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We suggest the following sites for more book titles:

- www.cbcbooks.org
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Here are suggested classic and contemporary book titles either for a great start to or enhancement of your home library, an ever-present resource for children and adults. The American Library Association - Children’s Book Council Joint Committee and the ALSC Quicklists Consulting Committee recommend these books for children ages 12-14.

Three other pamphlets recommend books for children ages 0-3, 4-7, and 8-11. Ask your librarian or bookseller about multiple formats for these books and for more suggestions to add to your growing collection.


* Collins, Suzanne. The Hunger Games. Scholastic Inc., 2008. Katniss must play the game of her life, and she may not survive.

* Federle, Tim. Better Nate than Ever. Simon & Schuster, 2013. When Nate hears about auditions for E.T.: The Musical!, he realizes this might be his one and only chance to fulfill his Broadway dreams.


* Ness, Patrick. Illustrated by Jim Kay. A Monster Calls. Candlewick, 2011. There are many different kinds of monsters and nightmares, but sometimes what frightens you most also makes you strong.

* Sachs, Alisa. The Queen of Water. Delacorte / Random House, 2011. A young girl in Ecuador is taken from her family to be a servant to the ruling class. Based on a true story.

* Rowling, J.K. Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone: Scholastic Inc., 1998. Harry Potter is a wizard, and he is beginning to find out just how dangerous that is once he is invited to attend Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.


* Sheinkin, Steve. Bomb: The Race to Build—and Steal—the World’s Most Dangerous Weapon. Flash Point / Macmillan, 2013. As WWII raged, the United States entered the race to build the first atomic bomb.


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* Book is part of a series (including sequels and trilogies)