

Reading Ideas for the Summer of 2009

Lionville Middle School/Downingtown Middle School Libraries

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LMS office will have these books available for summer check-out June 29th-Aug. 13th (Mon.-Thurs., 8AM-3PM)

Newbery Winners 2001 to 2009

A Year Down Yonder by Richard Peck: The remembrances of the year fifteen-year-old Mary Alice is sent to live with her feisty grandmother. This book is a sequel to A Long Way from Chicago.

A Single Shard by Linda Sue Park: A thirteen-year-old boy in 12th century Korea is fascinated with the skill of a local craftsman. Tree-Ear lives under a bridge in a potters' village, and longs to learn how to throw the delicate celadon ceramics.

Crispin: The Cross of Lead by Avi: A thirteen-year-old boy is orphaned in 14th century England. He suddenly finds himself the object of harm and he has no idea why.

The Tale of Despereaux: being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup, and a Spool of Thread by Kate DiCamillo: Fairy tale adventure of a small mouse Despereaux Tilling, who has unusual talents, the princess that he loves, the servant girl who longs to be a princess, and a devious rat.

Kira-kira by Cynthia Kadohata: Japanese-American sisters in the late 1950's and early 1960's as seen through the eyes of the younger Katie. The family moves to Georgia and older sister Lynn develops a terminal illness.

Criss Cross by Lynne Rae Perkins: Teenagers in a small town in the 1960s experience new thoughts and feelings, question their identities, connect, and disconnect as they search for the meaning of life and love.

The Higher Power of Lucky by Susan Patron: A 10-year-old girl living with a guardian in a tiny CA town struggles to find her higher power. Lucky who is both self-reliant and insecure is only one of many strongly defined characters.

Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! Voices from a Medieval Village by Laura Amy Schlitz: Inhabitants between ten and fifteen years old, who live in or near a thirteenth-century English manor tell their stories in verse or prose. Historical information about the time period is interspersed throughout the book.

The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman: Nobody Owens "Bod" was orphaned at 18 months and grows up in cemetery, cared for by ghosts from varying backgrounds and time periods. Who caused his separation from his family and what does the future hold for him?

Go to <http://www.ala.org> to see a list of all Newbery Medal and Honor Books from 1922 to present.

- Click on Awards and Grants.
- Click on Book, Print and Media Awards.
- Click on Children and Young Adults.

Check out the recipients of the Newbery and many other awards.

Fiction

Savvy by Ingrid Law: Mibs is part of the Beaumont family of which each member receives a savvy or supernatural ability on his/her 13th birthday. One older brother can produce electricity, another can cause storms. This book has received numerous awards including Newbery Honor for 2009 and is expected to be a motion picture.

After Tupac & D Foster by Jacqueline Woodson: Another Newbery Honor book for 2009 tells the story of two girls from NYC who have been raised in protective homes. One day D Foster foster child with more freedom than they can imagine enters their lives. Highlights of Tupac's career and life are intertwined.

The Underneath by Kathi Appelt: Animal story, fantasy and realism merge in this story about a man abused as a child, the dog and some cats that live under his shack in the Louisiana bayou and a Native American legend. This is a Newbery Honor book for 2009.

Dog Lost by Ingrid Lee: A heartwarming story of a dog given to a child and then taken away. The dog a pit bull finds a home and learns to survive, but dog and child never forget one another. The story is set in a community on the verge of banning the pit bull breed.

Paint the Wind by Pam Munoz Ryan: Family dynamics and secrets abound as orphaned Maya is sent to live with her deceased mother's family on a ranch in Wyoming. There Maya comes in contact with a wild horse that her mother used to ride and learns the truth.

The London Eye Mystery by Siobhan Dowd: Salim insists on riding the London Eye, a ferris wheel type ride. He gets on, but does not get off. Cousins Ted and Kat feel they have to try to find him. Ted who has Asperger's Syndrome is the narrator.

The Missing: Found by Margaret Peterson Haddix: This new series by the author of *The Shadow Children* opens with the landing of an unscheduled airplane filled with babies. What do they have in common and who put them on the plane?

