

READING FORUM/LITERATURE CIRCLE

CHAPTER BOOK DESCRIPTIONS

NOTE: LP = Literacy Place suggested reading
(TG) – Teacher's Guide Available
(V) – Video Available

Aardema - Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears - (1983) 25 copies (TG) (Caldecott Medal) RL 3.2
This is a folk tale from West Africa. A winner of the Caldecott Medal. Beautifully illustrated.

Adams – Watership Down 25 copies RL 7.6
A remarkable tale of exile and survival, of heroism and leadership...the epic novel of a group of adventurers who desert their doomed city, and venture for the "against all odds" on a quest for a new home, a sturdier future.

Aiken, Joan - The Wolves of Willoughby Chase - (1982) 20 copies RL 6.8
Wicked wolves without and a grim governess within the great English country house of Willoughby Chase prove sore trials to brave and resourceful Bonnie, her cousin Sylvia and their faithful friend, Simon. Little did the girls dream, when Bonnie's parents left them in the care of the terrible Miss Slighcarp, what the future would hold.

Ames - Anna to the Infinite Power - (1991) 24 copies
Anna had always been different from other people. She never suspected she was part of a grand master plan that would take away her whole identity.

Atwater – Mr. Popper's Penguins – 25 copies (TG) RL 6 LP
Mr. Popper trains his band of penguins to star in a Vaudeville tour.

Austen - Pride and Prejudice - (1992) 25 copies RL 11.0
A classic story about eighteen-century England.

Babbitt - Tuck Everlasting - (1987) 23 copies TG RL 6.3 LP
Doomed to, or blessed with, eternal life after drinking from a magic spring, the Tuck family wanders about trying to live as inconspicuously and comfortably as they can.

Baker - Where the Buffaloes Begin (1991) 25 copies RL 4
Little Wolf goes to the fabled lake where buffaloes rise up out of the mist.

Banks - Indian In the Cupboard - (1991) 21 copies (TG) RL 6
A young boy discovers that his magic cupboard and key can turn toys into live people and animals. "The best children's book of the year".

Banks - Mystery of the Cupboard, (1993) 25 copies RL 6.1
When Omri put away the cupboard and the miniature figures he has brought to life in The Secret of the Indian, he vowed it would be forever. But now Omri has discovered an old journal written by his "wicked" great-great-aunt that reveals the secret of the cupboard and its magic--a secret so powerful he must break his promise to himself and open the magic cupboard once more.

Banks - Return of the Indian -(1991) 22 copies RL 5.3
In this sequel to Indian In The Cupboard, Omri brings Little Bear to life again and begins a spellbinding adventure.

Banks - Secret of the Indian - 23 copies RL 5
In this third book about Omri and his magic cupboard, Omri and his friend Patrick must risk grownups discovering their secret.

Barrie, James - Peter Pan - 20 copies RL 7.7

When Peter Pan, that madcap boy who never grew up, lost his shadow and returned to the Darling home to find it, the Darling children woke and saw the little fellow. That was the beginning, for then Peter told them about his home with the lost children in the trunks of trees, and tried to persuade Wendy to be the lost children's mother.

Bauer - On My Honor- (1988) 28 copies (TG) RL 5.3

During a bicycle trip to the park, Joel's best friend Tony dares him to a swimming race in the dangerous Vermillion River. A gripping, compassionate portrayal of a boy's struggle with conscience.

Baum, L. Frank - The Wonderful Wizard of Oz 25 copies RL 8.1

A cyclone hits and Dorothy and her dog Toto are whisked away from the flat plains of Kansas to the colorful and exciting land of Oz. Dorothy is joined by interesting companions and journey along the yellow brick road.

Beatty - Charley Skedaddle (1988) 25 copies RL 5

One of the Bowery Boys, Charley joins the Union Army as a drummer boy. Circumstances cause Charley to run away and head to the Blue Ridge Mountains where he finds out that he is not the courage he thought himself to be.

Bennett, Anna - Little Witch 25 copies

Anyone who ever longed to cast a spell or experiment with a magic kettle will delight in the wonderful story of Minx and how her dearest wish came true.

Bishop, Claire – Twenty and Ten 25 copies RL 4.0 **LP**

Twenty school children hide ten Jewish children from the Nazis during the occupation of France during WW II.

Blume - Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret -24 copies RL 5

Margaret Simon is eleven going on twelve when her family moves to New Jersey. Adjustment to life in the suburbs, a new school and new friends is not easy for Margaret.

Blume, Judy - Fudge-A-Mania 26 copies RL 5.2

Peter's parent have decided to rent a summer house next door to Tubman's which means Peter will be stuck with Fudge and Shelia, the Cootie Queen.

Blume, Judy - Superfudge - (1988) 27 copies (TG) RL 4

Nothing is simple for 12 year old Peter Hatcher and nothing drives him up the wall quicker than the off-the-wall antics of his little brother, known as Fudge.

Blume - Tales of a 4th Grade Nothing - (1990) 25 copies (TG) RL 3.0 **LP**

Peter has a terrible problem, his little brother Fudge who is two years old. These tales of confrontation with Fudge will bring laughter from the readers

Bond, Michael - A Bear Called Paddington – RL 4.5 24 copies

Mr. & Mrs. Brown first met Paddington from Darkest Peru on a railroad platform in London. A sign hanging around his neck said, "Please look after this bear, thank-you."

Bonham - Durango Street - (1991) 23 copies RL 5.9

Hard hitting story of ghetto life. Rufus Henry, fresh out of reform school, fights his way like a cornered animal.

Brink, Carol - Caddie Woodlawn - 24 copies (1989) TG RL 5.6

Recollections of the author's grandmother in this Wisconsin story of the 1800's. Depicts the lives of the people who opened up the Midwestern frontier.

Brink - The Bad Times of Irma Baumlein - 20 copies (1989)

Irma tries to impress a classmate by claiming to have the biggest doll in the world, and soon finds that one fib leads to another and another.

Bronte, Emily - Wuthering Heights - 25 copies RL 9

Wuthering Heights is perhaps the most tempestuous love story, and Catherine Earnshaw and Heathcliff the most star-crossed lovers, in all of English literature. Their story begins when Heathcliff, a half-starved Liverpool waif, is brought into Cathy's home by her father. The tender attachment that binds them in childhood increases over the years. Wuthering Heights reaches a power of expression unique in romantic literature.

Buck, Pearl S. - The Big Wave - 27 copies LP RL 4.8

A Japanese boy learns the joys of living after surviving a tragic tidal wave that destroys his family and village.

Bulla, Clyde Robert - Shoeshine Girl - 30 copies RL 3

Determined to earn some money, ten-year old Sarah Ida gets a job at a shoeshine stand and learns a great many things besides shining shoes.

