

Summer 2013 Recommended Reading List
Rising Fifth Grade
2013-2014

Non-Fiction Books

Bishop, Nic. *Nic Bishop Snakes*

Up-close photographs and text reveal physical characteristics, how they hunt, and why some snakes are poisonous.

Burgan, Michael. *The Titanic: Truth and Rumors*

Are all the stories about the Titanic true? Find out, and learn how to tell the difference between fact and fiction.

Capaldi, Gina. *A Boy Named Beckoning: The True Story of Dr. Carlos Montezuma, Native American Hero*
Montezuma's own words tell this gripping story of a Yavapai boy who was captured by the Pima in 1871 and grew up to become a prominent doctor and Native American spokesperson.

Cool Careers Series (Various authors)

This series introduces readers to the skills, tasks, and expectations of pursuing a career in a wide range of fields. Titles include: *Surgical Technologist, Musician, Meteorologist, Video Game Designer*, and many others.

Fleming, Thomas. *Everybody's Revolution: A New Look at the People Who Won America's Freedom*

This book explores the variety of people who participated in the Revolutionary War, including immigrants from all over the world, African-Americans, Native Americans, and women.

Gollenbeck, Peter. *Hank Aaron: Brave in Every Way*

On April 8, 1974, America watched as Hank Aaron stepped up to the plate. The pitch was low and down the middle. Hank swung--and hit career home run number 715!

Kerley, Barbara. *Those Rebels, John and Tom*

Thomas Jefferson and John Adams were different in many ways, but they shared a devotion to their country. Learn how these two opposite personalities came together to help the Continental Congress reach consensus and produce the Declaration of Independence.

Mahaney, Ian. *The Math of Basketball*

Using the game of basketball, readers must employ addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division to determine the ball's diameter, free-throw percentage, and the number of teams left in the second round of the NBA playoffs.

Moss, Marissa. *Sky High: The True Story of Maggie Gee*

This is the biography of a Chinese American woman in an elite corps of female pilots who flew combat training missions during World War II.

Nelson, Kadir. *Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African Americans*

Beautifully illustrated, this book examines the history of the United States, focusing on events that influenced African-Americans and how they advanced liberty and justice in America.

Schwartz, David M. *Millions to Measure*

Marvelosissimo the Magician explains the development of standard units of measure, and shows the simplicity of calculating length, height, weight, and volume using the metric system.

Waxman, Laura. *Exploring Black Holes*

Text, photographs, and illustrations provide an introduction to black holes, covering what they are, how they form, how scientists study them, and other related topics.

Fiction Books

Applegate, Katherine. *The One and Only Ivan*

Winner of the 2013 Newbery Medal. When Ivan, a gorilla who has lived for years in a down-and-out circus-themed mall, meets Ruby, a baby elephant that has been added to the mall, he decides that he must find her a better life.

Armstrong, Alan. *Whittington*

Whittington, a feline descendant of Dick Whittington's famous cat of English folklore, appears at a rundown barnyard plagued by rats and restores harmony while telling his ancestor's story.

Child, Lauren. *Utterly Me, Clarice Bean*

When someone steals the winner's trophy for the school book project, Clarice emulates her favorite book heroine, Ruby Redfort the detective.

Conkling, Winifred. *Sylvia & Aki*

At the start of World War II, Japanese-American Aki and her family are sent to an internment camp in Arizona, while Mexican-American Sylvia's family leases their Orange County, California, farm and begins a fight to stop school segregation.

Davies, Jaqueline. *The Lemonade War*

Evan and his younger sister, Jesse, react very differently to the news that they will be in the same class for fourth 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.

Gutman, Dan. *Satch & Me: A Baseball Card Adventure (Series)*

With his ability to travel through time using vintage baseball cards, Joe takes Flip with him to find out whether Satchel Paige really was the fastest pitcher ever.

Holm, Jennifer. *Turtle in Paradise*

In 1935, when her mother gets a job housekeeping for a woman who does not like children, eleven-year-old Turtle is sent to stay with relatives she has never met in far away Key West, Florida.

Myers, Walter Dean. *The Journal of Joshua Loper: A Black Cowboy*

Myers writes about an African-American boy's struggles with his first cattle drive in 1871 and the racial prejudices of the day.

Rodda, Emily. *Maze of the Beast*

Deltora is a land of monsters and magic. The evil Shadow Lord has become aware that people are searching for the seven lost gems of the magic Belt of Deltora.

Selznick, Brian. *Wonderstruck*

Ben loses his mother and his hearing. He sets out on a journey to find his father. At the same time Rose is searching for what is missing in her life. Their stories intersect in unexpected ways.

Wallace, Rick. *The Ball Hogs*

Ben, a natural athlete and member of the Bobcats co-ed soccer team, wants to overcome his inexperience and prove himself on the field, but his obnoxious teammate, Mark, keeps hogging the ball.

Winkler, Henry. *Zero to Hero*

When Billy Broccoli moves into his new house, he discovers Hoover Porterhouse, a teenage ghost, is haunting his room, and he helps Billy get in style, stand up to bullies, and conquer his new school.