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ENTERING GRADES 1 - 8
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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Summer time should be a relaxing time...a time for many outdoor activities. Whenever we need a break from the humidity, however, we find there is nothing quite as enticing as a shady spot and a good book. We encourage students to read by themselves, with a friend, or a parent/guardian. Reading and sharing with friends or family is always fun. We provide some suggested reading lists with choices for every taste and interest. Please browse the many titles from these excellent authors.

Town librarians, as a result of conversations with the school librarians, will make sure most titles will be available during the summer. However, parents should realize that these lists are just a starting point and act as a guideline for book choices. We also will provide the reading lists to area bookstores. Selections used in your child’s reading/language arts classes are not included on the list.

In June we will provide all students with a bookmark Fizz, Boom, Read! in their library class. The bookmark will inform students how to access electronically the lists of books suggested for summer reading.

Please join the East Lyme and Salem educators and librarians in promoting a safe and relaxing summer, filled with wonderful books!

Sincerely,

Dr. James D. Lombardo
East Lyme Superintendent

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East Lyme Assistant Superintendent for Special Education and Pupil Personnel

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Salem Superintendent

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East Lyme Administrator for Program Improvement
2014 Caldecott Winner

Locomotive
Floca, Brian

2014 Caldecott Honor Books

Journey
Becker, Aaron

Flora and the Flamingo
Idle, Molly

2014 Newbery Winner

Flora & Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventure
DiCamillo, Kate

2014 Newbery Honor Books

Doll Bones
Black, Holly

The Year of Billy Miller
Henkes, Kevin

One Came Home
Timberlake, Amy

Paperboy
Vawter, Vince

2014 Geisel Award Winner

The Watermelon Seed
Pizzoli, Greg

2014 Geisel Honor Books

Ball
Sullivan, Mary

A Big Guy Took My Ball!
Willems, Mo

Penny and Her Marble
Henkes, Kevin

2014 Coretta Scott King Winner

P.S. Be Eleven
Garcia-Williams, Rita

2014 Coretta Scott King Illustrator Winner

Knock Knock: My Dad’s Dream for Me
Collier, Bryan
2014 Suggested Summer Reading List
Grades 1 and 2

Children are encouraged to read anything at their reading level. The lists are only suggestions and examples. Because many of these books may be checked out to other readers, simply place a hold or choose another book.

Students entering grades 1 and 2 are asked to read at least two books that they will report on during a class in September. Students should turn in the list of books read this summer to their teacher by Friday, September 12, 2014.

Favorite Picture Book Authors
Try some books by these great authors.

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Non-Fiction/Information Books
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<td>Bishop, Nic</td>
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<td>Bredeson, Carmen.</td>
<td>Zoom in on Animals (series)</td>
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<td>Butterworth,</td>
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<td>Christine</td>
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<td>Davies, Jacqueline</td>
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<td>Craighead.</td>
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<td>Gibbons, Gail</td>
<td>Coral Reefs; Dinosaurs; Alligators and Crocodiles.</td>
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<td>Hall, Pamela</td>
<td>Five Steps to Drawing</td>
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<td>Jenkins, Steve</td>
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<td>Sneaky, Spinning Baby Spiders; Tough Toothy Baby Sharks; Biggest! Littlest! (series)</td>
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<td>Serafini, Frank.</td>
<td>Looking Closely (series)...Along the Shore...Through the Forest.</td>
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Beginning Readers’ Series
*Easier Titles

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<td>Howe, James</td>
<td>Pinky and Rex</td>
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<td>Manushkin, Fran</td>
<td>Katie Woo!</td>
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<td>Parish, Herman or Peggy</td>
<td>Amelia Bedelia</td>
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<td>Press Here</td>
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<td>Willems, Mo</td>
<td>*Elephant and Piggie; *Cat the Cat</td>
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Poetry
Try some poetry by the following poets or choose any other poetry collection.

- Fromental, Jean-Luc
- George, Kristine O.
- Gottfried, Maya

Folktales, Fairy Tales, and Fables
Read these with your family or friends.

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<td>Princess and the Pea</td>
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<td>Kellogg, Steven</td>
<td>Johnny Appleseed and Paul Bunyan</td>
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<td>Young, Ed</td>
<td>Lon Po Po: A Red Riding Hood Story From China</td>
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Family Read Alouds
Share these books with your family and friends.

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<td>Joyce, William</td>
<td>Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore</td>
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Goldilocks Method
For determining if a book is “Just Right”

Do you remember Goldilocks quest to find the porridge, chair and bed that were “just right”? Selecting a book can sometimes feel the same way. When you are selecting a book to read you can try asking yourself these questions to help you find a book that is “just right” for you.

Too Easy Books
- Have you read this book many times before?
- Do you know and understand almost every word?
- Can you read it smoothly and fluently without much practice or effort?

Just Right Books
- Is this book new to you?
- Are there a few words per page that you don’t recognize or know the meaning of instantly?
- Can someone help you if you reach a tough spot?

Too Hard Books
- Are there more than a few words on a page that you don’t recognize or know the meaning?
- When you read are you struggling and does it sounds choppy?
- Is everyone busy and unable to help you if you hit a tough spot?

Easy Chapter Book Series

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<td>Various</td>
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2014 Suggested Summer Reading List
Grades 3 and 4

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<td>A Dog’s Life: The Autobiography of a Stray Everything for a Dog</td>
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2015 Nutmeg Book Award
Intermediate Nominees
For more information on Connecticut’s state book award go to: http://www.nutmegaward.org/

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Biographies
You can meet famous people through books.

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* Star any additional titles you want to recommend to be included in next year’s list and return it to your classroom teacher by September 12, 2014.
2015 NUTMEG BOOK AWARD
INTERMEDIATE NOMINEES

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Walls Within Walls
by Maureen Sherry
When the Shmoltz children move into a Manhattan apartment, they discover clues to a hidden fortune behind the walls of their new home. Unraveling the mystery leads to a race through New York City to uncover hidden secrets of the past.