Bulla, Clyde Robert - Chalk Box Kid - 25 copies RL 2.7

Nine-year-old Gregory's house does not have room for a garden, so he creates one in a surprising place.

Burch - Ida Early Comes Over the Mountain - 25 copies RL 4

Tough times in rural Georgia during the Depression take a lively turn when spirited Ida Early arrives to keep house for the Suttons.

Burnford - Incredible Journey - 25 copies RL 8.5

Migration of three house pets through wilderness to find their family.

Butterworth, Oliver - The Enormous Egg - 29 copies RL 5.7

Twelve-year old Nage Twitchell's hen lays an egg the size of a melon and the creature that makes world news.

Byars - Midnight Fox - (1992) 26 copies RL 4 LP

Tom, a city boy forced to spend the summer on his aunt's farm, can't stand animals-until he learns to love a black fox.

Byars, Betsy - The Cybil War - (1983) 25 copies RL 4 LP

When Cybil Ackerman crosses her eyes at Simon for the first time, he knows he's in love. The battle over Cybil begins when Simon's best friend, Tony decides he is, too.

Byars, Betsy - The 18th Emergency - (1982) 25 copies RL 4

Mouse's fate was sealed the day he drew an arrow to the Neanderthal Man on the chart at school and wrote under it, "Mary Hammerman." Neither Mouse or his friend Ezzie knew just why he had done it, they only knew that nothing could save him from that bully Hammerman. In this suspenseful and compelling story both Mouse and Hammerman learn about revenge, heroism, and honor.

Byars, Betsy - The Night Swimmers - (1984) 25 copies RL 4.3

A young girl tries to manage her two brothers while their widowed singer, songwriter father works nights and dreams of becoming a country western star.

Byars, Betsy - The Pinballs - (1983) 25 copies TG RL 4.2

The three were like pinballs, with no control over where they settle. Through friendship with each other and understanding foster parents they begin to realize that they can make choices.

Byars - Summer of the Swans - 26 copies (1988) (TG) RL 5.2 LP

The orange sneakers were typical of her mood. One minute Sara was fond of them, the next she detested them. The elation of one moment would give way to tears the next, with no warning, for no reason.

Byars, Betsy - The TV Kid - 22 copies (1988) RL 5.0

TV is Lennie's only escape from life until he's jolted into reality by a snake bite.

Byars, Betsy - Trouble River (1989) 25 copies RL 5

When he builds a raft, a twelve-year old boy never dreams that it will serve as the sole means of escape for him and his grandmother when hostile Indians threaten their prairie cabin.

Calhoun - Depend on Katie John - 25 copies

To make ends meet, Katie's family rents out spare rooms to a wild assortment of boarders.

Calhoun, Mary - Katie John 25 copies RL 5.6

Katie John groaned. It was nothing but an ugly old red-brick house, squatting in the sunlight and she had to give in it for the whole summer. She had to give up camp and leave all her friends to come to Missouri. Katie John met Sue Halsey, a girl from down the street, who told her that the house was haunted. Little by little, the old house becomes a very special house for Katie John, in this lively and humorous story for pre-teen-age readers.

Chrisman, Arthur Bowie - Shen of the Sea (1968) 26 copies

Enter a world of dragons, magicians, and other wondrous creatures in this delightful collection of Chinese folk tales. Arthur Chrisman's light-hearted retellings of ancient myths and legends will have both young and old laughing aloud, even as they discover Chinese wisdom and culture.

Christopher, John - The White Mountains - 19 copies RL 7.2

The strength of this book's grip is less in its elements of fantasy than in its elements of reality, less in the horror of the Tripods than in the normality of Will, Henry and Jean-Paul. Their flight through a strange world 100 years from now will remind readers of that greatest of all boyhood flight through a stranger world 100 years ago, down the Mississippi with Huck Finn.

Clark, Ann Nolan - Secret of the Andes - 20 copies RL 5.5

The story of an Inca boy (Cusi) who lives in a hidden valley high in the mountains of Peru with old Chuto the llama herder. Unknown to Cusi, he is of the royal blood and is the "chosen one". Awarded the Newberry Medal

Cleary - Dear Mr. Henshaw - (1986) 26 copies (TG) RL 4.0 **LP**

Leigh Botts writes letters to his favorite author asking for information and describing his own life since his parents got divorced.

Cleary - Muggie Maggie - (1990) 25 copies RL 4.5 **LP**

Maggie resists learning cursive writing in the third grade, until she discovers that knowing how to read and write cursive promises to open up an entirely new world of knowledge for her.

Cleary - The Mouse and the Motorcycle (1982) 22 copies (TG) RL 4.4

When Keith and his parents step into room 215 of the Mountain View Inn, they don't know they are being watched. But a mouse named Ralph is studying them from a knothole near the floor. And as soon as Ralph spots Keith's toy motorcycle, he knows he will have to investigate. That motorcycle seems to be the perfect size for a daring young mouse to ride!

Cleary, Beverly - Ramona and Her Father - 27 copies RL 4.1

Ramona tries to cheer up the family after father loses his job, but every idea seemed to cause more trouble. But when her father told her he wouldn't trade her for a million dollars, Ramona knew everything would be OK. **LP**

Cleary - Ramona and Her Mother - (1986) 25 copies RL 6.4 **LP**

Now that her daddy has a job, Ramona hopes that her mother will stop working. But life at the Quimby household is not going to be as it was. Ramona's mother will keep her job. Still, she'll never be too busy to pay attention to Ramona...will she?

Cleary - Runaway Ralph - (1992) 25 copies RL 6

Wanting excitement, the cycling mouse runs away from home on his shiny red motorcycle.

Cleary - Socks - (1989) 28 copies (TG) RL 4.2

Life at Mr. & Mrs. Bricker's house is great fun for Socks the cat. He's petted, pampered, and loved. Then the Bricker's bring home a new baby, and Socks isn't the center of attention anymore. In fact, it isn't long until he's banished from the house to the backyard. A very unfair punishment, in Sock's eyes.

Cleaver - Where the Lilies Bloom - 19 copies (1988) (TG) RL 7.4

Mary Call is an irrepresible 14 year old who has what it takes to get along in this world. Mary Call vows to hold her orphaned family together, and to keep her dreamy sister from marrying a "villain."

Clifton - The Lucky Stone - 30 copies RL 3.8

Young Tee loved to hear the stories of good luck that accompany her grandmother's lucky stone, but she needs some good luck herself, and the stone doesn't belong to her.

Cormier, Robert - I Am The Cheese - 21 copies (TG) RL 8.5

The odyssey of a boy on a quest, at one an arduous journey by bicycle to find his father and a desperate journey through the mysteries of the mind to unlock a past that must not be remembered if he is to survive.

Crane, Stephen - The Red Badge of Courage - (1984) 17 copies (Teacher Guide) RL 7.6

Meet Henry Fleming, whose romantic notion of war have just been shattered by his first experience in battle. Follow Henry to maturity, insight and real courage.

