

Adler, David – *Andy and Tamika*

Andy Russell's misadventures begin when his gerbils escape at the school carnival. Andy's friend Tamika prepares to move in temporarily, and Andy and his sister, Rachel, will try anything to find out if they are going to have a baby brother or a baby sister.

Artell, Mike – *Cartooning for Kids*

In this handy guide, you'll find detailed instructions for creating cartoon people and animals.

Carrol, Lewis – *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*

Alice's life is never the same after she tumbles through a rabbit hole to a magical land where she meets the Cheshire Cat, the Mad Hatter, the Queen of Hearts, and all the other characters that have made this fantasy such a favorite.

Creech, Sharon – *Love That Dog*

Jack is forced to complete a poetry assignment 'against his will', as he states. But, the more involved he gets in the assignment, the easier he finds it & slowly begins to even enjoy himself.

Dahl, Roald – *The BFG*

Kidnatched from her orphanage by a Big Friendly Giant, who spends his life blowing happy dreams to children, Sophie concocts with him a plan to save the world from nine other man-gobbling cannybull giants.

Dalgliesh, Alice – *The Courage of Sarah Noble*

An eight-year-old girl finds courage to go alone with her father to build a new home in the Connecticut wilderness, and to stay with the Indians when her father goes back to bring the rest of the family.

Dowd, Siobhan – *The London Eye Mystery*

Salim mysteriously disappears from a sealed pod on the London Eye and everyone is frantic. His cousins, Ted & Kat, overcome their prickly relationship to become sleuthing partners. They follow a trail of clues across London in a desperate bid to find Salim.

Engel, Trudie – *We'll Never Forget You, Roberto Clemente*

The biography of this star hitter tells of his youth in Puerto Rico and his career with the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Greenberg, J.C. - *On the Dog*

When ten-year-old Andrew invents a shrinking machine, he does not expect to be sucked into the machine along with his cousin Judy, only to end up in a dog's nose. (*Andrew Lost series #1*)

Kehret, Peg – *Desert Danger*

In the desolate Arizona wasteland, friends Rosie and Kayo are accidentally kidnapped by thugs hoping to ransom a millionaire's daughter. The perfect vacation had suddenly become a nightmare.

Mass, Wendy - *Rapunzel, the One with All the Hair* (*Twice Upon A Time Tales series #1*)

Rapunzel is having the ultimate bad day. She's been stolen from home by an evil witch, locked in an incredibly high tower, and doesn't even have a decent brush for her hair. Both Rapunzel and Prince Benjamin are trapped in very different ways. It's only when their paths cross that things change.

McKissack, Patricia – *A Song for Harlem*

For Lilly Belle, "the capital of Black America" is about as far from her hometown of Smyrna, TN, as a 12-year-old can get. Then a program for gifted young writers opens a whole new world and helps her understand the power of words, especially her own.

Paulsen, Gary - *Hatchet*

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

Penn, Audrey – *Mystery at Blackbeard's Cove*

This rollicking adventure magically combines an unruly group of youngsters, Blackbeard's ghost, secret tunnels, skeletons, hidden treasure, a very mysterious inheritance, and a hurricane in the Outer Banks.

Rexx, Adam – *The True Meaning of Smekday*

Eleven-year-old Gratuity Tucci is assigned to write an essay, "The True Meaning of Smekday." Gratuity describes her journey across an occupied U.S. to rescue her mom, who has been abducted by the Boov. A renegade alien named J.Lo joins her quest, and together they try to return the planet to human control.

Riordan, Rick – *39 Clues*

The Cahills are the most powerful family the world has ever known. When the eldest member dies, she leaves her relatives with a challenge...either take one million dollars or receive the first of 39 clues that will reveal to them the source of the family's power.

Ryan, Pam Munoz – *Becoming Naomi Leon*

When 5th-grader Naomi's mother suddenly reappears, she and her brother run away to Mexico with their great-grandmother in search of their father.

Sachar, Louis – *Sideways Stories from Wayside School*

There was a terrible mistake-Wayside School was built with one classroom on top of another, thirty stories high! (The builder said he was sorry.) Maybe that's why all kinds of funny things happened at Wayside- especially on the thirteenth floor.

Sanderson, Brandon – *Alcatraz Versus the Evil Librarians* (*Alcatraz series #1*)

Alcatraz Smedry doesn't seem destined for anything but disaster. On his 13th birthday he receives a bag of sand, which is quickly stolen by the evil Librarians plotting to take over the world. Alcatraz must stop them by embracing his talent for klutziness.

**Silverstein, Shel – *Runny Babbit:*
*A Billy Sook***

In case the title hasn't clued you in, this is indeed a silly book about a bunny rabbit. Flip-flopped consonants add to the loony, never-before-published poems of the late, legendary Silverstein.

Smallcomb, Pam – *The Last Burp of Mac McGerp*

Mac tries everything to get rid of Mrs. Goodbody, but in the end, it's one big burp that does the trick. A hilarious story about friendship, perseverance, and good burping.

Tang, Greg – *Math-terpieces*

Kids are challenged to solve mathematical problems creatively while being introduced to art history. Rhyming text gives information about the artist and poses a mathematical challenge to group objects in various ways.

Tumanov, Vladimir – *Jayden's Rescue*

Alex hates math. One day he finds a magical book in which an evil wizard king has imprisoned a queen and the only way to save her is by using math. Alex and his friends must solve 400 mathematical puzzles posed by a menagerie of monster guards. Will they be able to set Jayden free?

Urban, Linda – *A Crooked Kind of Perfect*

Ten-year-old Zoe Elias dreams of playing a baby grand piano at Carnegie Hall. But when Dad ventures to the music store and ends up with a wheezy organ instead of a piano, Zoe's dreams hit a sour note.

Wulffson, Don L. – *The Kid Who Invented the Popsicle and Other Surprising Stories about Inventions*

Brief factual stories about how various familiar things were invented, many by accident, from animal crackers to the zipper.

**Summer Reading Lists
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**Warren Township Schools
Summer Reading Lists**

Grades 4 - 5

Summer 2010

Summer should be the time for enjoyable and entertaining reading. The Warren School Library Media Specialists and the Warren Township Public Librarians have compiled lists to be used as a guide for our students.

Many of the titles are just a sampling of the work of each author and represent a wide variety of genres. Please keep in mind that reading levels vary greatly among students entering 4th and 5th grades, so this list contains a broad range of suggestions in the hope that there will be something to pique every child's interest.



