

2011 PARKWAY SUMMER READING LIST STUDENTS ENTERING GRADES 6 - 9

Before entering each grade, a Parkway student is encouraged to read at least four of the books listed below. Feel free to substitute other titles by the recommended authors. For annotations describing each title, go online to PANDA (Parkway Libraries) at <http://panda.pkwy.k12.mo.us>, choose your school, and then click on *Parkway Summer Reading List*.

Before Entering 6th Grade

Blackwood: *The Shakespeare Stealer* c1998 216 p. adventure/mystery
Broach: *Shakespeare's Secret* c2005 250 p. mystery
Carbone: *Stealing Freedom* c1998 258 p. historical fiction
Creech: *The Wanderer* c2000 305 p. adventure
Cushman: *The Ballad of Lucy Whipple* c1996 196 p. historical fiction
Di Camillo: *The Tale of Despereaux: Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup, and a Spool of Thread* c2003 276 p. fantasy
Funke: *Inkheart* c2003 534 p. fantasy
Giff: *Nory Ryan's Song* c2000 148 p. historical fiction
Golding: *The Secret Within* c2002 240 p. contemporary realistic, child abuse (not sexual)
Haddix: *Double Identity* c2005 218 p. mystery
Hesse: *Music of the Dolphins* c1996 181 p. realistic fiction
Holm: *Penny from Heaven* c2006 224 p. historical fiction *Newbery honor winner*
Isaacs: *Torn Thread* c2000 188 p. historical fiction
Kehret: *Abduction!* c2004 215 p. adventure/contemporary realistic fiction
Levine: *Hana's Suitcase: A True Story* c2002 111 p. biography
Paratore: *The Wedding Planner's Daughter* c2005 208 p. humor/romance
Ryan: *Esperanza Rising* c2000 262 p. historical fiction/diversity
Selznick: *The Invention of Hugo Cabret: A Novel in Words and Pictures* c2007 544 p. adventure/mystery
2008 Caldecott Medal Winner
Smith: *Peak* c2005 256 p. adventure/coming-of-age
Whelan: *Angel on the Square* c2001 293 p. historical fiction

Before Entering 7th Grade

Anderson: *Fever, 1793* c2000 251 p. historical fiction
Avi: *Crispin: The Cross of Lead* c2004 256 p. historical fiction
Bradley: *For Freedom: the Story of a French Spy* c2003 181 p. historical fiction
Caputo: *10,000 days of Thunder: A History of the Vietnam War* c2005 128 p.
Carson: *Gifted Hands: the Story of Ben Carson* c1990 230 p. autobiography
Colfer: *Airman* c2008 416 p. adventure/fantasy
DuPrau: *The City of Ember* c2003 270 p. fantasy
Funke: *The Thief Lord* c2001 349 p. adventure fantasy
Haddix: *Among the Hidden* c1998 153 p. science fiction/adventure
Hiaasen: *Hoot* c2002 227 p. mystery/environmental issue
Hobbs: *Jackie's Wild Seattle* c2003 200 p. adventure
Horowitz: *Alex Rider Adventures* series
Lobel: *No Pretty Pictures: A Child of War* c1998 193 p. autobiography
Riordan: *The Lightning Thief* c2005 384 p. fantasy
Roberts: *Undercurrents* c2002 232 p. mystery
Sachar: *Holes* c1998 233 p. adventure
Smith: *Cryptid Hunters* c2005 348 p. adventure/mystery
Weeks: *So B. It: A Novel* c2005 245 p. contemporary realistic fiction/diversity
Whelan: *Burying the Sun* c2004 205 p. historical fiction/diversity
Woodson: *Hush* c2002 181 p. contemporary realistic fiction/diversity