White Fur Flying
by Patricia MacLachlan
Philip, a boy who will not speak, comes to live with his aunt and uncle, next door to Zoe whose dog-loving parents rescue Great Pyrenees. Afraid of the larger dogs Philip befriends, Jack, the newest rescue. Will Jack help Philip find his voice and his way home?

The Unwanteds
by Lisa McMann
When you become Unwanted you die... everyone knows that. So when Alex is dubbed Unwanted, he expects the same fate. Alex is brought to Artimis where creative talent is shaped into magic. Alex and the Unwanteds must use their training to protect themselves.

Tuesdays at the Castle
by Jessica Day George
Castle is very unusual - it can add rooms or passageways as it wishes. When the King and Queen go missing, the youngest princess, Celine, teams up with her siblings, the servants, and even the castle itself to thwart an evil plot against the royal family.

Spy School
by Stuart Gibbs
Ben is a klutz who is mistakenly accepted into the junior CIA academy where he must uncover a plan that is threatening the school. The stakes are high, the laughs are loud, the twists are many, and the girl is smart.

Shadow
by Michael Morpurgo
Shadow, a British bomb-sniffing dog, is separated from Sergeant Brody, a British soldier serving in Afghanistan. Shadow is adopted by Aman, an Afghan boy who ultimately finds refuge in England. This is a touching tale of coincidence, courage, friendship and loyalty.

Saint Louis Armstrong Beach
by Brenda Woods
Saint lives in New Orleans and loves the clarinet and the neighborhood dog, Shadow. When Hurricane Katrina roars through New Orleans, it is up to Saint to save Shadow and his elderly neighbor, Miz Moran, but he wonders if he will ever see his parents again.

King of the Mound
by Wes Tooke
Recovering from polio, Nick believes he will never play baseball again. He spends his summer helping his father, a minor league baseball coach. A visiting team player, Satchel Paige, teaches Nick that the impossible just might be possible.

Joshua Dread
by Lee Bacon
The son of supervillains and the daughter of a superhero team up in this action-packed adventure. As the friends begin to realize their own superpowers, they wonder whether they can win the battle against the mysterious smoke monsters.

Liar and Spy
by Rebecca Stead
Seventh-grader Georges does not have an easy life. He faces things alone until he meets Safer who "recruits" him to spy on other tenants. While Georges likes the intrigue, he wonders just how far he should go for a friend.
Dear Middle School Student,

Summer is a perfect time to enjoy a good book. Each year I read reviews and search for the most exciting and interesting book titles. The following list contains something for everyone. Whether you are interested in epic battles between good and evil, the inner turmoil of relationships, having a good laugh, or exploring the past, this summer reading list will meet your needs.

We have decided to shake things up this year. We will still be having our annual kiva contests and prizes. However, this year instead having a contest to see which kiva has read the most books we will be looking to see who read the most Non-Fiction books. We would like to encourage all of our students to increase their reading of non-fiction titles this summer. Non-fiction books are a great way to discover new information. There are many exciting titles that will keep you engaged. It is true what they say sometimes “The truth is better than fiction”.

We will also be introducing the Genre BINGO Card. Fill in the titles of the books that match the genres on the BINGO card. For each card you turn in, you will receive a raffle ticket to win a great prize!

Enjoy your summer and your reading and be sure to check out the summer reading list for suggestions!

Sincerely,

Mrs. C. Woitovich
Library Media Specialist

*Don’t forget about our eBooks! Visit the media center page for all of your summer reading needs!
Summer Reading List: Suggested Titles for a Fascinating Summer

Fifth & Sixth Grade Titles

Enticing Reads for Hesitant Readers

Angleberger, Tom  
Fake Mustache
Lenny Flem Jr. is the only one standing between his evil-genius best friend Casper and world domination as Casper uses a spectacularly convincing fake mustache and the ability to hypnotize to rob banks, amass a vast fortune, and run for president.

Angleberger, Tom  
Origami Yoda Series
Sixth-grader Tommy and his friends describe their interactions with a paper finger puppet of Yoda, worn by their weird classmate Dwight, as they try to figure out whether or not the puppet can really predict the future. Includes instructions for making Origami Yoda.

Balaban, Bob  
Boy or Beast
When nerdy 12-year-old Charlie Drinkwater spontaneously morphs into a giant sea creature, the big question is: could this be his ticket to popularity at last?” —

Berry, Julie  
Splurch Academy for Disruptive Boys Series
This unique series, a perfect blend of comic books and gross-out horror stories, introduces a disruptive hero, Cody Mack, a frightfully sinister boarding school for disobedient children, Splurch Academy, and a vampiric headmaster, Farley.

Carman, Patrick  
Things That Go Bump in the Night
Read, watch, and listen to each chilling story in 15 minutes or less! 10 terrifying tales that you'll experience in 3 parts: A frightful audio introduction, several spooky pages of text, and a creepy video conclusion you can watch online. All in 15 minutes or less!

Griffiths, Andy  
Killer Koalas From Outer Space
A collection of silly stories by Andy Griffiths, including selections featuring zombie kittens, rocket stealing ants, and Killer Koalas.

Various  
Can You Survive: Interactive Adventure Series
Your survival depends on making the right choices in key moments. Which path to take? Readers use their wits and knowledge in these nonfiction adventures, learning about survival skills in various settings and making choices that will lead to either survival or doom.
**Realistic Fiction**

**Draper, Sharon**  
*Out of My Mind*  
Considered by many to be mentally retarded, a brilliant, impatient fifth-grader with cerebral palsy discovers a technological device that will allow her to speak for the first time.

**Giff, Patricia Reilly**  
*Wild Girl*  
When twelve-year-old Lidie leaves Brazil to join her father and brother on a horse ranch in New York, she has a hard time adjusting to her changed circumstances, as does a new horse that has come to the ranch.

**Wolitzer, Meg**  
*The Fingertips of Duncan Dorfman*  
Twelve-year-olds Duncan Dorfman, April Blunt, and Nate Saviano meet at the Youth Scrabble Tournament where, although each has a different reason for attending and for needing to win, they realize that something more important is at stake than the grand prize.