Dadey - Cupid Doesn't Flip Hamburgers - 25 copies RL 2.8

There are some pretty weird grown-ups living in Bailey City. But could the new cook in the school cafeteria really be Cupid cooking up love potions for lunches?

Dadey - Vampires Don't Wear Polka Dots - 25 copies RL 2.7

The rowdy third grade class at Bailey Elementary is given a new teacher - the formidable Mrs. Jeepers. But could the new third grade teacher from the Transylvanian Alps really be a vampire? The Bailey School Kids are going to find out!

Dahl - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory - 25 copies (TG) RL 6.7

The gates of Mr. Willy Wonka's famous chocolate factory are opening at last and only five children will be allowed inside. A humorous tale.

Dahl - Danny, the Champion of the World (1986) 19 copies RL 6

The hilarious adventures of Danny and the best dad a boy ever had.

Dahl, Ronald - Fantastic Mr. Fox - 25 copies (TG) RL 2.9

Concerning the extraordinary adventures of three nasty farmers, two curious creatures, a family of foxes and our hero.

Dahl, Ronald, Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator, 25 copies RL 5.8

Charlie's back!! in the further adventures of the bucket brigade and Mr. Willy Wonka, chocolate-maker extraordinaire.

Dahl, Ronald - James and the Giant Peach - (1986) 25 copies (Teacher Guide) RL 7.1 **LP**

Unhappy about living with his aunt, James receives some mysterious, magic seeds that unexpectedly transform his life, into a charming, poetic fantasy.

Dagleish - Courage of Sarah Noble(1988) 19 copies (TG) RL4.2

The story of eight-year-old Sarah Noble who accompanied her father into the wilderness of Connecticut in 1707.

Dana - Zucchini 23 copies RL 4.8

Zucchini, a ferret, escapes from the zoo and after riding the subway across town, meets Billy, a shy boy, and their friendship begins.

Davidson - Louis Braille: The Boy Who Invented Books for the Blind - (1992) 24 copies RL 3
A biography.

Davidson - Helen Keller - (1983) 25 copies RL 4
How does a blind boy or girl read a book? Helen Keller first learned to read by feeling raised letters with her finger tips. Later she learned the special raised dot alphabet called brail. She could read books faster with her fingers than you can read with your eyes/

DeAngeli - A Door In the Wall - (1992) 25 copies Newberry Medal RL 7.0
Unusually beautiful illustrations, full of authentic detail, combine with the text to make life in England during the Middle Ages come alive.

DeJong, Meindert - Along Came a Dog - 1982 20 copies RL 5.7
After the big ice storm the little red hen began to act differently. The same day a big black dog came to the farm in search of a home. The hen was cocky and secure. The dog was humble and lonesome. A strange and wonderful friendship grew between them.

Drexler - Black Beauty - (1984) 20 copies RL 3.7
Moving adaptation of the classic tale about a wise and courageous horse who suffers many unpredictable changes.

Eager, Edward - Half Magic - (1989) 19 copies RL 6.3
An ordinary summer becomes an extraordinary adventure when four young children, who have been reading the magic books of E. Nesbit, stumble on a magical world of their own. It all begins when Jane finds a coin that turns out to be an ancient talisman. In no time at all, strange things begin to happen, and soon the children discover that the coin will grant them half a wish.

Eckert, Allan W. - Incident at Hawk's Hill 20 copies RL 7.5
Ben was six. He had difficulty communicating with adults, and seemed to find a deeper understanding with animals. Then one day when he wandered from the farm and was caught in a storm he found himself in a badger's burrow. Out of his confrontation with a badger that has lost her mate and new litter comes a strangely moving story which will touch readers for generations to come.

Enright, Elizabeth - Gone Away Lake - 20 copies RL 7.0
The first discovery that Julian and his cousin Portia made in the woods around their new summer home was the great rock with the Latin inscription: "Lapis Philosophorum, Tarquin et Pindar, 15 July 1891."
The second was the swampy expanse that had once been a lake and was bordered by old and formerly elegant summer houses. The third and by far the best discovery, was that two fascinating people lived in these apparently deserted houses.

Erickson, J. - Hank the Cowdog: It's a Dog's Life - 24 copies RL 5
Duped into thinking the world is coming to an end Hank the Cowdog winds up in town for more adventures. (Series)

Estes - The Hundred Dresses (1988) 25 copies (TG) RL 6.9
A story of a child who doesn't fit in and is ostracized by others. Wanda, the poor girl who wears the same faded dress everyday, is the butt of the "group's" put-down.

Fitzgerald - Great Brain - (1991) 24 copies RL 4.8
The scheming adventures of a boy genius.

Fitzhugh, Louise - Harriet the Spy - 30 copies RL 6.1
Harriet's notebook of her feelings about classmates and neighbors is found by her classmates.

Fleischman - Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices - 25 copies RL 5

A collection of poems describing the characteristics and activities of a variety of insects.

Fleischman - The Whipping Boy (1989) 26 copies (TG) RL 3.9

He is known throughout the land as Prince Brat. It is forbidden to spank the heir to the throne. An orphan is plucked from the streets to serve as his whipping boy.

Fleischman - Half-A-Moon Inn - (1992) 25 copies RL 5.6

A mute boy is held captive by the strange proprietress of an inn.

Forbes, Esther, - Johnny Tremain - (1983) 23 copies RL 8.1

A story filled with danger and excitement, Johnny Tremain tells of the turbulent, passionate times in Boston just before the Revolutionary War. Johnny, a young apprentice silversmith, is caught up in a dramatic involvement with Otis, Hancock, and John and Samuel Adams in the exciting currents and undercurrents that were to lead to the Boston Tea Party and the Battle of Lexington, and finally, a touching resolution of Johnny's personal life.

Frank – Anne Frank: The Diary of A Young Girl – 25 copies RL 9.2 **LP**

Discovered in the attic in which she spent the last years of her life, Anne Frank's remarkable diary has since become a world classic – a powerful reminder of the horrors of war and an eloquent testament to the human spirit.

Freedman - Children of the Wild West 25 copies RL 5 **LP**

Historical photographs with explanatory text present a picture of life in the American West from 1840 to the early 1900's.

Freedman - Lincoln: A Photobiography - 24 copies RL 6.3

Photographs and text trace the life of the Civil War President.

Fritz, - And Then What Happened, Paul Revere? - 25 copies (TG) RL 4.5

An easy biography of Paul Revere and all the things he did.

Fritz - Make Way for Sam Houston - 25 copies RL 6.3

Capturing his sense of humor and humanness, this biography makes Sam Houston not just a figure, but a personality, set against the backdrop of the United States in pre-Civil War times.

