain, rules, and level of audience participation may change but one thing is constant: kill or be killed.</p>
<p><b>Title and Author:</b> <i>Jefferson's Sons: A Founding Father's Secret Children</i> Kimberly Bradley</p> <p><b>Genre:</b> Historical Nonfiction</p>	<p><b>Sponsored by:</b> Mrs. Hollister</p> <p><b>Reading Level:</b> I</p>	<p>This story of Thomas Jefferson's children by one of his slaves, Sally Hemings, tells a darker piece of America's history from an often unseen perspective—that of three of Jefferson's slaves—including two of his own children. As each child grows up and tells his story, the contradiction between slavery and freedom becomes starker, calling into question the real meaning of "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." This poignant story sheds light on what life was like as one of Jefferson's invisible offspring.</p>
<p><b>Title and Author:</b> <i>Jurassic Park</i> Michael Crichton</p> <p><b>Genre:</b> Science Fiction</p>	<p><b>Sponsored by:</b> Mr. Collier</p> <p><b>Reading Level:</b> I</p>	<p>An astonishing technique for recovering and cloning dinosaur DNA has been discovered. Now humankind's most thrilling fantasies have come true. Creatures extinct for eons roam Jurassic Park with their awesome presence and profound mystery, and all the world can visit them—for a price. Until something goes wrong. . . .</p>
<p><b>Title and Author:</b> <i>The Mortal Instruments #1</i> Cassandra Clare</p> <p><b>Genre:</b> Fantasy</p>	<p><b>Sponsored by:</b> Ms. McIntire</p> <p><b>Reading Level:</b> I</p>	<p>When fifteen-year-old Clary Fray heads out to the Pandemonium Club in New York City, she hardly expects to witness a murder—much less a murder committed by three teenagers covered with strange tattoos and brandishing bizarre weapons. Then the body disappears into thin air. It's hard to call the police when the murderers are invisible to everyone else and when there is nothing—not even a smear of blood—to show that a boy has died. Or was he a boy? Exotic and gritty, exhilarating and utterly gripping, Cassandra Clare's ferociously entertaining fantasy takes readers on a wild ride that they will never want to end.</p>
<p><b>Title and Author:</b> <i>Never Cry Wolf</i> Farley Mowat</p> <p><b>Genre:</b> Nonfiction</p>	<p><b>Sponsored by:</b> Mrs. Curto &amp; Ms. Bronson</p> <p><b>Reading Level:</b> I</p>	<p>Hordes of bloodthirsty wolves are slaughtering the arctic caribou, and the government's Wildlife Service assigns naturalist Farley Mowat to investigate. Mowat is dropped alone onto the frozen tundra, where he begins his mission to live among the howling wolf packs and study their ways. Contact with his quarry comes quickly, and Mowat discovers not a den of marauding killers but a courageous family of skillful providers and devoted protectors of their young. As Mowat comes closer to the wolf world, he comes to fear with them on onslaught of bounty hunters and government exterminators out to erase the noble wolf community from the Arctic. <i>Never Cry Wolf</i> is a narrative account of Farley Mowat's real life experience in the Arctic.</p>
<p><b>Title and Author:</b> <i>The Red Badge of Courage</i> Stephen Crane</p> <p><b>Genre:</b> Fiction</p>	<p><b>Sponsored by:</b> Mr. Dufraire</p> <p><b>Reading Level:</b> A</p>	<p>First published in 1895, this novel is told through the eyes of Henry Fleming, a young soldier caught up in an unnamed Civil War battle who is motivated not by the unselfish heroism of conventional war stories, but by fear, cowardice, and finally, egotism. However, in his struggle to find reality amid the nightmarish chaos of war, the young soldier also discovers courage, humility, and perhaps, wisdom. Although Crane had never been in battle before writing <i>The Red Badge of Courage</i>, the book was widely praised by experienced soldiers for its uncanny re-creation of the sights, sounds, and sense of actual combat. Its publication brought Crane immediate international fame and established him as a major American writer. Today, nearly a century later, the book ranks as an enduring landmark of American fiction.</p>