**Fantasy**

**Prineas, Sarah**  
*Winterling*  
Spirited young Fer travels through the Way to a magical world in which beings part human and part animal serve an evil ruler known as the Lady, and where she hopes to learn about her long-lost parents and her own identity.

**Sanderson, Brandon**  
*Alcatraz Versus The Evil Librarians*  
On his thirteenth birthday, foster child Alcatraz Smedry receives a bag of sand which is immediately stolen by the evil Librarians who are trying to take over the world, and Alcatraz is introduced to his grandfather and his own special talent, and told that he must use it to save civilization.

**Sutherland, Tui T.**  
*Wings of Fire*  
Clay and the other four MudWing dragonets were stolen from their homes while they were still in their eggs and hidden for years in order to fulfill a prophecy claiming that the dragonets would end the war between the dragon tribes, but not all of the dragonets want their destiny.

**Historical Fiction**

**Bryant, Jennifer**  
*Kaleidoscope Eyes*  
In 1968, with the Vietnam War raging, thirteen-year-old Lyza inherits a project from her deceased grandfather, who had been using his knowledge of maps and the geography of Lyza's New Jersey hometown to locate the lost treasure of Captain Kidd.
Lai, Thanhha  
**Inside Out and Back Again**
Through a series of poems, a young girl chronicles the life-changing year of 1975, when she, her mother, and her brothers leave Vietnam and resettle in Alabama.

Yelchin, Eugene  
**Breaking Stalin’s Nose**
In the Stalinist era of the Soviet Union, ten-year-old Sasha idolizes his father, a devoted Communist, but when police take his father away and leave Sasha homeless, he is forced to examine his own perceptions, values, and beliefs.

**Mystery**

Potter, Ellen  
**The Humming Room**
Twelve-year-old Roo Fanshaw, who has a talent for hiding, is sent to live with his estranged uncle in his home on Cough Rock Island, where he discovers the secrets of the largely uninhabited house and its hidden garden.

Mass, Wendy  
**The Candymakers**
Four gifted twelve-year-olds, including Logan, the candymaker's son, are set to be contestants in the Confectionary Association's national competition to determine the nation's tastiest sweet, but nobody anticipates that a friendship will form between them.

**Multicultural**

Fleming, Candace  
**Lowji Discovers America**
A nine-year-old East Indian boy tries to adjust to his new life in suburban America. speak the language and struggles to make friends and understand the teacher's instructions.

Shang, Wendy  
**The Great Wall of Lucy Wu**
Eleven-year-old aspiring basketball star and interior designer Lucy Wu is excited about finally having her own bedroom, until she learns that her great-aunt is coming to visit and Lucy will have to share a room with her for several months, shattering her plans for a perfect sixth-grade year.

**Adventure**

Funke, Cornelia  
**Ghost Knight**
Eleven-year-old Jon Whitcroft and new friend Ella summon the ghost of Sir William Longspee, who may be able to protect Jon from a group of ghosts that threatens him harm from the day he arrives at Salisbury Cathedral's boarding school.

Garretson, Dee  
**Wildfire Run**
A relaxing retreat to Camp David turns deadly after a faraway earthquake sets off a chain of disastrous events that traps the president's twelve-year-old son, Luke, and his two friends within the compound.
Gibbs, Stuart  
*Spy School*  
Twelve-year-old Ben Ripley leaves his public middle school to attend the CIA’s highly secretive Espionage Academy, which everyone is told is an elite science school.

Jeffrey, Mark  
*Max Quick: The Pocket and the Pendant*  
Young Max, a troubled boy with a mysterious past, joins two other youths unaffected when the rest of the world was frozen in time on a journey across America--and time itself--seeking the source of the "Time-stop."

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Tash, Sarvenaz  
*The Mapmaker and the Ghost*  
The summer before starting middle school, when eleven-year-old Goldenrod Moram sets out to make a very accurate map of the forest behind her home, she discovers a band of troublemakers, a mysterious old lady, and the ghost of her explorer idol.

Willingham, Bill  
*Down the Mysterly River*  
Boy Scout Max "the Wolf," who is an expert at orienteering and always prepared, finds himself lost in the woods without any memory of how he got there and being pursued, along with a group of talking animals, by a group of hunters and their hounds, and must solve the mystery of the strange forest in order to save himself and his new friends.

**Humor**

Klise, Kate  
*43 Old Cemetery Road Series*  
Stories told mostly through letters in which busybody Dick Tater tries to ban Halloween and ghost stories, as well as to break up the popular writing team of I. B. Grumply, ghost Olive C. Spence, and eleven-year-old illustrator Seymour Hope.

Lubar, David  
*Weenie Collection*  
Each title features 35 warped and very creepy, but also hilarious, tales! At the end of each book the critically acclaimed author and master of the macabre, David Lubar, reveals the inspiration behind each story.

**Science Fiction**

Holt, K. A.  
*Mike Stellar Nerves of Steel*  
Mike is suspicious when his family joins an expedition to Mars at the last minute, and his fears are confirmed when all of the adults on the colonizing mission, including his parents, begin to act strangely.
**Graphic Novels**

**TenNapel, Doug**  **Cardboard**  
Cam gets a cardboard box for a birthday present that he makes into a man which comes to life, but when his neighbor Marcus takes the cardboard box, he creates his own evil creations that threaten to destroy them all.

**YOYO**  **Vermonia**  
Fabulous manga artwork highlights this graphic tale of four friends who hold the fate of three worlds in their hands.

**Hunter, Erin**  **Warriors: Ravenpaw’s Path**  
Ravenpaw has settled into life on the farm, away from the forest and Tigerstar's evil eye. He appreciates his quiet days and peaceful nights with his best friend, Barley. But when five rogue cats from Twolegplace come to the barn seeking shelter, Ravenpaw's new life is threatened. He and Barley must try to find a way to overpower the rogues—before they lose their home for good.

**Jones, Bruce**  **Star Wars: Episode IV: A New Hope**  
While the galaxy is locked in a civil war between the Republic and the Rebels, young Luke Skywalker finds a holographic distress message for Obi-Wan Kenobi recorded on one of the droids his uncle recently purchased.