Gardiner, John R. - Stone Fox (1989) 25 copies RL 3.5

Determined to keep their farm going and to give his ailing grandfather a reason to live the ten-year-old boy hitches his dog, Searchlight, to the plow and harvests the whole potato crop.

Gates, Doris - Blue Willow, (1976) 25 copies, (TG) RL 6.4

The blue willow plate to Janey Larkin, was the most beautiful thing in her life, a symbol of the home she could only dimly remember. Moving around with her itinerant worker father, Janey didn't have a home to call her own or any real friends, as her family had to keep moving. The willow plate was her symbol to once again be able to set down roots in a community.

George - My Side of the Mountain - 21 copies (TG) RL 5.9 **LP**

Teenage Sam Gribble is looking for his roots in the form of land abandoned by his forebears.

George - Julie of the Wolves - 25 copies (Teacher Guide) RL 6.4

Alone and lost, on the North Slope of Alaska, Miyax, a young Eskimo girl, rebels against a home situation that she finds intolerable. She runs away toward San Francisco, toward her pen pal who calls her Julie. Slowly she is accepted by a pack of Arctic wolves, and she comes to love them as though they were her brothers.

Gipson, Fred - Old Yeller (1988) 25 copies 5.8

14-year old Travis is left in charge of the cattle drive. Bears attack, but before his dad returns, that "Old Yeller" dog had become the best-loved friend a boy could ever want.

Golding, William - Lord of the Flies - 21 copies RL 8.0

When *Lord of the Flies* appeared in 1954 it received unprecedented reviews for a first novel. Critics used such phrases as "beautifully written, tragic and provocative-vivid and enthralling. It is not only a first-rate adventure story but a parable of our times.

Gondosch - Who Needs A Bratty Brother? (1991) 23 copies RL 4.0

Eleven-year-old Kelly hatches a series of schemes to get rid of her bratty brother, until his disappearance awakens her true feelings for him.

Grahame, K - Wind in the Willows -(1986) 25 copies TG RL 8.3

From the moment spring begins, Mr. Rat and Mr. Hole and their animal friends begin their adventures, and good-natured Mr. Toad usually pays the consequences.

Greene - Philip Hall Likes Me. I Reckon Maybe. 29 copies RL 6.0

Young Beth loves Philip, but that doesn't mean she is adverse to competing with him. Newberry Honor Book.

Greene – A Girl Called Al – 25 copies RL 4.1 LP

Al has glasses, pigtails, is overweight and over intelligent. She'll always be up to something funny, unusual, or just unforgettable. Life's never dull with a friend called Al.

Greenfield - Honey, I Love and Other Poems 24 copies RL 3.5

Through a series of sixteen poems, a young black girl describes the joys of everyday life.

Guthridge - Thomas Edison: Young Inventor - 24 copies RL 3.7

A biography focusing on the childhood of the inventor who patented more than 1,100 inventions in sixty years.

Hamilton, Virginia - Zeely - (1976) 25 copies RL 5.2

To Geeder Perry, eleven years old and free for the first time to make her summer on the farm something special, Zeely is the embodiment of dreams. One day Geeder finds a remarkable photograph in an old magazine - a portrait of a Watutsi queen who looks just like Zeely. Suddenly she decides that the regal Zeely must be a queen too, and swept up in her fantasies, she tells all the children in the village. Only Zeely herself can bring Geeder back to reality. How she succeeds is moving, surprising, and reassuring, to Geeder most of all.

Hamilton - M.C. Higgins the Great - (1989) 20 copies (Newberry Honor) (Teacher Guide) RL 5.7

Thirteen-year-old Mayo hopes to escape Appalachian poverty when his Mamma is offered a recording contract.

Henry - Misty of Chincoteague - (1983) 25 copies (TG) RL 4.1

"You'll never catch the Phantom," says Grandpa. "That horse is fast as the wind. She's escaped from every roundup on the island." But Paul and Maureen want the beautiful wild mare for their very own. "I'm going to capture her myself," says Paul. When Paul finally overtakes the Phantom, he makes a surprising discovery.

Henry, Marguerite - King of the Wind - 25 copies RL 5.7

The young boy stares in disbelief. Can this dusty, half-starved carthorse be his own Sham, the King of the Wind? Agba follows the limping horse to a shed, and when the carter leaves, he steals inside. A thin pitiful whinny greets him; it is Sham! Once the Sultan's fastest stallion, Sham was secretly sold at the Thieves Market!

Hentoff, Nat – The Day They Came to Arrest the Book – 20 copies, RL 7

"The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" is removed from his library for its "immoral" content, school newspaper editor Barney Roth protests with a printed story about previous censorship efforts.

Hest, Amy - Love You, Soldier - (1991) 25 copies RL 3.5

Katie, a Jewish girl living in New York City during World War II, sees many dynamic changes in her world as she ages from seven to ten waiting for her father to return from the war.

Hinton, S.E. – The Outsiders – 19 copies (TG) RL 6.7

An impassioned teenage author tells it like it is with the long-haired kids from the wrong side of the tracks.

Hinton, S.E. - Rumble Fish - 21 copies RL 4.9

Junior high tough-guy Rusty James learns life's real problem can't be solved with fists.

Hinton - Taming the Star Runner - 24 copies RL 5

The story of a tough teenage boy whose city ways cause him problems in his new rural life.

Hiser – Adventures of Charlie and His Wheat-Straw Hat – (1986) 16 copies RL 4.0

Houston, James - River Runners - (1979) 25 copies

Two young boys, who have been sent into the Canadian interior to set up a fur-collecting station, are befriended by a Naskapi Indian family.

Howe, Deborah – Bunnacula - 25 copies RL 4.5

Though scoffed at by Harold, the dog, Chester the cat tries to warn his family that Bunnacula, the bunny must be a vampire.

Howe - The Celery Stalks at Midnight - (1983) 24 copies RL 5

Where is Bunnacula? Determined to save Bunnacula's victims and the unsuspecting Monroes, Chester leads the valiant friends on a wild bunny chase involving a hazardous garbage truck ride, a hair-raising encounter with an irate tomcat--and that's just the beginning.

Hunt, Irene - Across Five Aprils - 20 copies (TG) RL 8.9

In April, 1861, young Jethro Creighton heard the talk of war. He had seen his brothers go off to fight, two for the North, one for the South. Still but a boy, he had to take on a man's job on the Illinois farm. Jethro had experienced all the heartaches of a family, in the agony of a brother against brother, friend against friend. He saw peace come, its joy marred by Lincoln's death and he left his boyhood behind.

Hunt, Irene - Lottery Rose - 34 copies (TG) RL 7.7

George learns to deal with his abuse when he wins a rosebush in a lottery. George learns to give and receive love.

Hurwitz - Teachers Pet - (1991) 23 copies RL 4.2

Nine-year-old Cricket's expectations of being, as always, the teacher's favorite student are dashed by the arrival of an unusual new girl in her fourth grade class.