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Before Entering 8th Grade

- Bartoletti: *Hitler Youth: Growing Up in Hitler's Shadow* c2005 176 p. nonfiction
Beals: *Warriors Don't Cry: A Seering Memoir of the Battle to Integrate Little Rock's Central High* c1994 226 p. nonfiction
Cummings: *Red Kayak* c2004 209 p. contemporary realistic fiction
Forbes: *Johnny Tremain* c1943 256 p. historical fiction/classic
Friend: *Perfect* c2004 172 p. contemporary realistic fiction
Giblin: *Good Brother, Bad Brother: The Story of Edwin Booth and John Wilkes Booth* c2005 244 p. biography
Haddix: *Uprising* c2007 357 p. historical fiction
Jackson: *I Have Lived a Thousand Years: Growing Up in the Holocaust* c1997 234 p. nonfiction
McWhorter: *A Dream of Freedom: the Civil Rights Movement from 1954 to 1968* c2004 160 p. nonfiction
Oppel: *Airborn* c2004 368 p. mystery
Paolini: *Eragon* c2003 523 p. fantasy
Park: *When My Name was Keoko* c2002 199 p. historical fiction
Patent: *The Buffalo and the Indians: A Shared Destiny* c2006 93 p. nonfiction
Peck: *The River Between Us* c2003 164 p. historical fiction/diversity
Perkins: *The Not-So-Star-Spangled Life of Sunita Sen* (Original Title: *The Sunita Experiment*) c1993 192 p. diversity
Rinaldi: *A Break with Charity: a Story about the Salem Witch Trials* c1992 257 p. historical fiction
Spinelli: *Stargirl* c2000 176 p. contemporary realistic fiction
Stevenson: *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* classic
White: *Surviving Antarctica: Reality TV 2083* c2005 327 p. science fiction

Before Entering 9th Grade

- Adams: *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* c1980 216p. humor/science fiction
Anaya: *Bless Me, Ultima* c1972 262p. diversity/fiction
Anderson, Laurie Halse: *Speak* c1999 197p. emotional problems/fiction
Blackwood: *The Year of the Hangman* c2002 261p. historical fiction/American Revolution
Covey: *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens* c1998 268p. nonfiction
Cox: *Swimming to Antarctica* c2004 384 p. nonfiction/memoir
Dessen: *The Truth about Forever* c2004 382p. grief/fiction
Dickens: *Oliver Twist* c1867 classic
Dumas: *The Count of Monte Cristo* c1846 French historical fiction
Farmer: *The House of the Scorpion* c2002 380p. science fiction
Grimes: *Dark Sons* c2005 216p. Africa-American fiction
Halberstam: *Firehouse* c2002 201p. nonfiction/biography
Johnson: *The First Part Last* c2003 144p. African-American fiction
Krakauer: *Into Thin Air: a Personal Account of the Mount Everest Disaster* c1998 333p. nonfiction/survival
Lord: *A Night to Remember* c1955 209p. nonfiction
McKinley: *Beauty: a Retelling of the Story of Beauty and the Beast* c1978 247p. romance/folklore
Murdock: *Dairy Queen* c2006 274p. fiction/farm life
Murray: *Bottled Up* c2003 224p. realistic fiction
Nolan: *Dancing on the Edge* c2007 244p. fiction
Nye: *19 Varieties of Gazelle: Poems of the Middle East* c2002 160p. poetry
Oates: *Freaky Green Eyes* c2003 341p. teenage girls/realistic fiction
Peck: *The Teacher's Funeral* c2004 190p. teenage boys/humorous fiction
Philbrick: *In the Heart of the Sea: the Tragedy of the Whaleship Essex* c2000 302p. nonfiction/survival
Schaap: *Triumph: The Untold Story of Jesse Owens and Hitler's Olympics* c 2007 272 p. nonfiction/sports biography
Tolkien: Lord of the Rings trilogy c1954 classic/fantasy
Uchida: *Desert Exile: the Uprooting of a Japanese-American Family* c1982 154p. autobiography/survival
Woodson: *Behind You* c2004 118p. African American fiction