**Non-Fiction**

**eBooks**

**Laroche, Giles**  **If You Lived Here**  
Describes unique houses from around the world, including a chalet in the Austrian Alps, yurts in Mongolia, Greek island village houses on Astypalaia Island, and more.

**Lunis, Natalie**  **See-Through Animals.**  
Photographs and text introduces children to animals whose clear body parts help them survive, including glasswing butterflies, clear-bodied jellyfish, and other creatures.

**Mercati, Cynthia**  **The Great Race**  
Clany Sullivan works with his friends to help complete the transcontinental railroad.

**Ramsey, Calvin**  **Ruth and the Green Book**  
When Ruth and her parents take a motor trip from Chicago to Alabama to visit her grandma, they rely on a pamphlet called "The Negro Motorist Green Book" to find places that will serve them. Includes facts about "The Green Book."
Rusch, Elizabeth  The Mighty Mars Rovers
The story of the two robot vehicles, Spirit and Opportunity, that were sent to explore Mars, lasting far past their projected lives of three months and sending back invaluable images of the environmentally hostile planet.

Winter, Jeanette  Wangari’s Trees of Peace
Tells the story of Wangari Maathai, a Nobel Prize-winning environmentalist who, shocked to see entire forests being cut down in her native country of Kenya, decides to take action, beginning with the planting of nine seedlings in her own backyard.

Science

Jenkins, Martin  Can We Save the Tiger?
Contains illustrations of rare animals, including tigers, ground iguanas, white-rumped vultures, and others, discusses the impact of human activities on the animals, and looks at how they can be saved.

Jenkins, Steve  Bones
Explores the details of human and animal bones, comparing the differences between the skeletal structure of various species, with several gatefolds that display the skeletons of many creatures.

Markle, Sandra  The Case of the Vanishing Golden Frogs
Panamanian golden frogs started to disappear in the mid-1990s. What's killing them? Follow a team of scientists working to save the frogs and protect frog populations worldwide in this real-life science mystery.

Sloan, Christopher  Baby Mammoth Mummy Frozen in Time!
Offers insight into the discovery of the frozen carcass of a baby mammoth in Siberia, featuring photographs and interviews with experts involved in the research, and discussing such topics as radiocarbon dating, characteristics of the prehistoric world, and the conditions that led to the preservation of this creature.

Werner, Sharon  Bugs by the Numbers
Includes fold-out pages. Contains images of insects made from different numbers, and includes information about each bug.

Social Studies

Kostyal, K.M.  1862, Fredericksburg: A New Look at a Bitter Civil War Battle
Examines the battle of Fredericksburg, considered General Robert E. Lee's most one-sided victory of the Civil War, and draws from a variety of sources, including a slave diary, to discuss what the war meant to non-combatants. Features reenactment photographs.

Michelson, Richard  As Good as Anybody
Describes the experiences that influenced Martin Luther King, Jr., and Abraham Joshua Heschel's civil rights activism and discusses the friendship between the two men.
Ryan, Pam Munoz  
**The Flag We Love**
A patriotic poem celebrating the flag of the United States, accompanied by notes on roles the flag has played in American history and culture.

**Biography**

Manning Mick  
**Charles Dickens: Scenes From an Extraordinary Life**
The life of Charles Dickens is described with key incidents that inspired the later novels, childhood, marriage, and family life. Published to celebrate the bi-centenary of Dickens' birth, this beautifully and entertainingly illustrated picture book vividly dramatizes his life.

Petry, Ann Lane  
**Harriet Tubman**
Born a slave, Harriet Tubman dreamed of freedom. And through hard work and her willingness to risk everything—including her life—she was able to make that dream come true. With indisputable narrative skill, Ann Petry recreates the life of a woman of great strength, bravery, and unshakeable moral fiber.

Weaver, Janice  
**Harry Houdini: The Legend of the World’s Greatest Escape Artist**
An exploration of the life of Harry Houdini that discusses his childhood, career as an escape artist, death, and more and includes original artwork and archival artifacts, such as photographs, playbills, and letters.

**Arts & Recreation**

Buchholz, Rachel  
**How to Survive Anything**
In this hilariously informative take on surviving the trials of middle school and the jungles of South America, we combine our expertise on nature and adventure with the fun-and-learning approach of our Nat Geo style...and voila, the perfect advice to conquer any obstacle, whether it threatens life or social status or both.

Campbell, Guy  
**The Boys’ Book of Survival**
Now you, too, can survive anything, anywhere! Lost in the desert? Stuck in quicksand? Confronted by a man-eating tiger? Trapped at a school dance? Fear not, brave reader! With this essential survival guide, you’ll find a way to get yourself out of every imaginable predicament, whether it’s an avalanche or a zombie invasion!

Wensel, Angela  
**13 Art Mysteries**
Provides an introduction to thirteen art mysteries, such as why Mona Lisa is smiling, to whom Vincent van Gogh gave his ear, and the identity of the street artist known as Bansky.

**Myths**

Fu, Shelley  
**Treasury of Chinese Folk Tales**
A collection of seven Chinese folktales representing creation, morality, and love; describing the origins of the stories and the Chinese traditions they reflect, and including story notes that examine their meanings.
Williams, Marcia  
**Ancient Egypt: Tales of Gods & Pharaohs**  
Provides insights into ancient Egyptian civilization through retellings of nine myths. Presented in comic strip style.

**Poetry**

Grady, Cynthia  
**I Lay My Stitches Down**  
A collection of poems that depict people and events throughout the history of slavery in the United States.

Greenfield, Eloise  
**The Great Migration**  
Describes the journey of African Americans from their homes in the South to industrial cities in the North around the time of World War I, and includes paintings that depict the migration.

Rosen, Michael  
**The Hound Dog’s Haiku**  
An illustrated haiku collection that explores the charming characteristics of dogs and provides facts about numerous dog breeds.

**Student Recommendations**

Finney, Patricia  
**The Lady Grace Mystery Series**  
Thirteen-year-old Lady Grace Cavendish, favorite maid of honor of Elizabeth I, must solve a murder mystery and clear the name of her betrothed.