Hurwitz - Aldo Ice Cream (1991) 26 copies RL 3.4

Nine-year-old Aldo discovers the pleasures of doing volunteer work to help the older citizens of the community and the satisfactions of earning his first money on his own for unselfish reasons.

Irving - Legend of Sleepy Hollow & Other Stories 27 copies RL 5

Washington Irving wrote copiously more than the "Legend of Sleepy Hollow" and "Rip Van Winkle" however, and this volume includes many of his neglected romances told in the slyly humorous vein of his two masterpieces.

Jassem - Pocahontas, Girl of Jamestown (1991) 24 copies RL 4

Easy biography of the young American Indian princess who helped the early English settlers survive in Jamestown.

Jones - Acorn People (1989) 25 copies RL 7.0

An amazing true summer camp story about handicapped children, the mafia and a nurse named Nelson.

Juster, Norton – Phantom Tollbooth 25 copies RL 6.7 **LP**

Milo enters a strange land where he learns the importance of words and numbers, which in turn provides a cure for his boredom.

Keller, Helen - Helen Keller: The Story of My Life 30 copies

At nineteen months of age, Helen Keller loses her sight and hearing to a high fever. The story of her triumphs over her handicap due very much to her teacher, Anne Sullivan.

Kennedy, Richard - Amy's Eyes (1989) 15 copies RL 5.7

Amy was an orphan with only her sailor doll. The doll turned into a real man and went to sea. So Amy pined away, and-behold! She turned into a doll herself.

Konigsburg, E.L. - From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler - (1982) 25 copies (TG) Newberry Winner RL 4.8

Claudia and her brother Jamie run away from home and take up residence in the Metropolitan Museum of Art. **LP**

Konigsburg, E.L. - Jennifer, Hecate, MacBeth, William McKinley, and Me, Elizabeth - (1982) 20 copies RL 3.8

"Witches never lose anything," said, Jennifer. Almost true, Elizabeth decided, as she became Jennifer's apprentice witch. Before Jennifer, Elizabeth had been the loneliest only child in the whole U.S.A. After Jennifer, there was not time to be lonely. There was time for, among other things, learning to eat raw eggs, to cast short spells, and to get along with Jennifer. Best of all, Elizabeth and someone around who felt as she did about a lot of things. It was all great, until the day they started to make flying ointment.

Krumgold, J. - And Now Miguel - 25 copies (1989) (TG) RL 6.8

Newberry Winner - Young Miguel dreams of going into the mountains with the other men, and his dream comes true.

Lawson, Robert - Ben and Me (1989) 25 copies (TG) RL 6.7

Here's history through the eyes and pen of a mouse named Amos who claimed to be an intimate friend and technical advisor to none other than Ben Franklin. **LP**

Lawson, Robert - Rabbit Hill - (1986) 25 copies RL 6.3

Little Georgie the rabbit was the first to break the news on the Hill-new Folks coming into the Big House.

Lawson, Robert - Tough Winter (1988) 25 copies RL 5.9

(Sequel to Rabbit Hill) - All the animal inhabitants of Rabbit Hill are featured again in a grand dramatic story told and pictured with characteristic affecting and humor.

LeGuin - Catwings - (1991) 25 copies RL 3.5 **LP**

Four young cats with wings leave the city slums in search of a safe place to live, finally meeting two children with kind hands.

LeGuin - A Wizard of Earthsea - 25 copies RL 7.7

Book One of the award-winning trilogy of fantasy, in which Ged, the magician, evokes a soul-destroying beast.

L'Engle - A Wrinkle in Time (1988) 25 copies (TG) RL 5.6

It was a dark and stormy night, Meg Murry, her small brother Charles Wallace, and her mother had come down to the kitchen for a midnight snack when they were upset by the arrival of a most disturbing stranger.

Lenski, Lois - Strawberry Girl - 29 copies RL 3.6

The story of Birdie Boyer and how she battled nature, animals, and feuding neighbors to become the best "strawberry girl" the backwoods ever knew. Newberry Award winner.

Lewis, C.S. - The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe - (1986) 24 copies (Teacher Guide) RL 5.8

Four children travel to Narnia to help Asian the lion king defeat the White Witch.

Lewis, C.S. - The Silver Chair - 19 copies RL 5

How captive Prince Rilian escaped from the Emerald Witch's underground kingdom.

Lexau, Joan M. - Striped Ice Cream! - 26 copies RL 3

Becky is feeling miserable. Here it is, almost her birthday, but this year no one seems to care. Becky knows her family is too poor to buy presents. Couldn't they be nice to her instead of whispering behind her back and trying to get rid of her all the time? Why are they acting so funny?

Lindgren, Astrid - Pippi Longstocking - 24 copies RL 6.6

An absurd and rollicking story of Pippi who lives without any grownups in a little house at the edge of the village. Not that she lives alone, Mr. Nilsson, the monkey, Horse live there too; and Tommy and Annika from next door spend as much time with her as possible. With Pippi around you just never can tell what may happen next. The matter-of-fact way in which her absurd adventures are related is one of the chief charms of this story, full of the kind of hilarity that appeals to children.

London, Jack - Call of the Wild - (1983) 25 copies RL 7.3

Buck's teeth clamp on his rival's throat like the jaws of a steel trap, but the Husky will not give up. It's a fight to the death, and all the while the silent, wolfish circle waited to finish off whichever dog goes down first.

Lord - In the Year of the Boar & Jackie Robinson, (1992) 25 copies RL 4.7

In 1947, a Chinese child comes to Brooklyn, where she starts to feel at home and make friends when she discovers baseball and the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Lowry, Lois - Number the Stars – (1989) 25 copies RL 5 LP

A story of two young girls after the war in Copenhagen. Their lives are filled with the Nazi soldiers marching in town. Annemarie is asked to go on a dangerous mission and she must find the strength to save her best friend's life.

Lyon, G.E. - Borrowed Children - 11 copies RL 5.6

After her mother nearly died, 12 year old Mandy must care for her brothers and sisters.

Lyon, G.E. - Red Rover, Red Rover - 6 copies

12 year old Sumi deals with the absence of her family members and best friend until she heals enough to reach out.

MacLachlan - Arthur, for the Very First Time (1983) 25 copies RL 5

Arthur Rasby is 10 years old and having the worst summer of his life! His parents don't listen to him, so he writes everything down in his journal.

MacLachlan - Sarah, Plain and Tall (1988) LP 37 copies (TG) RL 3.9

Two motherless children and their father advertise for a wife/mother. They get Sarah, who is plain and tall.

MacLachlan – Skylark (1994) 25 copies RL 4

This is the sequel to Sarah, Plain and Tall.

Manes - Be A Perfect Person In Just Three Days - (1991) 25 copies RL 5.1

In search of perfection, Milo Crinkley earnestly tries to follow the loony instructions he finds in a library book.

