

Books				
Title	Author	Summary	Copyright	Lexile Level
<u>One Crazy Summer</u>	Rita Williams-Garcia	In the summer of 1968, after travelling from Brooklyn to Oakland, California, to spend a month with the mother they barely know, eleven-year-old Delphine and her two younger sisters arrive to a cold welcome only to discover their mother, a dedicated poet and printer, is resentful of their intrusion and wants to send them to Black Panther summer camp.	2011	750L
Inside Out and Back Again	Thanhha Lai	Through a series of poems, a young girl chronicles the life-changing year of 1975, when she, her mother, and her brothers leave Vietnam and resettle in Alabama.	2011	800L
Breadcrumbs	Anne Ursu	"Hazel and Jack are best friends until an accident with a magical mirror and a run-in with a villainous queen find Hazel on her own, entering an enchanted wood in the hopes of saving Jack's life" -- Provided by publisher.	2011	720L
<u>Moon Over Manifest</u>	Clare Vanderpool	Twelve-year-old Abilene Tucker is the daughter of a drifter who sends her to stay with an old friend in Manifest, Kansas, where he grew up. She hopes to learn of his past.	2010	800L
Bad News for Outlaws: The Remarkable Life of Bass Reeves...	Vanda Micheaux Nelson	This biography profiles the life of Bass Reeves, a former slave who was recruited as a deputy United States Marshal in the area that was to become Oklahoma.	2009	860L
Science Verse	<u>Jon Scieszka</u>	When the teacher tells his class that they can hear the poetry of science in everything, a student is struck with a curse and begins hearing nothing but science verses that sound very much like some well-known poems.	2004	poems vary in level
<u>Wonderstruck</u>	Brian Selznick	Twelve-year-old Ben leaves his Minnesota home in 1977 to seek the father he never knew in New York City, and meets Rose.	2011	830L

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Hound Dog True	Linda Urban	Mattie, a shy fifth-grader, wants to hide out at her new school by acting as apprentice to her Uncle Potluck, the custodian, but her plan falls apart when she summons the courage to speak about what matters most and finds a true friend.	2011	710L
Crandall's Castle	Betty Ren Wright	Charli's impulsive uncle, Will Crandall, decides to buy the town's abandoned, possibly haunted castle and fix it up as a bed-and-breakfast, but Charli and Sophia, a clairvoyant orphan who has come to stay with the Crandall family, know his plan is somehow dangerous.	2009	670L
Eggs	Jerry Spinelli	Mourning the loss of his mother, nine-year-old David forms an unlikely friendship with independent, quirky thirteen-year-old Primrose, as the two help each other deal with what is missing in their lives.	2007	610L
Eleven	Patricia Reilly Giff	When Sam, who can barely read, discovers an old newspaper clipping just before his eleventh birthday, it brings forth memories from his past, and, with the help of a new friend at school and the castle they are building for a school project, his questions are eventually answered.	2008	600L
Aliens on Vacation	Clete Barrett Smith	Unhappy at being sent to stay with his grandmother at the inn she operates, The Intergalactic Bed & Breakfast, Scrub discovers that each room is actually a portal to space and the inn's visitors are aliens who are vacationing on Earth.	2011	770L

Popular Series				
Title	Author	Summary	Copyright	Lexile Range
<u>Squish</u>	Jennifer L. Holm and Matthew Holm	Squish, a meek amoeba who loves the comic book exploits of his favorite hero, "Super Amoeba," tries to emulate him when his best friend is threatened by a bully.	2011	GN 230-290L
<u>The Brixton Brothers</u>	Mac Barnett	When twelve-year-old Steve Brixton, a fan of Bailey Brothers detective novels, is mistaken for a real detective, he must elude librarians, police, and the mysterious Mr. E as he seeks a missing quilt containing coded information.	2010 – 2012	590-690L
Clementine	<u>Sara Pennypacker</u>	While sorting through difficulties in her friendship with her neighbor Margaret, eight-year-old Clementine gains several unique hairstyles while also helping her father in his efforts to banish pigeons from the front of their apartment building.	2008 – 2012	600-790L
<u>The 39 Clues</u>	Various authors	The 39 Clues are an adventure series told by many of today's most popular writers with clues in each book as well as additional clues online.	2008 – 2012	550-730L
<u>Lunch Lady</u>	<u>Jarrett J. Krosoczka</u>	A super hero lunch lady takes on the dangerous villains of the school and keeps the children safe.	2009 – 2012	GN 280-390L
<u>N.E.R.D.S.</u>	Michael Buckley	Running a spy network from their elementary school, five unpopular misfits fight evil around the world using cutting-edge gadgetry.	2010 – 2012	720-780L
<u>"I Survived..." Series</u>	Lauren Tarshis	These stories take readers through some of history's most well known tragedies as they follow fictional characters on the road to survival.	2007 – 2012	590-620L



Summer Reads for **Intermediate Elementary** Students
 Recommended books for students entering **Third through Fifth Grades.**

<i>Favorite Authors</i>			
<u>Linda Urban</u>	<u>Jeff Kinney</u>	<u>Dav Pilkey</u>	<u>Jon Scieszka</u>
<u>Jennifer L. Holm</u>	<u>Rick Riordan</u>	<u>Mary Downing Hahn</u>	<u>Margaret Peterson Haddix</u>
<u>Mike Lupica</u>	<u>Gordan Korman</u>	<u>Brian Selznick</u>	

<i>Favorite Websites</i>	
<u>San Antonio Public Library</u> – the public library hosts events all summer long and has numerous books for teens.	http://www.mysapl.org/
<u>Harper Collins Children’s Publishers</u> – interactive games, reading guides, activities for kids, parents, teachers, and librarians.	http://www.harpercollinschildrens.com/
<u>Penguin Books for Young Readers</u> – games, videos, and reading activities for kids, parents, teachers, and librarians.	http://us.penguinroup.com/static/pages/youngreaders/children/index.html
<u>Kids@Random</u> – A division of Random House with links to books, games, and activities.	http://www.randomhouse.com/kids/index.pperl
<u>Scholastic</u> – reading activities and links to many resources for children, teachers, parents, and librarians.	http://www.scholastic.com/home
<u>Guys Read</u> – books, magazines, and other information organized by guys for guys about guy stuff and things guys like.	http://www.guysread.com/