



Riverdale School Library



Recommended Titles for Students entering grades 4 & 5 Summer 2010

*All titles are available at the Riverdale Public Library or
the M.A.I.N. library system.

Broach, Elise - Masterpiece

After Marvin, a beetle, makes a miniature drawing as an eleventh birthday gift for James, a human with whom he shares a house, the two new friends work together to help recover a Durer drawing stolen from the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Cabot, Meg - Allie Finkle Rules for Girls (series)

Nine-year-old Allie Finkle has rules for everything and is even writing her own rule book, but her world is turned upside-down when she learns that her family is moving across town, which will mean a new house, school, best friend, and plenty of new rules.

Clements, Andrew - Extra Credit

Three young middle-school-age children, Abby, Amira, and Sadeed, exchange letters back and forth between the prairies of Illinois and the mountains of Afghanistan and begin to bridge a gap across cultural and religious divides.

Colfer, Eoin - Eoin Colfer's Legend of the Worst Boy in the World

Will Woodman has a hard time getting anyone in his family to listen to him, so he turns to his grandfather, who, it turns out, has more terrible sob stories than Will does.

Cook, Sally - Hey Batta Batta Swing! The Wild Old Days of Baseball

Describes the old days of baseball before there were pitching mounds, and contains trivia about players' nicknames, team names, and the design of the uniforms. ***non fiction**

Corey, Shauna - Mermaid Queen

An illustrated biography of Annette Kellerman, an early feminist who overcame a childhood illness to become internationally recognized for her swimming, invention of water ballet, and introduction of the modern swimsuit for women. ***biography**

Dahl, Roald - Matilda

Matilda applies her mental powers to rid the school of the evil headmistress, Miss Trunchbull, and restore Miss Honey, her nice teacher, to financial security.

DiCamillo, Kate - The Magician's Elephant

When ten-year-old orphan Peter Augustus Duchene encounters a fortune teller in the marketplace one day who tells him that his sister, who is presumed dead, is in fact alive, he embarks on a remarkable series of adventures in an attempt to find her.

Floca, Brian - Moonshot: The Flight of Apollo 11

An illustrated account of the flight of Apollo 11 in 1969, the first manned mission to land on the moon. *non fiction

Gifford, Peggy - Moxy Maxwell does not love Stuart Little (series)

With summer coming to an end, about-to-be-fourth-grader Moxy Maxwell does a hundred different things to avoid reading her assigned summer reading book.

Gutman, Dan - Shoeless Joe & Me (series)

Joe Stoshack travels back in time to meet baseball great Shoeless Joe Jackson. But he comes face to face with gamblers trying to bribe players to deliberately lose the World Series.

Hurwitz, Johanna - School's Out

Lucas thinks his summer vacation is ruined when Mom hires a French au pair to watch over Lucas and his two-year-old twin brothers.

Kessler, Liz - The Tail of Emily Windsnap (series)

After finally convincing her mother that she should take swimming lessons, twelve-year-old Emily discovers a terrible and wonderful secret about herself that opens up a whole new world.

Kline, Suzy - Herbie Jones Moves On (series)

Readers will be surprised by the ending of this book as Herbie and his friend Raymond, whose family is moving, try to thwart the sale of Raymond's house.

Klise, Kate - Regarding the Fountain

When the principal asks a fifth-grader to write a letter regarding the purchase of a new drinking fountain for their school, he finds that all sorts of chaos results.

Lin, Grace - Where the Mountain Meets the Moon

Minli, an adventurous girl from a poor village, buys a magical goldfish, and then joins a dragon who cannot fly on a quest to find the Old Man of the Moon in hopes of bringing life to Fruitless Mountain and freshness to Jade River.

Peirce, Lincoln - Big Nate: In a Class by Himself (series)

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

Pennypacker, Sara - Talented Clementine (series)

Eight-year-old Clementine is convinced that she has no talent and tries to find a way to avoid participating in the class talent show.