Mathis - Hundred-Penny Box - (Newberry Honor) 24 copies RL 3

The Box contains a penny for each year of Aunt Dew's life, and each penny symbolizes a memory which she shares ritually with her great-great-nephew Michael.

Mazer - After the Rain - 43 copies (1988 Newberry) RL 5.4

Told with tremendous depth of feeling and surprising humor. After the Rain is an unforgettable portrait of 2 spirits human beings - one grasping at his final days, the other embarking on young womanhood.

McCloskey - Centerburg Tales - (1992) 25 copies RL 6
Adventures of Homer Price. Short humorous stories.

McCloskey - Homer Price - (1992) 54 copies RL 6.5 LP
Ingenious young Homer captures thieves, solves mysteries helps people in trouble.

McGovern - ...If You Lived in Colonial Times, (1992) 24 copies RL 4.0
This book tells you what it was like to live in the New England colonies during the years 1565 to 1776.

McGovern - Shark Lady: Adventures of Eugenie Clark 30 Copies RL 4
The story of Eugenie Clark, an expert on sharks whose research has been recognized around the world.

Moeri - Save Queen of Sheba - (IL 4-7) 25 copies RL 6
Sioux Indians - 12 year old King David and his little sister, Queen of Sheba, are survivors of an Indian attack.

Montgomery, L.M. Anne of Green Gables 25 copies RL 7.6
11 year old Anne Shirley wins the heart of her foster mother.

Moore, Kay – If You Lived at the Time of the Civil War – (1994) 25 copies RL 4.0
This book tells you what it was like to live at the time of the Civil War from 1861 to 1865. It tells about life in the North, or Union side of the war, and in the South, or Confederate side.

Mowat - Owls In the Family - (1992) 25 copies RL 4.9
Zany adventures of Wol & Weeps-two owls that join Billy and his dog Mutt to shake up the whole neighborhood.

Naylor - Shiloh - Newberry Award 1992 25 copies RL 5.1 LP
When Marty finds a lost beagle he tries to hide it from his family and a mean-spirited man.

Nesbit, E. - Five Children and It - 20 copies
The children discover the odd-looking creature while digging in a gravel pit. 'It' grants them a wish a day.

Neville, Emily Cheney - Berries Goodman - 18 copies RL 5.1
When his family moves from New York City to the suburbs, Berries Goodman feels uprooted-until he meets another outsider in his class, Sidney Fine. The situation that develops after Sidney suffers a near fatal accident forces Berries to recognize the power of prejudice. Newberry Medal 1964.

Neville, Emily - It's Like This, Cat - 28 Copies RL 6.1
Newberry Award winning novel about a teenage boy in New York City who gets a cat instead of a dog simply to annoy his father but then realizes that his father is a human being, not just a parent.

Nolan, Han – Dancing on the Edge – 20 copies RL 7
A young girl from a dysfunctional family creates for herself an alternative world which nearly results in her death but which ultimately leads her to reality.

North - Abe Lincoln: Log Cabin to White House – 19 copies RL 5.9
A biography of Lincoln - which contains easy reading.

North, Sterling - The Wolfling - 20 copies RL 6
A story of a young man and a young wolf, both undergoing the pains of growing up and becoming tamed creatures. A story of courage and love of the natural life, and of the dangerous temptations of the wilderness.

Norton, Mary - Bed-Knob and Broomstick 20 copies RL 4

Charles, Carey, and Paul on an unforgettable visit with an old aunt in the country, become acquainted with a unusual spinster, Miss Price. She is studying to be a witch, and gives the children magic power!

Norton, Mary - The Borrowers - 28 copies RL 5.2

Miniature people who live in an old country house by borrowing things from the humans are forced to emigrate from their home under the clock.

O'Brien - Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH (1982) 19 copies (TG) RL 5.9

The doctors at NIMH have created a race of super intelligent rats, rats that can read the instructions on how to open their cages. Mrs. Frisby is only a mouse, but she has trouble with humans.

O'Dell – Black Pearl 25 copies RL 5.4 **LP**

In claiming as his own the magnificent black pearl he finds, a sixteen year old youth enrages the sea devil who legend says is its owner.

O'Dell - Island of the Blue Dolphins - (1986) **LP** 28 copies (TG) RL 6.4

This is the story of Karana, the Indian girl who lived alone for years on the Island of the Blue Dolphins.

O'Dell - Sarah Bishop - (1992) 23 copies RL 6.2

With the outbreak of the Revolutionary War, Sarah, a young New Yorker, finds herself fugitive from the British Army, living outside the law.

Paterson - Bridge to Terabithia - (1984) 25 copies (TG) RL 7.0

The story of a special friendship between a boy and girl.

Paulsen – Hatchet – (1987) 23 copies RL 6.1 **LP**

When the pilot of a single-engine plane suffers a massive heart attack and dies, Brian Robeson must somehow land the plane by himself and then figure out how he can stay alive.

Paulsen, Gary – Nightjohn – 25 copies (TG) RL 5

Sarny is a slave who wants to read and write, and Nightjohn is a slave who returned from freedom in the north to educate his friends.

Paterson - Jacob Have I Loved - 25 copies RL 8.1 **LP** (TG) (1981)

The story of twin sisters who live on an island in the Chesapeake Bay.

Paulsen, Gary – Woodsong – (TG) 24 copies RL 6.4

Dog sledding adventures capped by the story of the author's first Iditarod.

Paulsen, Gary – The River – (TG) 25 copies RL 5.9

Because of his success surviving alone in the wilderness for fifty-four days, fifteen-year-old Brian, profoundly changed by his time in the wild, is asked to undergo a similar experience to help scientists learn more about the psychology of survival. Sequel to Hatchet.

Peterson - The Littles and Big Storm - (1982) 39 copies

The big storm blows but there's a mystery for the tiny Littles!

Potter - Tale of Peter Rabbit - (1992) 25 copies **LP** RL 4.4

Reproduction from the original publisher of Potter's timeless classic of the rebellious little rabbit.

Quackenbush - Mark Twain? What Kind of Name Is That? 25 copies (IL-6)

Story of Samuel Longhorn Clemens. The life of the famous humorist whose numerous occupations included printer's apprentice, steamboat pilot, gold miner, frontiersman, and reporter.

Rawlings, Marjorie - The Yearling - 25 copies (TG) RL 7.3

Unforgettable portrait of a sensitive boy, Jody Baxter, his doting father, Penny, and his stern mother, Ora. A sensitive portrayal of pioneer life on the Florida frontier just after the Civil War.