Gipson, Fred  
**Old Yeller**  
In the late 1860s in the Texas hill country, a big yellow dog and a fourteen-year-old boy form a close, loving relationship.

Graff, Lisa  
**The Thing About Georgie**  
Georgie's dwarfism causes problems, but he could always rely on his parents, his best friend, and classmate Jeanie the Meanie's teasing, until a surprising announcement, a new boy in school, and a class project shake things up.

Grant, Vicki  
**Hold the Pickles**  
Fifteen-year-old Dan Hogg gets a job as a hotdog mascot at a food fair and finds himself caught up in another action-packed mystery.

Kessler, Liz  
**Emily Windsnap-Series**  
After finally convincing her mother that she should take swimming lessons, twelve-year-old Emily discovers a terrible and wonderful secret about herself that opens up a whole new world.

Klise, Kate  
**43 Old Cemetery Road-Series**  
In this story told mostly through letters, children's book author, I. B. Grumply, gets more than he bargained for when he rents a quiet place to write for the summer.
London, Jack       White Fang
Follows the adventures of a dog who is part wolf as he eventually makes his peace with man in the wilderness of northern Canada.

Lorentz, Dayna       Dogs of the Drowned City-Series
Shep the German shepherd is confused when his family leaves him behind when a hurricane forces them to evacuate, but after his food runs out another dog convinces him to explore the city which is full of adventure and danger.

Hunter, Erin       The Warriors Series
A fascinating feline fantasy--the struggle between ThunderClan, a group of feral cats, and the enemy, ShadowClan.

Mass, Wendy       Willow Falls-Series
After celebrating their first nine, same-day, birthdays together, Amanda and Leo, having fallen out on their tenth and not speaking to each other for the last year, prepare to celebrate their eleventh birthday separately but peculiar things begin to happen as the day of their birthday begins to repeat itself over and over again.

 Nielsen, Jennifer       The False Prince
In the country of Carthya, a devious nobleman engages four orphans in a brutal competition to be selected to impersonate the king's long-missing son in an effort to avoid a civil war.

Paulsen, Gary       Hatchet-Series
After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends fifty-four days in the wilderness, learning to survive with only the aid of a hatchet given him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parents' divorce

Swanson, James       Chasing Lincoln’s Killer
Recounts the twelve-day pursuit and capture of John Wilkes Booth, covering the chase through Washington D.C., Maryland, and Virginia, with a discussion of Abraham Lincoln as a father, husband, and friend that examines the impact of his death on those close to him.
Seventh & Eighth Grade Titles

Realistic Fiction

Roy, Jennifer  
Mindblind  
Fourteen-year-old Nathaniel Clark, who has Asperger's Syndrome, tries to prove that he is a genius by writing songs for his rock band so that he can become a member of the prestigious Aldus Institute, the premier organization for the profoundly gifted.

Schmidt, Gary  
Okay for Now  
Fourteen-year-old Doug Swieteck faces many challenges, including an abusive father, a brother traumatized by Vietnam, suspicious teachers and police officers, and isolation, but when he meets a girl known as Lil Spicer, he develops a close relationship with her and finds a safe place at the local library.

Sloan, Holly Goldberg  
I’ll be There  
Raised by an unstable father who keeps constantly on the move, Sam Border has long been the voice of his silent younger brother, Riddle, but everything changes when Sam meets Emily Bell and, welcomed by her family, the brothers encounter normalcy for the first time.

Fantasy

Stiefvater, Maggie  
The Scorpio Races  
Nineteen-year-old returning champion Sean Kendrick competes against Puck Connolly, the first girl ever to ride in the annual Scorpio Races, both trying to keep hold of their dangerous water horses long enough to make it to the finish line.

Bardugo, Leigh  
Shadow and Bone  
Orphaned by the Border Wars, Alina Starkov is taken from obscurity and her only friend, Mal, to become the protégé of the mysterious Darkling, who trains her to join the magical elite in the belief that she is the Sun Summoner, who can destroy the monsters of the Fold.

Hartman, Rachel  
Seraphina  
In a world where dragons and humans coexist in an uneasy truce and dragons can assume human form, Seraphina, whose mother died giving birth to her, grapples with her own identity amid magical secrets and royal scandals, while she struggles to accept and develop her extraordinary musical talents.
**Historical Fiction**

Avi  
*City of Orphans*
In 1893 New York, thirteen-year-old Maks, a newsboy, teams up with Willa, a homeless girl, to clear his older sister, Emma, from charges that she stole from the brand new Waldorf Hotel, where she works. Includes historical notes.

Bradely, Kimberly  
*The Lions of Little Rock*
Twelve-year-old Marlee develops a strong friendship with Liz, the new girl in school, but when Liz suddenly stops attending school and Marlee hears a rumor that her friend is actually an African American girl passing herself off as white, the two young girls must decide whether their friendship is worth taking on integration and the dangers it could bring to their families.

Coats, Jillian Anderson  
*The Wicked and the Just*
In medieval Wales, while Cecily struggles to find her place amongst the snobby English landowners, Gwenhwyfar struggles just to survive. And outside the city walls, tensions are rising ever higher—until finally they must reach the breaking point.

**Mystery**

Feinstein, John  
*Rush for the Gold: Mystery at the Olympics*
Two teenaged aspiring journalists who are dating solve a mystery at the 2012 Olympic Games, while one simultaneously competes for a gold medal in swimming.

**Multicultural**

Marsden, Carolyn  
*The White Zone*
The White Zone is a story of two cousins, Shiite Nouri and half Sunni Talib, and their lives in the aftermath of the Iraq war. Marsden gives a ten-year-old-eye view of sectarian strife and the life in and around Baghdad, including the famous Mutanabi Street, where Iraq's vibrant book culture was once centered. The snowfall at the end of the book is a real event.

McCormick, Patricia  
*Never Fall Down*
When soldiers arrive in his hometown in Cambodia, Arn Chorn Pond is separated from his family and sent to a labor camp, where he works in the rice paddies until he volunteers to learn to play an instrument—a decision that both saves his life and lands him in battle.

