

## 2011-2012 GSF Reading List

### THE ADVENTURES OF NANNY PIGGINS

RA Spratt Humorous, Fantasy  
When Mr. Green, a stingy widower with three children he cannot be bothered with, decides to find a nanny for his children, he winds up hiring a glamorous ex-circus pig who knows nothing about children but a lot about chocolate. 880 Lexile

### AFTER ALL, YOU'RE CALLIE BOONE

Winnie Mack Sports, Realistic  
A new boy in town turns Callie Boone's world upside-down, and suddenly diving practice and an Olympic dream become not as important to Callie. 800 Lexile

### BIG NATE IN A CLASS BY HIMSELF

Lincoln Peirce Realistic, Humorous  
Supremely confident middle school student Nate Wright manages to make getting detention from every one of his teachers in the same day seem like an achievement. 500 Lexile

### COSMIC

Frank Cottrell Boyce Science fiction  
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. 670 Lexile

### THE CROWFIELD CURSE

Pat Walsh Historical, Fantasy  
In 1347, orphaned William Paynel, a poor servant at Crowfield Abbey, goes into the forest to gather wood and finds a magical creature caught in a trap. He discovers he has the ability to see magical creatures and becomes embroiled in a strange mystery involving Old Magic, a bitter feud, and ancient secrets. 840 Lexile

### DREAM OF NIGHT

Heather Henson Animal Story, Realistic  
Shiloh, a troubled foster child, *Dream of Night*, an abused former racehorse, and their caretaker Jess, a woman who knows how it feels to have loved and lost, find healing by helping one another through their pain. 470 Lexile

### EMILY'S FORTUNE

Phyllis Reynolds Naylor Historical, Adventure  
While traveling to her aunt's home in Redbud by train and stagecoach, quiet young Emily and her turtle, Rufus, team up with Jackson, fellow orphan and troublemaker extraordinaire, to outsmart mean Uncle Victor, who is after Emily's inheritance. 840 Lexile

### THE FANTASTIC SECRET OF OWEN JESTER

Barbara O'Connor Adventure, Humorous  
After Owen captures an enormous bullfrog, names it Tooley Graham, then has to release it, he and two friends try to use a small submarine that fell from a passing train to search for Tooley in the Carter, Georgia, pond it came from, while avoiding nosy neighbor Viola. 770 Lexile

### THE FAST AND THE FURRIEST

Andy Behrens Humorous, Animal Story  
The overweight and not athletic son of a famous former football star discovers that his equally fat and lazy dog is unexpectedly--and obsessively--interested in competing in dog agility contests.

### FROZEN IN TIME

Ali Sparkes Science fiction  
In England, thirteen-year-old Ben and his twelve-year-old sister Rachel find two children who have been cryogenically frozen in a bomb shelter since 1956, and must prevent them from being discovered while helping them adjust to modern life. 770 Lexile

### GHOST DOG SECRETS

Peg Kehret Ghost story, Animal Story  
Sixth-grader Rusty, determined to help an injured dog that is chained outdoors in frigid weather, calls animal control then takes matters into his own hands, aided by his best friend and a ghost collie that leads Rusty to an even deeper secret. 730 Lexile

### GUINEA DOG

Patrick Jennings Animal Story, Humorous  
When his mother brings home a guinea pig instead of the dog he has always wanted, fifth-grader Rufus is not happy--until it starts acting exactly like a dog. 600 Lexile

### HIDE AND SEEK

Katy Grant Adventure  
In the remote mountains of Arizona where he lives with his mother, stepfather, and two sisters, Chase discovers two kidnapped boys and gets caught up in a dangerous adventure when he comes up with a plan to rescue them. 700 Lexile

### MAGIC BELOW STAIRS

Caroline Stevermer Fantasy  
Ten-year-old Frederick, who is surreptitiously watched over by a household elf, is plucked from a London orphanage to be a servant to a wealthy wizard. 720 Lexile

### MASTERS OF DISASTER

Gary Paulsen Realistic fiction  
Henry Mosely, having decided his life is boring, ropes his friends Riley and Reed into a series of hair-raising adventures, including trying to break world records, visiting a haunted house, and solving a century-old murder. 1100 Lexile