- Rawls - Where the Red Fern Grows (1984) 19 copies (TG) RL 5.0
A boy and his two dogs - a loving threesome, they ranged the dark hills & river bottoms of Cherokee country. Old Dan had the brawn, Little Ann had the brains and Billy had the will to train them to be the finest hunting team in the valley.
- Robertson, Keith - Henry Reed's Big Show - 30 Copies RL 5.5
The continuing adventures of Henry Reed and his friend Midge.
- Robinson - The Best Christmas Pageant Ever (1982) 30 copies (TG) RL 5.7
The Herdmans were absolutely the worst kids in the world. They had never heard of the Christmas story, but the way they interpreted it, you'd think the story of Jesus came right out of the F.B.I. files.
- Rockwell, Thomas - How To Eat Fried Worms 25 copies RL 4.2
Billy makes a bet with his friend that he can eat fifteen worms in fifteen days. Humorous and uncannily.
- Rodgers, Mary - Freaky Friday - 19 copies RL 5.4
A day of revelation and fresh insight as 13-year old Annabel Andrews wakes up to discover she has turned into her mother.
- Ruckman, Ivy - Night of the Twisters 23 copies RL 6.9
Tornado alert! The radio is dead. The lights and telephone are out of order. The only sound in the eerily quiet night is the chilling wail of the emergency siren.
- Sabin - Harriet Tubman 23 copies RL 6
A biography of the black woman who escaped from slavery and became a well-known figure in the underground railroad as she led scores of slaves north to freedom.
- Sabin - Willie Mays: Young Superstar - (1992) 25 copies
A biography.
- Sabin - Young Mark Twain 25 copies (1992)
A biography.
- Salten, Felix - Bambi - 17 copies RL 6
From the moment of his entrance into the world, young Bambi begins to learn the ways of the woods. Bambi grows older, discovers that life can be dangerous. He is hunted and becomes aware of death. Spring arrives, and with it love for the beautiful doe, Faline, who becomes his wife.
- Santrey - Young Albert Einstein - (1992) 24 copies
Examines the life of the physicist whose work revolutionized scientific thinking.
- Sawyer, Ruth - Roller Stakes - 25 copies (Newberry) RL 6.5
Roller Skates is a delightful story of old New York, about a tomboy who could not help being a lady at the same time, who was both quick tempered and sympathetic, both stubborn and astute.
- Selden - The Cricket in Times Square - (1982) 25 copies (TG) RL 4.3
After Chester, a cricket, arrives in the Times Square subway station via a picnic basket from his native Connecticut, he takes up residence in the Bellinis' newsstand. The tiny creature is lucky enough to find three good friends, a boy named Mario whose parents run the unsuccessful newsstand, a fast-talking Broadway mouse named Tucker, and his pal Harry the Cat.
- Sharmat - Mysteriously Yours, Maggie Marmelstein 22 copies RL 3.9
Maggie puts her talents to work as the top-secret Mystery Person columnist for her school newspaper.
- Shyer - Welcome Home Jellybean - 18 copies (TG) RL 4.9

Neil Oxley doesn't really know his older sister at all, and neither do his parents - because the only place that Gerri has ever lived is an institution. Gerri is retarded. But now their mother thinks that she is ready to come home. There is one thing that they do realize: living with Gerri will change their lives forever.

Silverstein - Light In the Attic – 24 copies

Another poetry collection of over 100 poems by a young reader's favorite.

Silverstein - Where the Sidewalk Ends – 21 copies LP

Over 100 poems for children illustrated by the author.

Skurzynski – Trapped in the Slickrock Canyon (1984) 24 copies RL 6.8

Justin and his Cousin Gina are racing from danger. Chased by a killer with a gun and threatened by a flash flood, their only hope for escape lies in the Slickrock Canyon.

Slote – My Robot Buddy – (1975) 25 copies LP RL 3.6

When an evil robotnapper starts lurking around the neighborhood, Jack needs all the help he can get from his look-alike robot friend, Danny One.

Smith - A Taste of Blackberries - (1985) 20 copies RL 3.0

The response of a young boy to the sudden death of his closest friend is related objectively. A difficult and sensitive subject, treated with taste and honesty.

Smith, Robert K. – Chocolate Fever – 25 copies RL 5

Henry ate so much chocolate that he finally came down with chocolate fever.

Sobol - Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective (1982) 25 copies RL 3.6

Encyclopedia Brown looked like the usual ten-year old boy. Actually he was very unusual. Encyclopedia was a boy who really used his eyes and his ears and his head. As for Idaville, where he lived, no grownup, boy or girl ever got away with breaking a single law there. That was because Chief of Police Brown's most difficult cases were solved by his son at the dinner table.

Sobol - Encyclopedia Brown Carries On - (1988) 20 copies RL 3.3

The town of Idaville is lucky to have that sleuth in sneakers, the very best detective around!

Speare - Sign of the Beaver - 25 copies (TG) RL 4.0

A young boy in Maine, when rescued by an Indian chief and his grandson, must decide whether to spend the winter alone in the woods waiting for his family to return or move on to a new life with his new friends.

Speare - Witch of Blackbird Pond - 24 copies RL 6.3

Puritan neighbors regard Kit Tyler with suspicion, fear, and anger, when she befriends an old woman accused of witchcraft.

Sperry - Call It Courage - (1989) 30 copies (TG) RL 5.0

Shipwrecked on a deserted island, Mafatu uses all the lore of his tribe to survive. Then one day he discovers why the island is empty; cannibals come for her terrible sacrifices to their bloodthirsty god! They will come again soon.

Spinelli, Jerry - Maniac Magee, (1990) 24 copies RL 6.1 LP

Maniac Magee was born in a dump. They say his stomach was a cereal box and his heart a sofa spring. This is a story that is very careful not to get the facts mixed up with the truth.

Spyri, Johanna - Heidi - 19 copies RL 8.1

Heidi, the Swiss girl, goes to live with her grandfather and wins his love and devotion.

Steinbeck, John – Of Mice and Men (1993) 25 copies TG RL 8.0

Rough-tongued, ribald men yearn for land of their own.

Sterling - Freedom Train: Story of Harriet Tubman 18 copies (TG) RL 5

Biography of the escaped slave who risked her life many times helping other slaves to freedom on the Underground Railroad.

Stevens – We Hate Rain! – (1988) 25 copies **LP** RL 3

Grandpa tells Maryann and Louie how he and his brother, Wainey, coped with a massive rainfall when they were young.

Stevenson, Augusta - Buffalo Bill, Frontier Daredevil 25 copies RL 3.0

This book concentrates on the boyhood of Bill Cody, Pony Express rider, scout, showman, and buffalo hunter.

Stevenson - Treasure Island - (1984) 19 copies (Teacher Guide) RL 8.0

The story centers upon the conflict between good and evil, but in this case a particularly engaging form of evil. Designed to forever kindle a dream of high romance and distant horizons.

Stevenson – Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde – (TG) 20 copies RL 7.2

A strange and eerie tale of the change of Jekyll into Hyde.