Williams, Michael  
*Now is the Time for Running*
When soldiers attack a small village in Zimbabwe, Deo goes on the run with Innocent, his older, mentally disabled brother, carrying little but a leather soccer ball filled with money, and after facing prejudice, poverty, and tragedy, it is in soccer that Deo finds renewed hope.
**Action/Adventure**

Carroll, Michael Owens  
**Michael Vey: The Prisoner of Cell 25**
Fourteen-year-old Michael discovers he has special electrical powers and, with the help of his best friends, becomes aware that there are other teens with similar powers, but something or someone is hunting them and, after Michael's mother is kidnapped, he will need to rely on his powers and his friends to rescue his mom, protect himself, and save the others.

Pratchett, Terry  
**Dodger**
Seventeen-year-old Dodger is content as a sewer scavenger. But he enters a new world when he rescues a young girl from a beating, and her fate impacts some of the most powerful people in England. From Dodger's encounter with the mad barber Sweeney Todd, to his meetings with the great writer Charles Dickens and the calculating politician Benjamin Disraeli, history and fantasy intertwine in a breathtaking account of adventure and mystery.

**Humor**

Sitomer, Alan  
**The Downside of Being Up**
All Bobby Connor wants is to survive middle school, but puberty is making that difficult for him as his body conspires against him.

**Science Fiction**

Hirsch, Jeff  
**Magisterium**
In the twenty-second century, Glennora Morgan's father has been working on a project that will allow him to penetrate the Rift border and retrieve Glennora's mother; but now that he has succeeded the Authority is suddenly trying to kill them both, and Glennora and her friend Kevin must flee into the Magisterium to escape them.

**Supernatural**

Slade, Arthur  
**The Hunchback Assignments**
In Victorian London, fourteen-year-old Modo, a shape-changing hunchback, becomes a secret agent for the Permanent Association, which strives to protect the world from the evil machinations of the Clockwork Guild.

Yancey, Rick  
**Monstrumologist Series**
In 1888, twelve-year-old Will Henry chronicles his apprenticeship with Dr. Warthrop, a scientist who hunts and studies real-life monsters, as they discover and attempt to destroy a pod of Anthropophagi.
Dystopia

Crockett, S.D.          After the Snow
Fifteen-year-old Willo Blake, born after the 2059 snows created a new ice age, searches for his family, who mysteriously disappeared from their frozen mountain home, and encounters outlaws, halfmen, and an abandoned girl along the way.

Lu, Marie                 Legend
In a dark future, when North America has split into two warring nations, fifteen-year-olds Day, a famous criminal, and prodigy June, the brilliant soldier hired to capture him, discover that they have a common enemy.

Rossi, Veronia          Under the Never Sky
When Aria, a sheltered and fragile Dweller, is exiled from her home in Reverie, she must face The Death Shop, a land filled with cannibals and dangerous energy storms, and her only hope for staying alive depends on Outsider Perry, a savage hunter.

Roth, Veronica          Divergent
In a future Chicago, sixteen-year-old Beatrice Prior must choose among five predetermined factions to define her identity for the rest of her life, a decision made more difficult when she discovers that she is an anomaly who does not fit into any one group, and that the society she lives in is not perfect after all. *Also a student recommendation*

Sports

Volponi, Paul          The Final Four
Four players at the Final Four of the NCAA basketball tournament struggle with the pressures of tournament play and the expectations of society at large.

Graphic Novels

Abirached, Zeina       A Game for Swallows
Zeina Abirached, a woman born into a Lebanese Christian family in 1981 during the civil war in Lebanon, reflects on her childhood, the disappearance of her parents, and the help and protection she received from neighbors.

Graphic Universe      My Boyfriend is a Monster Series
Funny, quirky, fast-paced teen romances about boyfriends who are literally monsters, in the vein of the popular supernatural-romance genre. Incorporating genuine scariness and suspense, each book is set in the same strange, paranormal world, with some recurring characters.

Halliday, Ayun         Peanut
Nervous about starting her sophomore year at a new high school, Sadie decides to make herself more interesting by claiming to be allergic to peanuts, but her lie quickly spirals out of control.
Hicks, Faith Erin  
**Friends With Boys**
After an idyllic childhood of homeschooling with her mother and three older brothers, Maggie enrolls in public high school, where interacting with her peers is complicated by the melancholy ghost that has followed her throughout her entire life.

**Non-Fiction**

**eBooks**

Challen, Paul, et al.  
**Government in the Ancient World**
Introduces forms of government developed and used by various ancient civilizations, examining a range of cultures from the ancient Chinese to the Vikings, and discussing caste systems, systems of city-states, democracies, monarchies, and other systems of government.

Gitlin, Marty  
**Connecticut Huskies**
Recounts history, timeline, statistics, and anecdotes of the Connecticut Huskies college basketball team.

MaCauley, David  
**Built to Last**
This new book—inspired by three classic, award-winning books (Castle, Cathedral, Mosque), reveals the how and why behind some of the most fascinating and enduring structures humankind has ever created.

Miller, Ron  
**Seven Wonders Beyond the Solar System**
Explores the science behind seven mysteries of the universe, including information on the largest known galaxy and star, the Crab Nebula, the most Earthlike extrasolar planet, pulsars, the sculptor supercluster, and the Tarantula Nebula.

Walker, Richard  
**One Million Things: Animal Life**
Presents photographs and illustrations of animals from around the world, covering the habits, physical characteristics, habitats, and other aspects of mammals, reptiles, birds, fish, insects, and more.

**Science**

O’Connell, Caitlin  
**The Elephant Scientist**
Photographs and text recount Caitlin O’Connell’s experiences observing African elephants in their natural habitat, describing the discoveries she made about elephant communication.

Pringle, Laurence  
**Billions of Years, Amazing Changes: The Story of Evolution**
A captivating view of evolution that brings together research from a variety of scientific disciplines to create a compelling argument that supports what is now called evolution by natural selection.
Sihol, Sandrine  Extraordinary Endangered Animals
From the puffin to the spectacled bear, the takin to the white giraffe, the tree kangaroo to the hammerhead shark, each of the seventy-two two-page spreads in this book covers a different species and its natural habitat in detail, as well as its relationship with mankind.

