

# Windham School District Summer Reading List 2008

## Entering Grades 4-5

These are suggested summer reading titles. **Feel free to read anything else that interests you!** Also find lists at <http://destiny.windhamsd.org> under "Center School"--"Summer Reading"

### **2008 Great Stone Face Award nominees: see separate hyperlink (25 great books!)**

Start reading now, so you can vote next spring.

#### **Legend of Captain Crow's Teeth –and other books by Eoin Colfer**

Not much can scare Will and Marty--until they travel to a seaside town famous for its resident ghost.

#### **Dear Max** by Grindley, Sally.

As nine-year-old Max and his favorite author, D.J. Lucas, exchange letters, the two writers help each other with their new books and develop a special friendship.

#### **Dog days** by Lubar, David.

During summer vacation, rising dog food prices and falling scrapyards payouts leave Larry wondering how he will feed his 3 dogs until his little brother alerts him to an intriguing mystery involving a hostile dog in an alley.

#### **The Green Men of Gressingham** by Ardagh, Philip.

Tom Dashwood looks forward to becoming a knight but on his way to start his training, he is kidnapped by Robyn-in-the-Hat and the Green Men of Gressingham, a band of outlaws who are protesting unfair taxes.

#### **Heat and other books by Lupica, Mike**

Pitching prodigy Michael Arroyo is on the run from social services after being banned from Little League baseball because rival coaches doubt he is only twelve years old and he has no parents to offer them proof.

#### **Horns & wrinkles** by Helgerson, Joseph.

12-year-old Claire and her bullying cousin Duke are drawn into an adventure involving Bodacious Deepthink the Great Rock Troll, a helpful fairy, and a group of trolls searching for their fathers.

#### **How to twist a dragon's tale: the heroic misadventures of Hiccup the Viking (series)** by Cowell, Cressida.

Hiccup Horrendous Haddock III has to recover the fire-stone in order to stop a volcano from erupting and wiping out the tribes on Volcano Island.

#### **The invention of Hugo Cabret : a novel in words and pictures** by Selznick, Brian. (Caldecott medal)

When 12-year-old Hugo, an orphan living and repairing clocks within the walls of a Paris train station in 1931, meets a mysterious toyseller and his goddaughter, his undercover life and his biggest secret are jeopardized.

#### **The Lemonade War** by Davies, Jacqueline

Evan and his younger sister, Jesse, react very differently to the news that they will be in the same class for 4<sup>th</sup> grade and as the end of summer approaches, they battle it out through lemonade stands, each trying to be the first to earn 100 dollars. Includes mathematical calculations and tips for running a successful lemonade stand.

#### **The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane** and other books by Katherine Di Camillo

#### **Mom for Mayor** by Edwards, Nancy

Upon learning that the city has sold his neighborhood park to developers, fifth-grader Eric Clark determines to help his community by getting his mother elected mayor.

#### **Mostly Monty** by Hurwitz, Johanna.

Because he suffers from asthma, six-year-old Monty is nervous about starting first grade but he soon learns to cope with his illness and use his special talents to make friends.

#### **Pig pickin'** by Greene, Stephanie.

Hildy is thrilled when a farmer invites her to enter his "pig pickin'" contest, believing it to be a competition to pick the prettiest pig, but when Moose learns what pig pickin' really is, he must save his friend.

**Rosy Cole's Memoir Explosion: a heartbreaking story about losing friends, annoying family, and ruining romance** by Greenwald, Sheila. When Rosy writes a memoir about herself and her friends for a school assignment, she is surprised when they are not thrilled with the result.

**Roxie and the Hooligans** and other books by **Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds**.

Roxie Warbler, the niece of a famous explorer, follows Uncle Dangerfoot's advice on how to survive any crisis when she becomes stranded on an island with a gang of school bullies and a pair of murderous bank robbers.

**Rules** by Lord, Cynthia. (**Great Stone Face Award**, 2007-2008)

Frustrated at life with an autistic brother, twelve-year-old Catherine longs for a normal existence but her world is further complicated by a friendship with a young paraplegic.

**Satch and Me** and other books by **Dan Gutman (Baseball Card Adventure series)**

With radar gun in tow, they travel back to 1942 and watch Satch pitch to power hitter Josh Gibson in the Negro League World Series.

**Soul Surfer** by Bethany Hamilton. A true story of girl power and spiritual grit, casting the well-known girl who lost her arm in a shark attack. A moving account of Bethany's life as a young surfer, her recovery in the wake of the shark attack, her belief in God, the adjustments she's made to her unique surfing style as she continues as a surfing champion.

**Stink: the Incredible Shrinking Kid** / Megan McDonald (series)

The shortest kid in the second grade, James Moody, also known as Stink, learns all about the shortest president of the United States, James Madison, when they celebrate Presidents' Day at school.

**Swindle** by Korman, Gordon.

After unscrupulous collector S. Wendell Palamino cons him out of a valuable baseball card, sixth-grader Griffin Bing puts together a band of misfits to break into Palomino's heavily guarded store and steal the card back.

**The Strongest Man in the World: Louis Cyr** by Nicolas Debon

Presents a brief biography of strongman Louis Cyr, written in graphic novel format, and describes his childhood and events that led him to become one of the strongest persons in all of Canada.

**Trapped** by Kehret, Peg.

When his owner finds an illegal animal trap in the woods, Pete the cat faces grave danger as he tries to help his human friends find the culprit who set the trap.

**The Wall: Growing Up Behind the Iron Curtain** by Peter Sis (Robert F. Sibert Medal)

Artist Peter Sis describes what it was like growing up in a Communist Country.

**The World According to Kaley** by Regan, Dian Curtis.

Kaley Bluster has her own view of the world history she reads for her 4th grade essay writing assignments.

## **Chapter Book Series**

**A to Z Mysteries**

**Animal Ark**

**Black Lagoon series** – Mike Thaler

**Bunnicula** - James Howe

**Geronimo Stilton** mysteries

**Henry and the Clubhouse, Ramona Quimby Age 8, ...** – Beverly Cleary (series)

**Judy Moody** by Megan McDonald

**The Littles** - John Peterson

**Secrets of Droon** by Tony Abbott

**Shiloh** / Phyllis Reynolds Naylor (dog trilogy)

**Superfudge** by Judy Blume

**Time Warp Trio** by Jon Scieszka

**The Warriors** by Erin Hunter (animal fantasy)

**Wayside School** by Louis Sachar

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