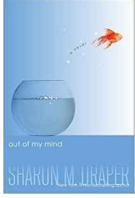


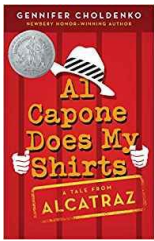
2019 Summer Reading Ideas for Students entering 5th Grade

Fiction Chapter Books: (*books in series)



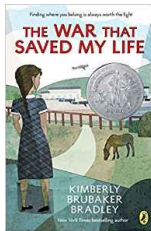
Draper, Sharon *Out of My Mind*

Eleven-year-old Melody is the smartest kid in her whole school but most people don't think she's capable of learning because she can't talk. Then she discovers something that will allow her to speak for the first time ever.



Choldenko, Gennifer *Al Capone Does my Shirts* *

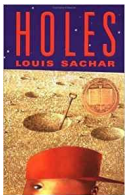
In this historical fiction with a hint of mystery, Moose Flanagan moves to Alcatraz not as a prisoner, but as a kid meeting some of the most famous criminals in our history.



Bradeley, Kimberley Brubaker

The War That Saved My Life

Ten-year-old Ada has never left her one-room apartment. So when her little brother Jamie is shipped out of London to escape WWII, Ada joins him. So begins a new adventure for Ada, and for Susan Smith, the woman who is forced to take them in.



Sacher, Louis

Holes

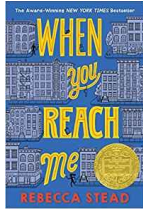
Stanley Yelnats IV has been wrongly accused of stealing a famous baseball player's valued sneakers. He is sent to Camp Green Lake, a juvenile detention home where the boys dig holes, five feet deep by five feet across, in the miserable Texas heat.



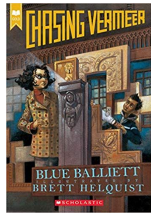
Korman, Gordon

Ungifted

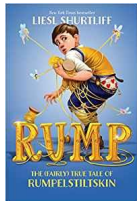
A hilarious and heartfelt novel in which one middle-school troublemaker accidentally moves into the gifted and talented program—and changes everything.



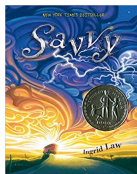
Stead, Rebecca ***When You Reach Me* (Newbery Award Winner)**
Science fiction novel about sixth grader Miranda who starts receiving mysterious instructions about a mission she can't share with anyone.



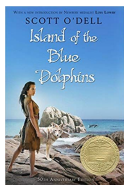
Balliett, Blue ***Chasing Vermeer***
When a book of unexplainable occurrences brings Petra and Calder together, strange things start to happen: Seemingly unrelated events connect; an eccentric old woman seeks their company; an invaluable Vermeer painting disappears.



Shurtliff, Liesel ***Rump***
This funny fractured fairy tale goes behind the scenes of Rumpelstiltskin



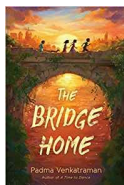
Law, Ingrid ***Saavy* (Newbery Honor)**
For generations, Mibs' family has harbored a magical secret. They each possess a "saavy"--a special supernatural power. Two days from turning thirteen, Mibs is about to discover what her's will be.



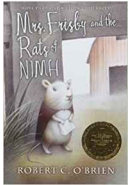
O'Dell, Scott ***The Island of the Blue Dolphins* (Newbery Medal Winner)**
A novel based on the true story of a 12-year-old girl stranded alone for years on an island off the California coast.



Gibbs, Stuart ***Spy School* ***
Can an undercover nerd become a superstar agent? Ben Ripley sure hopes so--and his life may depend on it!

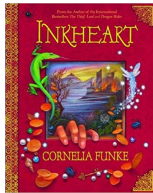


Venkatraman, Padma ***The Bridge Home***
A spirited tween narrator tells a harrowing tale of love, loss, and looking out for each other as homeless kids in India facing hardship with dreams and determination.



O'Brien Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH (Newbery Medal Winner)

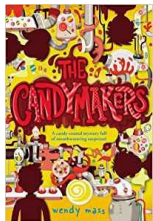
Mrs. Frisby, a widowed mouse with four small children, must move her family immediately or face dire consequences. With the help of the extraordinary rats of NIMH, she finds a brilliant solution.



Funke, Cornelia

Inkheart

Mo and his daughter, Meggie, have the ability to bring storybook characters to life just by reading aloud. That gift backfires when he accidentally summons an evil villain.



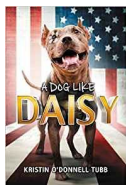
Mass, Wendy The Candy Makers

Four children have been chosen to compete in a national competition to find the tastiest confection in the country. A cleverly crafted story filled with mystery, friendship and juicy revelations.



Draper, Sharon M. Stella by Starlight

When the Ku Klux Klan's unwelcome appearance rattles Stella's segregated southern town, bravery battles prejudice in this Depression-era novel.



O'Donnell Tubb, Kristen

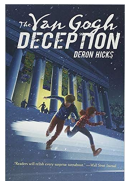
A Dog Like Daisy

Sweet and poignant novel told from the point of view of a rescued pit bull, Daisy, as she trains to be a service dog for an injured veteran and his family.