<p><b>Title and Author:</b> <i>The River</i> Gary Paulsen</p> <p><b>Genre:</b> Adventure</p>	<p><b>Sponsored by:</b> Mrs. Woodis</p> <p><b>Reading Level:</b> A</p>	<p>Two years ago, Brian was stranded alone in the wilderness for 54 days with nothing but a small hatchet. Yet he survived. Because of his success surviving alone in the wilderness for so long, fifteen-year-old Brian, profoundly changed by his time in the wild, is asked to undergo a similar experience to help scientists learn more about the psychology of survival.</p>

<p><b>Title and Author:</b> <i>Sadako and the 1,000 Paper Cranes</i> Eleanor Coerr</p> <p><b>Genre:</b> Literary Nonfiction</p>	<p><b>Sponsored by:</b> Mrs. Hurley</p> <p><b>Reading Level:</b> A</p>	<p>Based on the true story of a young Japanese girl who contracts leukemia as a result of the atom bomb that was dropped on Hiroshima, the story follows Sadako as a healthy schoolgirl winning relay races, through her diagnosis with the atom bomb sickness, to her long stay in the hospital. It is in the hospital that she first begins making origami cranes to pass the time. Her ultimate goal is to make 1000.</p>
<p><b>Title and Author:</b> <i>Sold</i> Patricia McCormick</p> <p><b>Genre:</b></p>	<p><b>Sponsored by:</b> Mrs. Johnson-Corwin</p> <p><b>Reading Level:</b> C (Adult Themes)</p>	<p>Lakshmi is a thirteen-year-old girl who lives with her family in a small hut on a mountain in Nepal. Though she is desperately poor, her life is full of simple pleasures, like playing hopscotch with her best friend from school, and having her mother brush her hair by the light of an oil lamp. But when the harsh Himalayan monsoons wash away all that remains of the family's crops, Lakshmi's stepfather says she must leave home and take a job to support her family.</p> <p>He introduces her to a glamorous stranger who tells her she will find her a job as a maid in the city. Glad to be able to help, Lakshmi journeys to India and arrives at "Happiness House" full of hope. But she soon learns the unthinkable truth: she has been sold into prostitution. Written in spare and evocative vignettes, this powerful novel renders a world that is as unimaginable as it is real, and a girl who not only survives but triumphs.</p>
<p><b>Title and Author:</b> <i>Tangerine</i> Edward Bloor</p> <p><b>Genre:</b> Fiction</p>	<p><b>Sponsored by:</b> Ms. Korcenecki</p> <p><b>Reading Level:</b> I</p>	<p>Paul Fisher sees the world from behind glasses so thick he looks like a bug-eyed alien. But he's not so blind that he can't see there are some <i>very</i> unusual things about his family's new home in Tangerine County, Florida. Where else does a sinkhole swallow the local school, fire burn underground for years, and lightning strike at the same time every day? The chaos is compounded by constant harassment from his football-star brother, and adjusting to life in Tangerine isn't easy for Paul—until he joins the soccer team at his middle school. With the help of his new teammates, Paul begins to discover what lies beneath the surface of his strange new hometown. And he also gains the courage to face up to some secrets his family has been keeping from him for far too long. In <i>Tangerine</i>, it seems, <i>anything</i> is possible.</p>
<p><b>Title and Author:</b> <i>Things Not Seen</i> Andrew Clements</p> <p><b>Genre:</b> Fiction</p>	<p><b>Sponsored by:</b> Mrs. Convery &amp; Mrs. Kostecki</p> <p><b>Reading Level:</b> A</p>	<p>When fifteen-year-old Bobby wakes up and finds himself invisible, he and his parents and his new blind friend Alicia try to find out what caused his condition and how to reverse it.</p>