Stiles - Sarah the Dragon Lady (1989) 16 copies

Sarah's year in third grade was filled with one terrible thing after another. Her story, both touching and funny, is, in Sarah's words, "totally daze".

Stolz, Mary - Bully of Barkham Street - 18 copies RL 5

If you want to crawl inside a bully and see how a sixth-grader's world looks through his eyes, this is your opportunity.

Stolz, Mary - The Noonday Friends - 19 copies RL 5.1

Suddenly, Franny and Simone, her best friend, aren't speaking anymore and Franny can't even remember why they quarreled in the first place. This on top of so many other worries and disappointments. Franny's father can't hold a job, her younger brother, is too young to understand why everybody is sad. She didn't mind taking care of him but Simone was right. How can two people really be friends when they can only see each other at lunch time and occasionally on the weekends?

Stuart, Jesse - Hie To the Hunters - 30 copies

Popular with high school students. Did Hargis learn to love the people of the hills when he goes to live with them.

Stuart, Jesse - A Jesse Stuart Reader - 30 copies

Short Stories biography and poetry.

Stuart - A Penny's Worth of Character - 29 copies RL 3.6

A lesson in honesty that readers will not easily forget. Written about Eastern Kentucky.

Stuart, Jesse - A Ride with Huey the Engineer - 29 copies

A juvenile fiction about Sonny Logan who wishes he was Huey the engineer and could leave Clearwater Valley on the train.

Taylor, Sydney - All-Of-A-Kind Family - 20 copies RL 4.9

The life of an all girl Jewish family on the Eastside of New York City.

Taylor - Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry - 24 copies TG RL 7.1

This is a story of physical survival, but more important, it is a story of the survival of the human spirit. This is Cassie's story-Cassie Logan, a girl raised by a family determined not to surrender their independence or their humanity simply because they are black.

Tolkien, J.R. - Hobbit - 25 copies RL 7.2

The delightful tale which first creates the fantasy called Middle Earth and its charming dwarf-like creatures, the Hobbits.

- Titus, Eve - Basil in Mexico - 30 copies
The brilliant mouse detective solves three challenging cases!
- Ullman, James - Banner To the Sky – 25 copies RL 6.3
Rudi Matt has a dream--a dream to touch the sky by climbing to the summit of the Citadel, the highest mountain in Switzerland.
- Vande Velde – Curses, Inc.: And Other Stories – 20 copies RL 7
Compelling collection features confident storytelling and surprise endings.
- Voight - Izzy, Willy, Nilly - 19 copies (Kentucky Bluegrass Award 1988) RL 5.8
A fifteen, Isobel Lingard was leading a pleasing life. She was pretty, popular, a cheerleader and a success. Overnight, her life was changed. Her date was drinking and driving and Izzy was seriously hurt in an accident
- Voight - Building Blocks - (1992) 24 copies RL 6.7
Young Brian travels back in time, where he meets his father as a boy and learns more about the behavior that he thinks odd in his grown up father.
- Voight - Dacey's Song - 19 copies (TG) RL 5.8, IL 5-9
Abandoned by her mother, Dacey shepherds the younger children from Provincetown to Chesapeake Bay and a new beginning with their grandmother.
- Voight - Homecoming - 20 copies - (TG) RL 5.1, IL 5-9
Young Dacey fights to keep her brothers and sisters together and out of foster homes.
- Warner - Blue Bay Mystery – 23 copies RL 3 **LP**
The Aldens find a castaway on a South Sea island. A Boxcar Children mystery.
- Warner - Boxcar Children – 30 copies RL 3 **LP**
The resourceful Alden children survive without adult supervision and make a home for themselves in an abandoned boxcar.
- Weil, Ann - Betsy Ross - 16 copies RL 3.0
Easily read by children 7 and up. A biography about Betsy Ross the designer of our flag.
- Wells, H.G. – Time Machine 25 copies RL 7.4
Incredible invention enabling time traveler to reach year 802701.
- White - Charlotte's Web - (1989) 65 copies (TG) RL 6.0 **LP**
Wilbur, the pig was lovingly raised by a girl named Fern. He's bored and lonely until he meets Charlotte, the beautiful gray spider who also lives in the barn. Charlotte thinks of a wonderful way to save Wilbur from a pig's unhappy fate.
- White, E.B. - Stuart Little - (1986) 19 copies (TG) RL 5.5
Stuart Little is a mouse in the family of the Frederick C. Littles and is a pleasantly debonair little character, with a shy, engaging manner and a somewhat philosophical turn of mind.
- White, E.B. - Trumpet of the Swans - 53 copies (TG) RL 4.1
Louis, the Trumpeter Swan, lacks a voice, but his father hits on a bold alternative, so that Louis might win his love, Serena.
- White - Sword In the Stone - (1992) 25 copies RL 8
Humor, fantasy and satire are evident in the adventures of Wart, the medieval boy who becomes King Arthur.
- Wiggin, Kate D.- Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm 20 copies RL 8.9

Living with her maiden aunts would doubtless be the "making of Rebecca", everybody thought, so the little girl with the enormous eyes and most remarkable talent for mischief was shipped off to Reverboro. Yet even in a house where children were supposed to be seen and not heard nothing could dampen Rebecca's lively spirits and nobody could resist her charm.

Wilder - Our Town - (1992) 25 copies RL 8.3

Illuminating that which is extraordinary about the ordinary aspects of daily life - one of the most unforgettable plays of the century.

Wilder - Little House in the Big Woods (1982) 24 copies (TG) RL 3.2 **LP**

Pa built a snug cabin for Ma and his three daughters, Mary and Laura and Baby Carrie. Pa hunted and trapped and farmed and Ma knew how to make her own cheese and sugar. At night the wind moaned lonesomely, but Pa played his fiddle and sang to his little girls. Wisconsin 1860's

Wilder - Little House on the Prairie - 31 copies (TG)RL 4.8 LP

Laura and her family journey by covered wagon into Indian territory.

Wilder - The Long Winter - 25 copies RL 6.7 **LP**

On the empty winter prairie, gray clouds to the north-west meant only one thing, a blizzard was seconds away. The first blizzard came in October, it snowed without stopping until April. The temperature dropped to forty below. Snow reached the rooftops and no trains could get through with food and coal. The townspeople began to starve. The Ingalls family barely lived through the winter. Almanzo Wilder knew he would have to risk his life to save the town.

Williams - The Velveteen Rabbit (1982) 19 copies (TG) RL 3

Based on the beloved tale of a well-loved toy that comes to life.

Willow - At Home In The Rain Forest (1991) 25 copies RL 4.9 **LP**

A colorful journey into the Amazon rain forest introduces the region's plants and animals.

Yep, Laurence - Thief of Hearts (1995) 25 copies RL 4.6 **LP**

When Stacy is paired with a Chinese girl at school who is accused of theft, she must come to terms with her own Chinese and American heritage. Sequel to Child of the Owl.