



Riverdale School Library



Recommended Titles for Students entering grades 4 & 5 - Summer 2011

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

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.

Climo, Shirley - A Treasury of Princesses - Princess Tales from Around the World

Retellings of seldom-heard princess tales, featuring such heroines as White Jade, Gulnara, and Vasilisa the Frog Princess. A discussion of princess lore precedes each selection. ***non fiction**

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.

Fleming, Candace - The Fabled Fourth Graders of Aesop Elementary School

An unlikely teacher takes over the disorderly fourth-grade class of Aesop Elementary School with surprising results.

Gutman, Dan - Mission Unstoppable

On a cross-country vacation with their parents, twins Coke and Pepsi, soon to be thirteen, fend off strange assassins as they try to come to terms with their being part of a top-secret government organization known as The Genius Files.

Gutman, Dan - Jim & Me (Baseball Card Adventure series)

Joe and his longtime enemy, Bobby Fuller, use a vintage baseball card to travel in time, hoping to stop Jim Thorpe from participating in the 1912 Olympics and losing his medals, but instead they watch Thorpe struggle during his first season with the New York Giants.

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.

Martin, Ann M. - A Dog's Life - The Autobiography of a Stray

Squirrel, a stray puppy, tells her life story, from her nurturing mother and brother to making her own way in the world, facing busy highways, changing seasons, and humans both gentle and brutal.

Menzel, Peter - What the World Eats

***non fiction**

A collection of photographs depicting twenty-five families from twenty-one different countries, and includes Chad, Ecuador, Greenland, Japan, Mongolia, and others, and also describes the cost of a week's worth of food, and other cultural information for each listed country.

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 - Clementine - Friend of the Week (series)

With her kitten, Moisturizer, missing and having fought with her best friend, Margaret, eight-year-old Clementine finds it hard to concentrate on doing her best as her classmate's Friend of the Week.

Selznick, Brian - The Invention of Hugo Cabret; a novel in pictures and words

When twelve-year-old Hugo, an orphan living and repairing clocks within the walls of a Paris train station in 1931, meets a mysterious toyseller and his goddaughter, his undercover life and his biggest secret are jeopardized. ***Caldecott Winner**

Shulevitz, Uli - How I Learned Geography

As he spends hours studying his father's world map, a young boy escapes the hunger and misery of refugee life. 'Based on the author's childhood in Kazakhstan, where he lived as a Polish refugee during World War II. ***Caldecott Honor Book**

Smith, Penny - A School Like Mine

In this unique celebration of the commonalities and differences between school days in different countries, children discuss their lives, views, and hopes for the future. ***non fiction**

Zalben, Jane Breskin - Paths to Peace: people who changed the world

A collection of sixteen brief profiles of people who have helped make the world a better place, including Martin Luther King Jr., Mahatma Gandhi, Eleanor Roosevelt, Cesar Chavez, and more. ***non fiction**

**One World,
Many Stories**