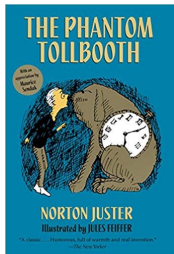
Johnson, Jaleith ***The Quest to the Uncharted Lands* ***

Stella's parents are on the first expedition to the uncharted lands of Solace. Not wanting to be left behind, she stows away on the ship and finds a mysterious boy who is also hiding--and keeping a very big secret.



Hicks, Deron R. ***The Van Gogh Deception***

When a young boy is discovered in Washington D.C.'s National Gallery without any recollection of who he is, so begins a high-stakes race to unravel the greatest mystery of all: his identity.



Juster, Norton ***The Phantom Tollbooth***

When a tollbooth mysteriously appears in Milo's room, he drives through only because he's got nothing better to do. But on the other side, things get exciting.



Burnett, Frances Hodgson ***The Secret Garden***

When orphaned Mary Lennox comes to live at her uncle's great house on the Yorkshire Moors, she finds it full of secrets. Then, Mary discovers a secret garden, surrounded by walls and locked with a missing key.



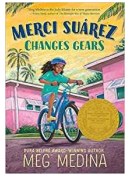
Hopkinson, Deborah ***The Great Trouble***

Part medical mystery, part survival story, this historical novel is a gripping look at the 1854 London cholera epidemic through the eyes of orphan Eel, who has troubles of his own and a secret to keep.



George, Jean Craighead ***My Side of the Mountain***

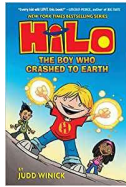
Sam Gibley is unhappy living with his family so he runs away to the Catskill Mountains to live in the woods--all by himself. With only a penknife, a ball of cord, forty dollars, and some flint and steel, he intends to survive on his own.



Medina, Meg ***Merci Suarez Changes Gears (Newbery Medal Winner)***

Thoughtful, strong-willed sixth-grader Merci Suarez navigates difficult changes with friends, family, and everyone in between in this coming-of-age tale full of wisdom and humor.

Graphic Novels: (*books in series)



Winnick, Judd ***HiLo: The Boy Who Crashed to Earth****

D.J and Gina are totally ordinary kids. But Hilo isn't! Hilo just fell out of the sky and doesn't know where he came from, or what he's doing on Earth. Laugh-out-loud, epic story.



Telgemeier, Raina ***Smile ****

Raina just wants to be a normal middle-schooler--but then she severely injures her two front teeth. Through middle and into high school she struggles with peer relationships, discovering her own strengths while enduring painful orthodontia.



Craft, Jerry ***New Kid***

Timely, honest graphic novel about starting over at a new school where diversity is low and the struggle to fit in is real.



Kean, Soo ***Jellaby****

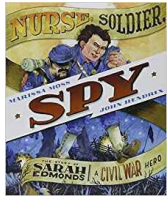
Portia's life is about to get interesting when she discovers a shy, sweet-natured purple monster behind her house.

NonFiction:



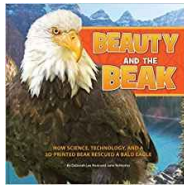
Stokes, Jonathan W. *Thrifty Guide to the American Revolution* *

An entertaining introduction to history told through humor and time travel.



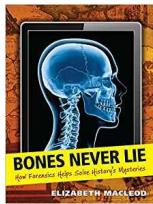
Moss, Marissa Nurse, Soldier, Spy : The Story of Sarah Edmonds, a Civil War Hero

Fast-paced, high-energy true story of Sarah Edmonds, who at age nineteen disguised herself as a man in order to fight in the Civil War.



McPherson, Stephanie *Beauty and the Beak: How Science, Technology, and a 3-D Printed Beak Rescued a Bald Eagle*

Tells the true story of Beauty, the wild bald eagle that made news when she was illegally shot, rescued and received a pioneering, 3D-printed prosthetic beak.



MacLeod, Elizabeth *Bones Never Lie: How Forensics Helps Solve the World's Mysteries*

Seven intriguing stories about historical royal figures whose demise is suspicious, and the hard scientific facts and crime-solving techniques used to solve the mysteries.



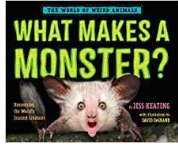
Kespert, Deborah *Genius! The Most Astonishing Inventions of All Time*

Takes readers inside the lives and minds of the greatest inventors in history as we examine the inventions that shaped the modern world..



Silvey, Anita *Untamed: The Wild Life of Jane Goodall*

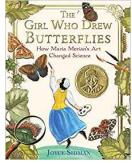
A girl of humble beginnings and training, Jane Goodall made scientific breakthroughs thought impossible by more experienced field observers and fought to protect chimpanzees and other animals.



Keating, Jess

What Makes a Monster?

Monsters are real--and they're everywhere in nature! Animal Planet meets Godzilla in this nonfiction picture book that puts the "Ack!" in backyard science.



Sidman, Joyce

***The Girl Who Drew Butterflies* (Sibert Medal)**

One of the first naturalists to observe live insects directly, Maria Sibylla Merian was also one of the first to document the metamorphosis of the butterfly.

The above list is not required reading, merely suggestions. We encourage students to be actively engaged with books throughout the summer.

Happy Reading!