



**MCPL Suggested Reading
Summer 2009
Be Creative at Your Library**

Entering Grade 5

Fiction

- Abbott, Tony. *Firegirl*.
Tom's new classmate is disfigured by burns.
- Applegate, Katherine. *Home of the Brave*.
African refugee befriends a girl and a cow in America.
- +Bruchac, Joseph. *The Warriors*.
Lacrosse is more than a game to the Iroquois.
- +Clements, Andrew. * *No Talking*.
Noisy boys + loud girls = a "no talking" contest.
- +Cottrell Boyce, Frank. * *Millions*.
It's a lot of money-- but how should the boys spend it?
- +Curtis, Christopher Paul. * *Mr. Chickee's Funny Money*.
Is a quadrillion-dollar bill for real?
- Dowell, Frances O'Roark. * *Chicken Boy*.
Tobin is a mess until he starts raising chickens.
- +Farmer, Nancy. * *Sea of Trolls*.
Jack is captured by Berserkers for Ivar the Boneless.
- +Funke, Cornelia. * *Igraine the Brave*.
She wants to be a bold knight, not a boring magician!
- Gaiman, Neil. * *Interworld*.
Joey Harker travels between dimensions to fight evil.
- Haddix, Margaret Peterson. * *Found*.
One airplane full of babies, with no adults on board.
- +Hahn, Mary Downing. * *Deep and Dark and Dangerous*.
Ali uncovers a secret kept hidden for thirty years.
- +Jones, Diana Wynne. * *Conrad's Fate*.
Magic is pulling the world into a parallel universe.
- +Lord, Cynthia. *Rules*.
Life can be complicated, unless you know the rules.
- +Morpurgo, Michael. * *Kensuke's Kingdom*.
Michael is stuck on a desert island, but he is not alone.
- +Paulsen, Gary. * *Lawn Boy*.
A boy's mowing business grows out of control.
- +Pratchett, Terry. * *Only You Can Save Mankind*.
...by entering a real alien world via a computer game.
- Reeve, Phillip. * *Larklight: A Rousing Tale of Dauntless Pluck in the Farthest Reaches of Space*.
A spidery plot to destroy the solar system.
- +Riordan, Rick. * *The Lightning Thief*.
A half-mortal tries to prevent war between the gods.

St. John, Lauren. *The White Giraffe*.

Martine befriends the creature on a wildlife reserve.

Shafer, Audrey. *The Mailbox*.

Someone discovers Gabe's secret--his uncle is dead.

+Spinelli, Jerry. * *Eggs*.

David finds a body in the woods, but she's really alive.

Tan, Shaun. *The Arrival*. (Graphic Novel)

A man travels to a new land in this wordless book.

Vande Velde, Vivian. * *Three Good Deeds*.

Howard steals eggs and is turned into a goose.

Wilson, N.D. * *Leepike Ridge*.

Trapped in a cave with murderous treasure-seekers!

+Zimmer, Tracie Vaughn. *Reaching for Sun*.

The new boy sees beyond Josie's cerebral palsy.

+Wiles, Deborah. *Each Little Bird That Sings*.

Comfort's family runs the local funeral parlor.

Non Fiction

J 001.94 Allen. *Unexplained: An Encyclopedia of Curious Phenomena, Strange Superstitions, and Ancient Mysteries*.

The title says it all.

J 292 Kimmel. * *The McElderry Book of Greek Myths*.

From Pandora's dreaded box to Icarus' wings of wax.

J 398.4 Topsell. *How to Raise and Keep a Dragon*.

Protect treasure, impress friends, heat your home!

+J 599.35 Marrin. * *Oh, Rats! The Story of Rats and People*.

The intelligent, compassionate, and misunderstood.

J 811 Grandits. *Technically, It's Not My Fault: Concrete Poems*.

Pizza, homework, and professional animal wrestling.

J 937.7 Malam. *You Wouldn't Want to Live in Pompeii: A Volcanic Eruption You'd Rather Avoid*.

Doom, destruction and historical facts.

+J 973.757 Walker. *Secrets of a Civil War Submarine*.

The crew perished at the bottom of the harbor.

J B Warhol. *Andy Warhol: Pop Art Painter*.

A book as eye-popping as Warhol's paintings.

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