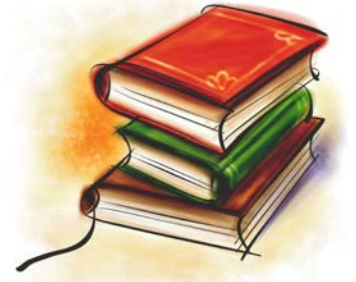


Superintendent's Book List

Kindergarten – Second Grade

- ***A Sick Day for Amos McGee*** (2010) by Philip C. Stead
Zookeeper Amos McGee, who is adored by all the animals, gets some unexpected guests while home sick one day.
AR Level: 3.0, Points: 0.5
- ***Bats at the library*** (2008) by Brian Lies
Bored with another normal, inky evening, bats discover an open library window and fly in to enjoy the photocopier, water fountain, and especially the books and stories found in the library.
AR Level: 3.1, Points: 0.5
- ***Interrupting Chicken*** (2010) by David Ezra Stein
Little Red Chicken wants Papa to read her a bedtime story, but interrupts him almost as soon as he begins each tale. AR Level: 2.2, Points: 0.5
- ***The Pigeon Wants a Puppy*** (2008) by Mo Willems (Boy)
The pigeon really, really wants a puppy, but when a puppy arrives the pigeon changes its mind.
AR Level: 1.2, Points: 0.5
- ***Stand Tall, Molly Lou Melon*** (2001) by Patty Lovell (Girl)
Even when the class bully at her new school makes fun of her, Molly remembers what her grandmother told her and she feels good about herself. AR Level: 3.5, Points: 0.5



Third – Fifth Grades

- ***Amazing Grace*** (1991) by Mary Hoffman (Girl)
Although a classmate says that she cannot play Peter Pan in the school play because she is African-American, Grace discovers that she can do anything she sets her mind to do.
AR Level: 3.5, Points 0.5
- ***Because of Winn-Dixie*** (2000) by Kate DiCamillo
Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big ugly dog Winn-Dixie. AR Level: 3.9 Points 3.0
- ***Hatchet*** (1987) by Gary Paulsen (Boy)
After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends fifty-four days in the wilderness learning to survive with only the aid of a hatchet given him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parents' divorce. AR Level 5.7, Points 7.0
- ***Sparrow Girl*** (2009) by Sara Pennypacker
Ming-Li vows to save as many sparrows as she can after her country's leader called sparrows the enemy of the farmer and banished them all from China. AR Level 3.7, Points 0.5
- ***A Year Down Yonder*** (2000) by Richard Peck
During the recession of 1937, fifteen-year-old Mary Alice is sent to live with her feisty, larger-than-life grandmother in rural Illinois and comes to a better understanding of this fearsome woman. AR Level 4.5, Points 4.0

Sixth – Eighth Grades

- ***Alice Alone*** (2001) by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
Alice's first year in high school gets off to a difficult start when she and her boyfriend Patrick break up, but with the help of her father, older brother, and best friends, she gains a better sense of her own self-worth. AR Level 5.0, Points 6.0
- ***Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream*** (2009) by Tanya Lee Stone (Girl)
Profiles thirteen women who challenged social norms and government policies to prove they could be exceptional astronauts. AR Level 5.0, Points 6.0
- ***Bud, Not Buddy*** (1999) by Christopher Paul Curtis
Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father--the renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway of Grand Rapids. AR Level 5.0, Points 8.0
- ***The Lightning Thief***, Series: Percy Jackson & the Olympians (2005) by Rick Riordan,
Percy, expelled from six schools for being unable to control his temper, learns the truth from his mother that his father is the Greek god Poseidon, and is sent to Camp Half Blood where he is befriended by a satyr and the demigod daughter of Athena who join him in a journey to the Underworld to retrieve Zeus's lightning bolt and prevent a catastrophic war. AR Level 5.0, Points 6.0
- ***Scorpius***, Series: Alex Rider Adventures (2005) by Anthony Horowitz (Boy)
After being told that his father was an assassin for a criminal organization, fourteen-year-old Alex goes to Italy to find out more and becomes involved in a plan to kill thousands of English school children. AR Level 5.0, Points 6.0

Ninth – Twelfth Grades

- ***She Said Yes: The Unlikely Martyrdom of Cassie Bernall*** (2000) by Misty Bernall
Misty Bernall, mother of one of the teenagers killed at Columbine High School, tells the story of her daughter's life, describing how Cassie had started down a troubled path before dedicating her life to God, and sharing the details of how Cassie's affirmation of faith resulted in her death. AR Level: 6.6, Points 5.0
- ***The Hunger Games*** (2008) by Suzanne Collins (Boy)
Sixteen-year-old Katniss Everdeen accidentally becomes a contender in the annual Hunger Games, a grave competition hosted by the Capitol where young boys and girls are pitted against one another in a televised fight to the death. AR Level: 5.3, Points 15.0
- ***Someone Like You*** (1998) by Sarah Dessen (Girl)
Halley's junior year of high school includes the death of her best friend Scarlett's boyfriend, the discovery that Scarlett is pregnant, and Halley's own first serious relationship.
AR Level: 5.1, Points 10.0
- ***Battle of Jericho*** (2003) by Sharon Draper
A high school junior and his cousin suffer the ramifications of joining what seems to be a "reputable" school club. AR Level: 4.7, Points 10.0
- ***The Secret Life of Bees*** (2002) by Sue Monk Kidd
Fourteen-year-old Lily and her companion, Rosaleen, an African-American woman who has cared for Lily since her mother's death ten years earlier, flee their home after Rosaleen is victimized by racist police officers, and find a safe haven in Tiburon, South Carolina at the home of three beekeeping sisters, May, June, and August. AR Level: 5.7, Points 15.0