

**Swallow, Pamela Curtis – *It Only Looks Easy***

When her beloved dog, Cheddar, is run over by a woman with Alzheimer’s disease, Kat reacts impulsively, leaving school on a “borrowed” bike to get to the vet. Then the bike gets stolen. Suddenly she is looked at differently by everyone at school—even the police are keeping an eye on her.

**Thimmesh, Catherine – *Girls Think of Everything: Stories of Ingenious Inventions by Women***

In kitchens and living rooms, in garages and labs and basements, even in converted chicken coops, women and girls have invented ingenious innovations that have made our lives simpler and better. Find out how they turned their ideas into realities.

**Wallace, Barbara Brooks – *Sparrows in the Scullery***

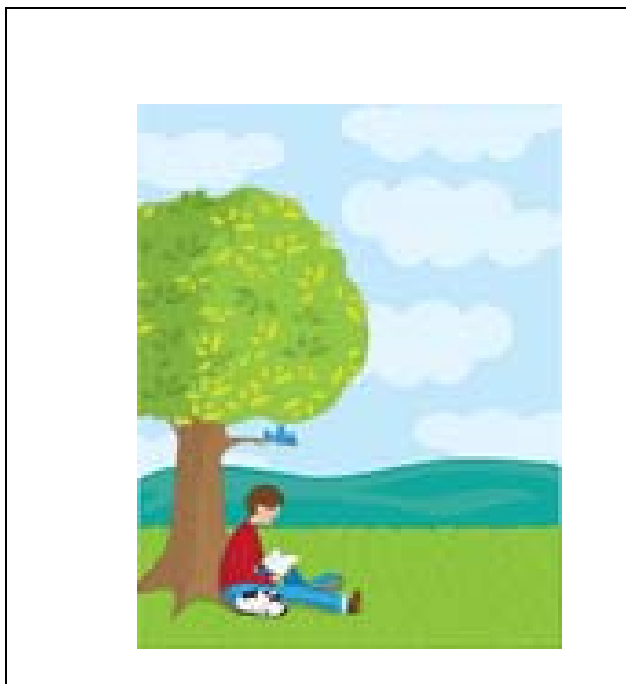
Wealthy, orphaned Colley is kidnapped, placed in the awful Broggen Home for Boys, and put to work in a dangerous glass factory. Someone wants Colley dead, but that person has not counted on five scrappy friends, fellow inmates, who are determined that Colley will live!

**Whipple, Laura – *If the Shoe Fits: Voices from Cinderella***

A strand of imaginative, narrative poems giving voice to the cast of Cinderella characters – even the glass slipper has a voice – offers a new perspective to the original fairy tale.

**Yep, Laurence – *The Star Fisher***

As a Chinese American, Joan Lee has never felt her separateness more than now, in 1927, in this new place in West Virginia. She and her family find the adjustment hard, but Joan Lee braves the curiosity and prejudice of the townspeople, helps bridge a friendship between her mother and an elderly neighbor, and gets acquainted with an enigmatic classmate. She realizes that she is not the only one struggling to find a niche.



***Summer Reading Lists***

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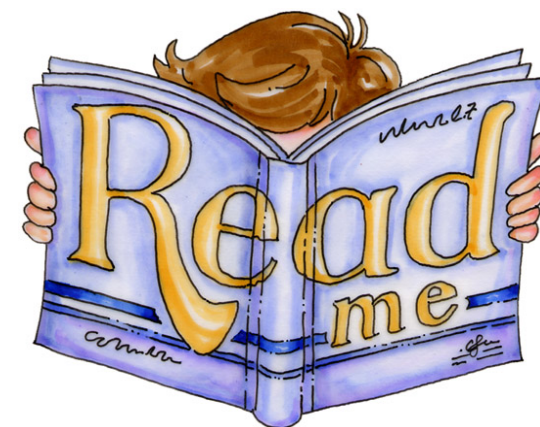
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**Grades 4 - 5**

**Summer 2011**

Summer should be the time for enjoyable and entertaining reading. The Warren Township School Librarians and the Warren Township Public Librarian 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 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades, so this list contains a broad range of suggestions in the hope that there will be something to pique every child’s interest.



**Artell, Mike – *Laugh Your Head Off***

With hundreds of jokes on a wide selection of themes, it's got something to tickle any funny bone.

**Burnford, Sheila – *The Incredible Journey***

A doughty young Labrador retriever, a roguish bull terrier and an indomitable Siamese set out through the wilderness to make their way home to the family they love.