The Boy Who Dared by Susan Campbell Bartoletti: Historical fiction based on the life of Helmuth Hubener a member of Hitler youth who was imprisoned for distributing anti Nazi information.

The Entertainer and the Dybbuk by Sid Fleischman: A young veteran remains in Europe after WWII performing a ventriloquist act. The Great Freddie is unsuccessful until the spirit of a Jewish boy who died in the Holocaust inhabits the body of Freddie's dummy.

The Leanin' Dog by K.A. Nuzum: "In wintry Colorado during the 1930s, eleven-year-old Dessa Dean mourns the death of her beloved mother, but the arrival of an injured dog and the friendship they form is just what they need to change their lives forever." (Summary compliments of Novelist.)

Peeled by Joan Bauer: High school reporter Hildy Biddle investigates a series of strange occurrences at a house rumored to be haunted. When the school newspaper *The Core* is shut down, students start an independent news sheet *The Peel*.

The Trap by John E. Smelcer Grandfather and long time trapper Albert Least Weasel makes a mistake and finds himself caught in his own steel bear trap in the Alaskan wilderness. His story is told in alternating chapters with that of his grandson who is worried about him.

The Big Field by Mike Lupica: Fourteen year old Hutch dreams of taking his American Legion baseball team to a championship. Jealousy and anger might end those dreams.

Antsy Does Time by Neal Shusterman: In a sequel to The Schwa Was Here, Brooklyn native Antsy Bonano befriends Gunnar Ümlaut who says that he's dying of Pulmonary Monoxic Systemia. Antsy's offer of a month of his own life starts a trend in this comic/near tragic read.

The GollyWhopper Games by Jody Feldman: Gil's father has been accused of stealing from his long time employer and Gil is determined to win the town's annual games sponsored by the employer the Gollywhopper Toy Company enabling his family to start over.

Carlos is Gonna Get It by Kevin Emerson: A group of seventh grade students decide they are going to teach an annoying classmate a lesson while on an end of the year field trip.

Start reading now for the 2009 – 2010 Chester County Reading Olympics:

<http://readingolympics.cciu.org/booklists.html>

If You Prefer NonFiction, Check Out These Titles . . .

The Legend of the Lost Aviator by Shelley Tanaka

Animal Heroes: True Rescue Stories by Sandra Markle

Balls: Round 2 by Michael J. Rosen Whether your game is baseball, bowling, or billiards, you'll find a well-rounded assortment of information about some major (and a few minor) sports-related spheres.

The Big Book of Dummies, Rebels and Other Geniuses by Jean-Bernard Pouy and others Twenty-six lively and humorous portraits of notable figures from history, science, literature, music and film.

Bodies from the Ice: Melting Glaciers and the Recovery of the Past by James M. Deem

The Crafty Diva's Lifestyle Makeover: Awesome Ideas to Spice Up Your Life by Kathy Cano Murillo Fifty projects with tips on everything from meeting people to making your room look bigger.

Danger in the Desert: True Adventures of a Dinosaur Hunter by Roger Cohen

I Wanna Make Gifts by Clea Hantman Great ideas for fabulous gifts and nothing is more appreciated than a gift you make with your own efforts.

Insectigations: 40 Hands-On Activities to Explore the Insect World by Cindy Blowbaum

Kids Who Rule: The Remarkable Lives of Five Child Monarchs by Charis Cotter

King George: What Was His Problem by Steve Sheinkin The fast, frightening, funny and entirely true story of the American Revolution

L is for Lollygag: Quirky Words for a Clever Tongue

Magic of the Mind: Tricks for the Master Magician by Paul Zenon

Mysteries Unwrapped: Mutants and Monsters by Oliver Ho

The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens by Sean Covey National bestseller, if this book does not help you, "then you must have a perfect life already."

The Periodic Table: Elements With Style by Adrian Dingle If you read this book, you will feel like the elements are familiar and sometimes strange friends and learn a lot in the process.

Simple Sleight-of-Hand: Card and Coin Tricks for the Beginning Magician by Paul Zenon

Speed Show: How Nascar Won the Heart of America by Dave Caldwell

Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson and David Liver Relin (The Young Reader's Edition)

Women Daredevils: Thrills, Chills and Frills by Julie Cummins