Social Studies

Anderson, Jodi  Americapedia: Taking the Dumb Out of Freedom
Blends humor and facts in a look at events in America and the world, providing information about the electoral system in the U.S., the world economy, the role of religion in conflict, America's place in the world, and other topics, and including advice on how to get involved.

Brimner, Larry  Black & White
Provides an account of the confrontation between civil rights activist Reverend Fred L. Shuttlesworth, and Birmingham, Alabama, police chief Eugene "Bull" Connor, who was determined to keep the city's schools, parks, workplaces, and public facilities segregated.

Gerszak, Rafal  Beyond Bullets: A Photo Journal of Afghanistan
Shares journal entries and photographs that document everyday life in Afghanistan, taken by Rafal Gerszak while he was embedded with the American military in Afghanistan, and later when he returned to the country on his own.

McPherson, Stephanie  Iceberg, Right Ahead! The Tragedy of the Titanic
Explores the lasting legacy of the "Titanic" tragedy, discussing how the sinking of the ship led to new regulations and the formation of an ice patrol that later became the U.S. Coast Guard, earned the "New York Times" a lasting reputation for news, caused a Senate inquiry, destroyed the lives of several survivors, and fascinated people around the world for a century.

Nelson, Kadir  Heart & Soul: The Story of America and African Americans
Examines the history of the United States, focusing on events that influenced African-Americans and how they advanced liberty and justice in America.

Walker, Sally  Blizzard of Glass: The Halifax Explosion of 1917
Provides an account of the disaster that occurred on December 6, 1917, when two ships carrying munitions and relief supplies to Europe collided, causing an explosion that leveled the towns of Halifax and Dartmouth and resulted in the deaths of nearly two thousand people.

Biography

Behnke, Alison  Death of a Dreamer: The Assassination of John Lennon
Describes the lives of Beatle John Lennon and David Chapman the man who shot him, the political and cultural settings in which both grew up, the motivations of the killer and the final moments of John Lennon's life.
Bernstein, Richard  A Girl Named Faithful Plum
Tells the true story of Zhongmei Lei, an eleven-year-old girl in 1977 who won one of twelve spots at the prestigious Beijing Dance Academy, and whose determination to remain in the school impressed teachers and students alike.

Borden, Louise  His Name was Raoul Wallenberg
An amazing and inspirational World War II story about how one man saved the lives of many. Raoul Wallenberg's name may not be a universally familiar one, but the impact he had is immeasurable. Wallenberg was a Swedish humanitarian who worked in Budapest during World War II to rescue Jews from the Holocaust. Wallenberg himself has not been heard from since 1945.

Macy, Sue  Bylines: A Photobiography of Nellie Bly
Bylines is the latest title from award-winning biographer Sue Macy. Nellie Bly was a pioneering American journalist who lived by the belief that "Energy rightly applied and directed will accomplish anything." This credo took her from humble origins in Cochran’s Mill, Pennsylvania, to the most exotic cities around the globe by the time she was 25.

Shecter, Vicky  Cleopatra Rules!: The Amazing Life of the Original Teen Queen
Good. Evil. Dangerous. Glamorous. Will the real Cleopatra please stand up? Almost everything we know about the last queen of Egypt came from her enemies—the Romans. Now it's time to meet the "real" Cleopatra, a ruler more complex, brilliant, and powerful than we ever knew.

Skloot, Rebecca  The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks
Examines the experiences of the children and husband of Henrietta Lacks, who, twenty years after her death from cervical cancer in 1951, learned doctors and researchers took cells from her cervix without consent which were used to create the immortal cell line known as the HeLa cell.

Warren, Andrea  Charles Dickens and the Street Children of London
A biography of Charles Dickens, discussing how his father's debts forced him to go to work in a shoe polish factory, and looking at how his observations of the poor led him to write novels with an eye toward bringing attention to the plight of London's destitute children.

Arts & Recreation

MacKay, Donald  The Building of Manhattan
Meticulously accurate line drawings and fascinating text trace Manhattan's growth from a tiny Dutch outpost to the commercial, financial, and cultural heart of the world. This book explains construction above and below ground, including excavating subway lines and building bridges and skyscrapers. Hundreds of illustrations reveal intricate details of construction techniques.

Myths

Lunge-Larsen, Lise  Gifts From the Gods
Ancient names come to rich and fascinating life in this lavishly illustrated gift book for mythology fans and word lovers. Did you know that museums were initially temples built to worship the nine muses, the goddesses of the arts? The brief stories here not only impart the subtle wisdom of these ancient tales, but make us understand the words, and our own world, more deeply.
**Poetry**

**Giovanni, Nikki  **  **Acolytes**
A collection of poems by Nikki Giovanni that offer insight into the elements and forces that have shaped the author's life and work. Not softened, but more inspired by love, celebration, memories and even nostalgia. She aims her intimate and sparing words at family and friends, the deaths of heroes and friends, favorite meals and candy, nature, libraries, and theatre.

**Soto, Gary  **  **A Fire in My Hands**
Few writers capture the everyday moments of life like Gary Soto. In direct and vivid poems, he draws from his own youth in California’s Central Valley to portray the joys and sorrows of young people.

**Student Recommendations**

**Carter, Ally  **  **Gallagher Girls-Series**
15-year-old Cammie Morgan is a student at Gallagher Academy, a top-secret boarding school for girls who are spies-in-training. She studies covert operations, culture and assimilation, and advance encryption, and has learned to speak 14 languages. Her troubles begin when she falls for Josh, a local boy who has no clue about her real identity.

**Clare, Cassandra  **  **Mortal Instruments-Series**
Clary Fray, who has the ability to see demons, is almost killed by a monster, becomes involved with the Shadow hunters, learns terrifying truths about her family, and tries to find a cure for her mother's enchantment.

**Clare, Cassandra  **  **Infernal Devices-Series**
Sixteen-year-old Tessa Gray travels to England in search of her brother only to be abducted by the Dark Sisters, residents of London's Downworld, home to the city's supernatural folk, and she becomes the object of much attention--both good and bad--when it is discovered she has the power to transform at will into another person.

