

Building A Home Library

Ages 8-11

The ALA-Children's Book Council (CBC) Joint Committee, with cooperation from the ALSC's Quicklists Consulting Committee, has created this bibliography to provide guidance to parents, grandparents, and others interested in assembling a high-quality library for their children at home.



We suggest the following sites for more book titles:

www.cbcbooks.org/reading-lists

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Welcome to the world of books for your home!

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 titles for children ages 8-11.

Three other pamphlets recommend books for children ages 0-3, 4-7, and 12-14. Ask your librarian or bookseller about multiple formats for these books and for more suggestions to add to your growing collection.

*Angleberger, Tom.

The Strange Case of Origami Yoda. Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2010.

The weird kid at school makes a finger puppet Yoda that can tell the future, but can its advice be trusted?

Boyce, Frank Cottrell.

The Unforgotten Coat. Candlewick Press, 2011.

When Julie befriends the two new mysterious Mongolian students in her class, she has no idea what's she's getting into.

Butterworth, Chris. Illustrated by Lucia Gaggiotti.

How Did That Get in My Lunchbox?: the Story of Food. Candlewick Press, 2011.

Find out where your lunch came from and what it does for you.

*Cronin, Doreen. Illustrated by Kevin Cornell.

The Trouble with Chickens: a J.J. Tully Mystery. Balzer and Bray / HarperCollins, 2011.

Lina and Doon live in a world with no sun. Light comes from a generator which is starting to fail. Can they find a way out?

Dahl, Roald.

Matilda. Puffin / Penguin, 1988.

A tiny genius girl discovers unexpected powers when she goes to a school run by the dreaded Miss Trunchbull.

DiCamillo, Kate. Illustrated by K.G. Campbell.

Flora and Ulysses. Candlewick Press, 2013.

A girl obsessed with superheroes saves a squirrel that develops magical powers.

Fitzhugh, Louise.

Harriet the Spy. Random House, 1964.

An aspiring eleven-year-old writer discovers what happens when her private notebook, filled with brutally honest observations, gets into the hands of her friends.

Floca, Brian.

Locomotive. Atheneum / Simon & Schuster, 2013.

Hop on board and experience a locomotive journey across the country in 1869.

Frost, Helen.

Salt: a Story of Friendship in a Time of War. Farrar Straus & Giroux / Macmillan, 2013.

Two boys on opposite sides of the war of 1812 come to realize that their friendship may not survive the coming battles.

Grabenstein, Chris.

Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library. Random House, 2013.

Kyle, lover of games, finds himself in the game of his life when he enters Mr. Lemoncello's fabulous library.

Hill, Laban Carrick. Illustrated by Bryan Collier.

Dave the Potter: Artist, Poet, Slave. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2010.

Illustrated in lush watercolors, this is a poetic tribute to a little-known man who worked as an accomplished potter while under slavery in South Carolina.

Holm, Jennifer L.

Turtle in Paradise. Yearling / Random House, 2010.

In 1935 Turtle moves to Key West, where she learns the trials of boy cousins and the won-

ders of sugar apple ice cream.

Jenkins, Steve.

The Animal Book: A Collection of the Fastest, Fiercest, Toughest, Cleverest, Shyest- and Most Surprising- Animals on Earth. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2013.

This book offers something new and amazing about animals at each reading.

*Look, Lenore. Illustrated by LeUyen Pham.

Alvin Ho: Allergic to Camping, Hiking, and Other Natural Disasters. Schwartz & Wade / Random House, 2009.

Alvin's worst fear has been realized - camping! Can his night-vision goggles, water-purifying tablets, and heavy-duty flashlight keep him safe from the great outdoors?

Palacio, R. J.

Wonder. Knopf / Random House, 2012.

A boy with facial abnormalities goes from being homeschooled to 5th grade public school.

Paterson, Katherine.

Bridge to Terabithia. HarperCollins, 1977.

In the woods by their homes, two lonely children create a magical kingdom and declare themselves king and queen.

*Pennypacker, Sara. Illustrated by Marla Frazee.

Clementine. Disney Publishing Worldwide, 2006.

Third-grader Clementine gains several unique hairstyles, confronts friendship issues, and helps banish pesky pigeons from the front of her apartment building.

Ryan, Pam Munoz.

Esperanza Rising. Scholastic Inc., 2002.

Esperanza finds herself struggling with a new set of circumstances after being forced to flee to a camp for Mexican farm workers during the Great Depression.

Scieszka, Jon.

Knucklehead: Tall Tales & Mostly True Stories About Growing Up Scieszka. Viking Children's Books / Penguin, 2008.

Growing up with five brothers, piles of comic books, and lots of free time gave Jon Scieszka

plenty of accidents, jokes, and misadventures to write about.

Selznick, Brian.

The Invention of Hugo Cabret. Scholastic Inc., 2007.

Beautiful drawings help to tell the story of an orphan secretly living inside the walls of a Paris train station.

Silverstein, Shel.

Every Thing on It. HarperCollins, 2011.

This poetry collection includes more than 130 never-before-seen poems and drawings.

Stead, Rebecca.

When You Reach Me. Wendy Lamb Books / Random House, 2009.

Twelve-year-old Miranda must unravel a puzzle involving increasingly strange notes with a mysterious warning that seem to defy the laws of time and space.

*Warner, Sally. Illustrated by Jamie Harper.

EllRay Jakes is NOT a Chicken! Viking Children's Books / Penguin, 2011.

EllRay's dad offers to take him to Disneyland if he can stay out of trouble for one week—which makes this week the longest ever!

White, E. B.

The Trumpet of the Swan. HarperCollins, 1970.

A mute trumpeter swan is provided with a trumpet by his father in order to win the love of the beautiful Serena.

*Williams-Garcia, Rita.

One Crazy Summer. HarperCollins, 2010.

In 1968, three young sisters are sent to live with the poet mother who abandoned them years before and have trouble adjusting to her bohemian lifestyle and Black Panther involvement.

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