**Dahl, Roald – *Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator***

Now that he's won the chocolate factory, see what's next for Charlie?

**DeClements, Barthe – *Nothing's Fair in Fifth Grade***

Jenny knows one thing for sure - Elsie Edwards is a fat thief who steals people's lunch money to buy candy. So when the book club money disappears, why is the whole class punished? Nothing's fair!

**Dorris, Michael – *Morning Girl***

In alternating chapters, Morning Girl, a twelve-year-old Taino, and her younger brother, Star Boy, vividly recreate life on a Bahamian island in 1492 - a life that is rich, complex, and soon to be threatened.

**Fleischman, Sid – *Escape!: The Story of the Great Houdini***

Meet the astonishing Houdini—magician, daredevil, pioneer aviator - king of escape artists.

**Fleming, Candace – *The Fabled Fourth Graders of Aesop Elementary School***

A rowdy group of students and their eccentric teacher star in this collection of determinedly loopy vignettes, each of which ends with an Aesop-like moral.

**Gutman, Dan – *Roberto and Me*  
(*Baseball Card Adventure series*)**

Join Stosh and Sunrise on a journey that will take you into the past, and then to a life-changing encounter with Roberto Clemente and into a surprising future!

**Henry, Marguerite. – *Misty of Chincoteague***

When the island's wildest mare and her newborn colt are brought into captivity, Paul and Maureen have their hearts set on owning them, and can they afford it?

**Ho, Oliver – *Amazing Math Magic***

Numbers, cards, coins, and shapes; with these, and a few mathematical principles, you can be a magician.

**Kehret, Peg – *Shelter Dogs: Amazing Stories of Adopted Strays***

True stories about the amazing lives of eight shelter dogs who found owners to love and care for them.

**L'Engle, Madeleine – *A Wrinkle in Time***

Follow the adventures in space and time of Meg, Charles Wallace, and Calvin O'Keefe (athlete, student, and one of the most popular boys in high school).

They are in search of Meg's father, a scientist who disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government.

**Oppel, Kenneth - *Silverwing***

Shade, a newborn Silverwing, is separated from his colony during their winter migrations. With the help of an exiled Brightwing, he must find his colony and save them from cannibal bats imported from the tropics.

**Osborne, Mary Pope –*The Magic Tree House Series***

Join Jack and Annie on numerous adventures and missions that takes them back in time to different cultures and points in history.

**Philbrick, Rodman – *The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg***

Homer sets off on a rip-roaring adventure in the thick of the Civil War, to find and save his brother who has been illegally sold to the Union Army.

**Prelutsky, Jack – *Something Big Has Been Here***

Sure to become part of the lives of everyone who loves to laugh, these poems are incomparable! Say them, chant them, learn them by heart, or just read them.

**Ryan, Pam Munoz – *Esperanza Rising***

Esperanza had fancy dresses, a beautiful home, and servants. When a sudden tragedy forces Esperanza and Mama to flee to California, their new life is threatened, and she must find a way to rise above her difficult circumstances--Mama's life and her own depend on it.

**Sachar, Louis – *Wayside School Gets A Little Stranger***

Something strange is going on at the already peculiar Wayside School, but the big surprise is that Mrs. Jewls is expecting a baby— one named Cootie Face or Bucket Head. Mrs. Jewls leaves her students with a succession of substitute teachers and the fun begins again on every floor!

**Scieszka, Jon – *Summer Reading Is Killing Me* (*Time Warp series*)**

Characters from stories on their summer reading list come alive, creating all kinds of crazy mischief in the process. Their only hope is to find "The Book," in which the list has been placed.

**Selden, George – *The Cricket in Times Square***

Chester Cricket, Tucker Mouse, and Harry Cat meet at the Bellini's newsstand in New York's Times Square subway station when young Mario Bellini finds the cricket in a pile of trash. The lonely boy decides to keep Chester as a pet, and a series of adventures ensue.

**Smith, Jeff – *Out from Boneville*  
(*vol. 1 in the Bone series*)**

The three Bone cousins — Fone Bone, Phoney Bone, and Smiley Bone — are separated and lost in a vast, uncharted desert. One by one, they find their way into a deep, forested valley filled with wonderful and terrifying creatures.

**Stewart, Trenton Lee – *The Mysterious Benedict Society***

Dozens of children respond to this peculiar ad and are then put through a series of mind-bending tests, which readers take along with them. Only two boys and two girls succeed. Their challenge: to go on a secret mission that only the most intelligent and inventive children could complete.