### MUSEUM OF THIEVES

Lian Tanner Adventure, Fantasy  
Goldie escapes the oppressive city of Jewel, where children are required to wear guardchains for their protection. She finds refuge in the extraordinary Museum of Dunt where she discovers a useful talent for thievery and mysterious secrets that threaten her city and everyone she loves. 640 Lexile

### ON THE BLUE COMET

Rosemary Wells Historical, Fantasy  
When the Depression hits in Cairo, Illinois, and Oscar's father must sell their home and vast model train set-up to look for work in California, eleven-year-old Oscar is left with his aunt. There he befriends a mysterious drifter, witnesses a stunning bank robbery, and is suddenly catapulted onto a train that takes him to a different time and place. 730 Lexile

### OUT OF MY MIND

Sharon Draper Realistic Fiction  
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. 700 Lexile

### SAVING SKY

Diane Stanley  
Sky Brightman, living happily off the grid on sixty acres in New Mexico, with no television or Internet to bring her news of the war going on in the United States, is forced to face reality when her friend Kareem is unjustly arrested. 620 Lexile

### SAVING ZASHA

Randi Barrow  
Historical, Animal story  
In 1945 Russia, those who own German shepherds are considered traitors, but thirteen-year-old Mikhail and his family are determined to keep the dog a dying man brought them, while his classmate Katia strives to learn his secret. 670 Lexile

### THE SHADOWS

Jacqueline West  
Adventure, Fantasy  
When eleven-year-old Olive and her distracted parents move into an old Victorian mansion, Olive finds herself caught in a dark plan involving mysterious paintings, a trapped and angry nine-year-old boy, and three talking cats.

### THE STRANGE CASE OF ORIGAMI YODA

Tom Angleberger  
Humorous  
Sixth-grader Tommy and his friends describe their interactions with a paper finger puppet of Yoda, worn by their weird classmate Dwight, as they try to figure out whether or not the puppet can really predict the future. Lexile 760

### SUGAR AND ICE

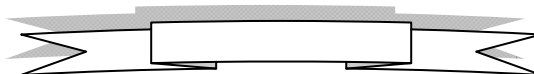
Kate Messner  
Realistic, Sports  
Claire, a farm girl, accepts a scholarship from Russian ice skating coach Andrei Grosheva to train with the elite in Lake Placid, and encounters a world of mean girls on ice, where competition is everything.

### A TALE DARK & GRIMM

Adam Gidwitz  
Fantasy, Adventure  
Follow Hansel and Gretel as they walk out of their own story and into eight more tales, encountering wicked creatures, along with kindly strangers and other helpful folk. Based in part on Grimm folktales. Lexile 690

### WE THE CHILDREN

Andrew Clements  
Mystery, Adventure  
Ben and his friend Jill find themselves in danger when they discover the secret history of their Massachusetts school and set out to derail a developer's plan to level the building to make way for an amusement park.

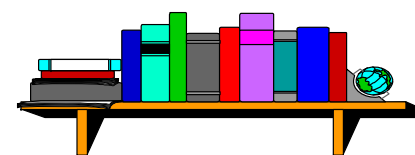


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### Past Winners

2011 Murder at Midnight  
2010 Swindle  
2009 Diary of a Wimpy Kid  
2008 Rules  
2007 The Ghost's Grave  
2006 The Legend of Spud Murphy  
2005 City of Ember  
2004 Loser  
2003 Love That Dog  
2002 Because of Winn-Dixie  
2001 Among the Hidden  
2000 Harry Potter & the Sorcerer's Stone  
1999 101 Ways To Bug Your Parents  
1998 Frindle  
1997 Math Curse  
1996 The Giver  
1995 Junie B Jones & the Stupid Smelly Bus  
1994 Jeremy Thatcher Dragon Hatcher  
1993 Shiloh  
1992 Number the Stars  
1991 Secret of the Indian  
1990 Matilda

Avi  
Gordon Korman  
Jeff Kinney  
Cynthia Lord  
Peg Kehret  
Eoin Colfer  
Jeanne DuPrau  
Jerry Spinelli  
Sharon Creech  
Kate DiCamillo  
Margaret Haddix  
JK Rowling  
Lee Wardlaw  
Andrew Clements  
Jon Scieszka  
Lois Lowry  
Barbara Park  
Bruce Coville  
Phyllis R. Naylor  
Lois Lowry  
Lynne Reid Banks  
Roald Dahl



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