

Approved Titles by Grade Level
Grade 6

TITLE	AUTHOR	GENRE	LEXILE
Out of the Dust	Karen Hesse	Historical Fiction	N/A
Bud, Not Buddy	Christopher Paul Curtis	Historical Fiction	950
I am Malala (Young Readers Edition)	Malala Yousafzai	Nonfiction Memoir	830
Written in Bone: Buried Lives of Jamestown	Sally M. Walker	History/Anthropology	1140
Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World: The Extraordinary True Story of Shackleton and the Endurance	Jennifer Armstrong	Historical Fiction	1090
Blood on the River: Jamestown, 1607	Elisa Carbone	Historical Fiction	820
The Odyssey	by Gillian Cross and Neil Packer	Mythology	740
Trouble River	Betsy Byers	Historical Fiction	770
The Clay Marble	Minfong Ho	Historical Fiction	860
Esperanza Rising	Pam Munoz Ryan	Historical Fiction	750
A Single Shard	Linda Sue Park	Historical Fiction	920
The Great Fire	Jim Murphy	Nonfiction	1130
My Life in Dog Years	Gary Paulsen	Short Stories	1150
Crispin	Avi	Mystery	730
The Graveyard Book	Neil Gaiman	Mystery	820
Emmy and the Incredible Shrinking Rat	Lynne Jonell	Mystery	780
Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief	Rick Riordan	Mystery	740
The Alchemyst	Michael Scott	Mystery	890
The Thief Lord	Cornelia Funke	Mystery	640
A Wrinkle in Time	Madeline L'Engle	Mystery	740
Touching Spirit Bear	Ben Micklethorn	Realistic Fiction	670
Old Yeller	Fred Gipson	Realistic Fiction	910
The Great Gilly Hopkins	Katherine Paterson	Realistic Fiction	800
Missing May	Cynthia Rylant	Realistic Fiction	980
Freak the Mighty	Rodman Philbrick	Realistic Fiction	1000
The Wednesday Wars	Gary Schmidt	Comedy	990
Tuck Everlasting	Natalie Babbit	Fantasy	770
Prince Caspian	C. S. Lewis	Fantasy	870

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American Plague: The True & Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever Epidemic 1793	Jim Murphy	History	1130
Fever 1793	Laurie Halse Anderson	Historical Fiction	580
Farewell to Manzanar	Jeanne Houston	Historical Fiction	1040
Code Talker	Joseph Bruchac	Historical Fiction	910
Castle Diary: The Journal of Tobias Burgess	Richard Platt	Historical Fiction	1010
Midwife's Apprentice	Karen Cushman	Historical Fiction	1150
Animal Farm	George Orwell	Fable	1170
The Canterbury Tales	Geoffrey Chaucer retold by Geraldine McCaughrean	Fable	910
Red Scarf Girl	Ji-Li Jiang	Memoir	780
Brown Girl Dreaming	Jacqueline Woodson	Memoir	990
Faith, Hope & Ivy June	Phyllis Reynolds Naylor	Realistic Fiction	900
Phineas Gage: A Gruesome But True Story	John Fleischman	Non-Fiction	1030
Pictures of Hollis Woods	Patricia Reilly Giff	Realistic Fiction	650
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry	Mildred Taylor	Historical	920
Rules	Cynthia Lord	Realistic Fiction	780
Running Out of Time	Margaret Haddox	Mystery	730
Scat	Carl Hiaasen	Mystery	810
Seedfolk	Paul Fleischman	Realistic Fiction	710
Slam	Walter Dean Myers	Realistic Fiction	750
Spellbinder	Hellen Stringer	Science Fiction	840
The Cay	Theodore Taylor	Historical Fiction	860
The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle	Avi	Historical Fiction	740
The Watsons Go to Birmingham	Paul Christopher Curtis	Historical Fiction	1000
The Race to Save the Lord God Bird	Phillip M. Hoose	Non-fiction	1160
Tracking Trash: Flotsam, Jetsam, and the Science of Ocean Motion	Loree Griffin Burns	Non-fiction	1200
The Thief	Megan Whalen Turner	Fantasy	920
Walk Two Moons	Sharon Creech	Realistic Fiction	770
What Could Go Wrong?	Willo Davis Roberts	Mystery	870

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A Midsummer Night's Dream	William Shakespeare	Classic Comedic Play	NP
Romeo and Juliet	William Shakespeare	Classic Tragic Play	NP
Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice	Phillip Hoose	Historical Fiction	1000
The Crossover	Kwame Alexander	Fiction told in verse	750
Night	Elie Weisel	Memoir	570
All Quiet on the Western Front	Erich Maria Remarque	Historical Fiction	830
Across Five Aprils	Irene Hunt	Historical Fiction	1100
Boy in the Striped Pajamas	John Boyne	Historical Fiction	1080
Boy Who Dared	C. Bartoletti	Historical Fiction	760
The Call of the Wild	Jack London	Fiction	820
The Count of Monte Cristo	Alexander Dumas	Historical Fiction	830
Daniel's Story	Carol Matas	Historical Fiction	720
The Devil's Arithmetic	Jane Yolen	Historical Fiction	730
The Diary of Anne Frank	Anne Frank	Biography	1080
The Education of Little Tree	Forrest Carter	Historical Fiction	890
Elijah of Buxton	C. Paul Curtis	Historical Fiction	1070
Fast Food Nation	Eric Schlosser	Non-Fiction	1240
The Giver	Lois Lowry	Dystopian Fiction	760
Hound of the Baskervilles	Sir Arthur Conan Doyle	Mystery	1090
Into Thin Air	Jon Kjrakour	Non-Fiction	1320
Jacob Have I Loved	Katherine Paterson	Realistic Fiction	880
My Brother Sam is Dead	Collier & Collier	Historical Fiction	770
New Found Land	Allan Wolf	Historical in verse	850
Nothing But the Truth	Avi	Realistic/multi	750
The Outsiders	S. E. Hinton	Realistic Fiction	750
The Pearl	John Steinbeck	Realistic Fiction	1010
The Traveler's Gift	Andy Andrews	Nonfiction	
Trouble	Gary Schmidt	Realistic/Historical	930
Woods Runner	Gary Paulsen	Historical Fiction	870