<p><b>Title and Author:</b> <i>Unbroken</i> (young adult adaptation) Laura Hillenbrand</p> <p><b>Genre:</b> Nonfiction; biography</p>	<p><b>Sponsored by:</b> Mrs. Crockett</p> <p><b>Reading Level:</b> C</p>	<p>On a May afternoon in 1943, an American military plane crashed into the Pacific Ocean and disappeared, leaving only a spray of debris and a slick of oil, gasoline, and blood. Then, on the ocean surface, a face appeared. It was that of a young lieutenant, the plane's bombardier, who was struggling to a life raft and pulling himself aboard. So began one of the most extraordinary sagas of the Second World War.</p>
<p><b>Title and Author:</b> <i>A Walk in the Woods</i> Bill Bryson</p> <p><b>Genre:</b> Nonfiction</p>	<p><b>Sponsored by:</b> Mr. Mullet</p> <p><b>Reading Level:</b> C</p>	<p>The Appalachian Trail stretches from Georgia to Maine and covers some of the most breathtaking terrain in America—majestic mountains, silent forests, sparking lakes. If you're going to take a hike, it's probably the place to go. And Bill Bryson is surely the most entertaining guide you'll find. He introduces us to the history and ecology of the trail and to some of the hardy folks he meets along the way—along with a couple of bears. Already a classic, <i>A Walk in the Woods</i> will make you long for the great outdoors.</p>
<p><b>Title and Author:</b> <i>What Happened to Goodbye</i></p>	<p><b>Sponsored by:</b> Mrs. Lacas</p>	<p>After a scandal involving her mother and a famous college basketball coach rocked her family and her old hometown, McClean decided to live with her dad. His job as a restaurant consultant requires they pick up often, and at</p>

<p>Sarah Dessen</p> <p><b>Genre:</b> Fiction</p>	<p><b>Reading Level:</b> I</p>	<p>each new place she carefully selects who she'll be—Eliza, Beth, or someone else with a new name and different interests. It's easier this way for McClean, who is reluctant to form any true attachments. Then at their latest stop, McClean does something she's not done in a long while—reveals her real name. But who is this McClean and is she ready to forgive her mother, fall for the boy next door, and finally stick around?</p>
<p><b>Title and Author:</b> <i>Where the Red Fern Grows</i> Wilson Rawls</p> <p><b>Genre:</b> Fiction</p>	<p><b>Sponsored by:</b> Mr. Duquette, Ms. Mason &amp; Ms. Nunes</p> <p><b>Reading Level:</b> I</p>	<p>Billy, Old Dan and Little Ann -- a Boy and His Two Dogs... This adventurous threesome roamed the dark hills and river bottoms of Cherokee country. Old Dan had the brawn, Little Ann had the brains -- and Billy had the will to train them to be the finest hunting team in the valley. Glory and victory were coming to them, but sadness waited too. This unforgettable classic belongs on everyone's bookshelf.</p>
<p><b>Title and Author:</b> <i>Wonder</i> R.J. Palacio</p> <p><b>Genre:</b> Fiction</p>	<p><b>Sponsored by:</b> Mrs. Kennedy</p> <p><b>Reading Level:</b> I</p>	<p>August Pullman was born with a facial difference that, up until now, has prevented him from going to a mainstream school. Starting 5th grade at Beecher Prep, he wants nothing more than to be treated as an ordinary kid—but his new classmates can't get past Auggie's extraordinary face. <i>Wonder</i> begins from Auggie's point of view, but soon switches to include his classmates, his sister, her boyfriend, and others. These perspectives converge in a portrait of one community's struggle with empathy, compassion, and acceptance.</p>
<p><b>Title and Author:</b> <i>A Wrinkle In Time</i> Madeline L'Engle</p> <p><b>Genre:</b> Science Fiction</p>	<p><b>Sponsored by:</b> Mrs. Diamond</p> <p><b>Reading Level:</b> I</p>	<p>Meg Murry and her friends become involved with unearthly strangers and a search for Meg's father, who disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government.</p>