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SUMMER READING SUGGESTIONS 2011

This list is a sampling of some great books that may make your summer even more inspirational and enjoyable. We hope you have a wonderful summer break!

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FICTION

Moon Over Manifest by Clare Vanderpool (*2011 Newbery Medal*)

Twelve-year-old Abilene Tucker is the daughter of a drifter who, in the summer of 1936, sends her to stay with an old friend in Manifest, Kansas, where he grew up and where Abilene hopes to find out some things about her father's past.

***The Fourth Stall* by Chris Rylander**

Need something? Test answers, a hall pass, a doctor's note or a video game? Mac can get it for you. Just come to his office-the fourth stall from the high window in the East Wing boys' bathroom.

***The Amazing Maurice and his Educated Rodents* by Terry Pratchett**

A talking cat, intelligent rats, and a strange boy cooperate in a Pied Piper scam until they try to con the wrong town and are confronted by a deadly evil rat king.

***Killer Pizza : a Novel* by Greg Taylor**

While working as summer employees in a local pizza parlor, three teenagers are recruited by an underground organization of monster hunters.

***Million-dollar Throw* by Mike Lupica**

Eighth-grade star quarterback Nate Brodie's family is feeling the stress of the troubled economy, and Nate is frantic because his best friend Abby is going blind, so when he gets a chance to win a million dollars if he can complete a pass during the halftime of a New England Patriot's game, he is nearly overwhelmed by the pressure to succeed.

***Out of my Mind* by Sharon M. Draper**

Considered by many to be mentally retarded, a brilliant, impatient fifth-grader with cerebral palsy discovers a technological device that will allow her to speak for the first time.

***The Body Thief : the Death (and Further Adventures) of Silas Winterbottom* by Stephen M. Giles**

Lured to their sick Uncle Silas's home under the pretense of becoming heirs to his vast fortune, cousins Adele, Isabella, and Milo soon learn that the old man has a diabolical plan to prevent his own death.

***Death by Denim* by Linda C. Gerber**

Sixteen-year-old Aphra and her mother, a CIA agent, are hiding in France under new identities, but they must go on the run again when their location is discovered by a dangerous criminal.

***I am a Genius of Unspeakable Evil and I want to be your Class President* by Josh Lieb**

Twelve-year-old evil genius, Oliver, uses his great brain to become the third richest person in the world, and finds that overthrowing foreign dictators is easier than getting the kids in his middle school to vote him class president.

HISTORICAL FICTION

***Heart of a Samurai : Based on the True Story of Nakahama Manjiro* by Margi Preus**

In 1841, rescued by an American whaler after a terrible shipwreck leaves him and his four companions castaways on a remote island, fourteen-year-old Manjiro, who dreams of becoming a samurai, learns new laws and customs as he becomes the first Japanese person to set foot in the United States.

***Ninth Ward* by Jewell Parker Rhodes**

In New Orleans' Ninth Ward, twelve-year-old Laneshia, who can see spirits, and her adopted grandmother have no choice but to stay and weather the storm as Hurricane Katrina bears down upon them.

***Alchemy and Meggy Swann* by Karen Cushman**

Meggy Swann, a girl who walks with the aid of two sticks, arrives in Elizabethan London, along with her goose Louise, to stay with her father who really does not want her, and while he pursues his dream of transforming base metal into gold, Meggy undergoes a transformation herself.

FANTASY

Eon : Dragoneye Reborn by Alison Goodman

Eon hopes to become an apprentice to one of the twelve energy dragons of good fortune and learn to be its main interpreter, but to do so will require much, including keeping secret that she is a girl.

Cosmic by Frank Boyce Cottrell

Twelve-year-old Liam, who looks like he is thirty and is tired of being treated like he is older than he actually is, decides he is going to pose as the adult chaperone on the first spaceship to take civilians into space. When he ends up in outer space with a group of kids and no adult supervision, he must think fast to make things right.

13 Treasures by Michelle Harrison

Bedeveloped by evil fairies that only she can see, thirteen-year-old Tanya is sent to stay with her cold and distant grandmother at Elveden Manor, where she and the caretaker's son solve a disturbing mystery that leads them to the discovery that Tanya's life is in danger.

Agent Q, or, The smell of Danger! By M.T. Anderson

Great Scott! Sentient Lobsters? Furniture imitating spies? Teen friends Lily, Katie, and Jasper, are in dire straits once again. They are eager to get home to New Jersey but they are facing dangers at every turn while trying to leave the fantastical state of Delaware, which is ruled by His Terrifying Majesty, the Awful and Adorable Autarch of Dagsboro.

A Tale Dark and Grimm by Adam Gidwitz

Follows Hansel and Gretel as they walk out of their own story and into eight more tales, encountering such wicked creatures as witches, along with kindly strangers and other helpful folk. Based in part on the Grimm's' fairy tales Faithful Johannes, Hansel and Gretel, The Seven Ravens, Brother and Sister, the Robber Bridegroom and the Devil and His Three Golden Hairs.

NON-FICTION

***The Dark Game : True Spy Stories* by Paul B. Janeczko**

A collection of true spy stories from throughout the history of the United States, discussing personalities, missions, traitors, technological advances, and more.

Kakapo Rescue: Saving the World's Strangest Parrot by Sy Montgomery

Saving the World's Strangest Parrot – This book documents the successes and failures of a rescue effort in New Zealand dedicated to saving a species of flightless parrots numbering fewer than 100.

BIOGRAPHY

Slumgirl Dreaming : Rubina's Journey to the Stars by Rubina Ali

Nine-year-old Rubina Ali recounts her childhood in the slums of Mumbai and her rise to stardom after being chosen to act in the Oscar-winning film "Slumdog Millionaire."

Check it out at Leach Library!

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"So please, oh PLEASE, we beg, we pray, Go throw your TV set away, And in its place you can install, A lovely bookshelf on the wall" -Roald Dahl (Charlie and the Chocolate Factory)

Literacy Links

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<http://www.read.gov/kids>- Library of Congress Center for the Book

<http://www.justreadnow.com/family/index.htm> - Just Read Now!