**Collins, Suzanne  **  **The Hunger Games-Series**
Sixteen-year-old Katniss Everdeen accidentally becomes a contender in the annual Hunger Games, a grave competition hosted by the Capitol where young boys and girls are pitted against one another in a televised fight to the death.

**Feldman, Jody  **  **The Gollywhopper Games**
Twelve-year-old Gil Goodson competes against thousands of other children at extraordinary puzzles, stunts, and more in hopes of a fresh start for his family, which has been ostracized since his father was falsely accused of embezzling money from Golly Toy and Game Company.

**Garcia, Kami  **  **Beautiful Creatures-Series**
In a small South Carolina town, where it seems little has changed since the Civil War, sixteen-year-old Ethan is powerfully drawn to Lena, a new classmate with whom he shares a psychic connection and whose family hides a dark secret that may be revealed on her sixteenth birthday.
Han, Jenny The Summer I Turned Pretty-Series
Belly spends the summer she turns sixteen at the beach just like every other summer of her life, but this time things are very different as she finds herself falling for a boy she has known since childhood.

Lu, Maire Legend-Series
In a dark future, when North America has split into two warring nations, fifteen-year-olds, Day a famous criminal, and prodigy June, the brilliant soldier hired to capture him, discover that they have a common enemy.

Muchamore, Robert Cherub-Series
James becomes a part of the highly secretive organization, CHERUB, a group of teens whose mission is to spy on terrorists and international drug dealers, hack into computers, and download crucial information for the government.

Park, Linda Sue A Long Walk to Water
A Long Walk to Water begins as two stories, told in alternating sections, about a girl in Sudan in 2008 and a boy in Sudan in 1985. The girl, Nya, is fetching water from a pond that is two hours' walk from her home: she makes two trips to the pond every day. The boy, Salva, becomes one of the "lost boys" of Sudan, refugees who cover the African continent on foot as they search for their families and for a safe place to stay.

Roth, Veronica Divergent-Series
In a future Chicago, sixteen-year-old Beatrice Prior must choose among five predetermined factions to define her identity for the rest of her life, a decision made more difficult when she discovers that she is an anomaly who does not fit into any one group, and that the society she lives in is not perfect after all.

Stead, Rebecca When You Reach Me
As her mother prepares to be a contestant on the 1970s television game show, "The $20,000 Pyramid," a twelve-year-old New York City girl tries to make sense of a series of mysterious notes received from an anonymous source that seems to defy the laws of time and space.

Van Draanen, Wendelin The Running Dream
When a school bus accident leaves sixteen-year-old Jessica an amputee, she returns to school with a prosthetic limb and her track team finds a wonderful way to help rekindle her dream of running again.

Student Recommended Authors:
Sarah Dessen
Natasha Friend
Rick Riordan
Nicholas Sparks
Directions: Fill in a title of your choice that matches the genre in one of the boxes. Make BINGO by filling in an entire row, column, or diagonal. For every card you hand in you will receive a raffle ticket for an Amazon gift card and a Viking Voucher. There will be one winner for every grade.

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2015 NUTMEG BOOK AWARD
TEEN NOMINEES

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See You at Harry's by Jo Knowles
Twelve-year-old Penn feels invisible in her family, where grumpy older sister, Sarah, is working in the family restaurant, her brother, Haddon, is dealing with bullies at school, and adorable three-year-old Charlie is always the center of attention. When tragedy strikes, the fragile bond holding the family together is stretched almost to the breaking point.

Don't Turn Around by Michelle Gagnon
When computer genius, Nao, wakes up on a table in a warehouse with an IV in her arm and no memory of how she got there, she starts to wish she had someone on her side. Enter Peter Gregory, a rich kid and the leader of a hacker alliance, and he needs people with Nao's talents on his team. But what Nao and Peter don't realize is that Nao holds the key to a terrible secret, and there are those who'd stop at nothing to silence her for good.

One for the Murphys by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
Carley uses humor and street smarts to keep her emotional walls high and thick. But the day she becomes a foster child, and moves in with the Murphys, she's blindsided. This loving butting family shows Carley the stable family life she never thought existed - until her mother wants her back and Carley has to decide where and how to live.

The Last Dragonslayer by Jasper Fforde
Fifteen-year-old Jennifer Strange runs an agency for underemployed magicians in a world where magic is fading away. It seems, though, that Big Magic is brewing in the world again when visions of the death of the world's last dragon begin. Strange still, all signs point to Jennifer being the newest and perhaps, final, Dragonslayer.

Eye of the Storm by Kate Messner
Jaden's summer visit with her meteorologist father, who has just returned from spending four years in Russia conducting weather experiments not permitted in the United States, fills her with apprehension and fear as she finds living at her father's planned community, Placid Meadows, is anything but placid.

Final Four by Paul Volponi
When the heavily favored Michigan Spartans and the underdog Troy Trojans meet in the first semifinal game of March Madness, four players find their fates intertwined. As the teams race to find victory, the stories of how each player arrived there are revealed.

Guitar Notes by Mary Amato
When forced to share a practice room, and a guitar, perfect student, Lyra, and lonesome, Tripp, begin to correspond through a series of heated notes. A friendship develops as they discover that they truly "get" one another, but can they overcome the differences that others see in them to maybe become more?

The Raft by S. A. Bodeen
When Robie's plane crashes into the Pacific Ocean, she must depend on the plane's co-pilot, Max, and a life raft for survival. As their water disappears and the evidence of sharks in the water mounts, Robie isn't really sure that they'll make it until a team can rescue them.

Insignia by S. J. Kincaid
An elite military academy recruits Tom Raines to train to become a soldier in outer space, and he can't believe his good fortune. As his training begins, though, Tom finds he might have to sacrifice more than he'd ever thought in order to succeed.

The False Prince by Jennifer Nielsen
In a country threatened by civil war, four orphans get recruited to compete for the role of imposter. The winner will play the King's lost son, inherit the Kingdom, and become a puppet for one noble who wants the crown for himself. Sage knows his life depends on winning this Princely role.
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Ella Mazzulli
Lillie B. Haynes: 4th Grade Student