

## Summer Reading List 2010

Anderson, M. T. ***Jasper Dash and the flame-pits of Delaware : a pals in peril tale***

Jasper Dash--Boy Technonaut--travels with his friends Lily Gefelty and Katie Mulligan into the mist-shrouded heart of the forbidden mountainous realm of Delaware to try unraveling a terrible mystery.

\*Lexile: 740 F&P: Q-R-S

Barry, Dave. ***Science fair : a story of mystery, danger, international suspense, and a very nervous frog***

The president of Kprshskan is plotting to infiltrate the science fair at Hubble Middle School in Maryland in order to take over the United States government, but when Toby Harbinger, an ordinary student, makes up his mind finally to win the fair, the terrorists' plans go awry.

Lexile: 770 F&P: Q-R-S

Baskin, Nora Raleigh. ***Anything but typical***

Jason, a twelve-year-old autistic boy who wants to become a writer, relates what his life is like as he tries to make sense of his world.

Lexile: 640 F&P: N-O-P

Berry, Julie. ***The Amaranth enchantment***

Orphaned at age five, Lucinda, now fifteen, stands with courage against the man who took everything from her, aided by a thief, a clever goat, and a mysterious woman called the Witch of Amaranth, while the prince she knew as a child prepares to marry, unaware that he, too, is in danger.

Lexile: 610 F&P: N-O-P

Davis, Elanor. ***Secret science alliance***

Graphic Novel. Eleven-year-old Julian Calendar thought changing schools would mean leaving his "nerdy" persona behind, but instead he forms an alliance with fellow inventors Greta and Ben and works with them to prevent an adult from using one of their gadgets for nefarious purposes.

Lexile: 470 F&P: J-K

Dionne, Erin. ***Models don't eat chocolate cookies***

Overweight thirteen-year-old Celeste begins a campaign to lose weight in order to make sure she does not win the Miss Huskey Peach modeling challenge, in which her mother and aunt have entered her--against her wishes.

Lexile: 690 F&P: N-O-P

Edwardson, Debby Dahl. ***Blessing's bead***

In 1917, Aaluk leaves for Siberia while her sister Nutaaq remains in their Alaskan village and becomes one of the few survivors of an influenza epidemic, then in 1986, Nunaaq's great-granddaughter leaves her mother due to a different kind of sickness and returns to the village where they were born.

Lexile: 870 F&P: T-U-V

Fagan, Deva. ***Fortune's folly***

Ever since her mother died and her father lost his shoemaking skills, Fortunata has survived by pretending to tell fortunes, but when she is tricked into telling the fortune of a prince, she is faced with the impossible task of fulfilling her wild prophecy to save her father's life.

Lexile: 770 F&P: Q-R-S

Fantaskey, Beth. ***Jessica's guide to dating on the dark side***

Seventeen-year-old Jessica, adopted and raised in Pennsylvania, learns that she is descended from a royal line of Romanian vampires and that she is betrothed to a vampire prince, who poses as a foreign exchange student while courting her.

Lexile: 700 F&P: Q-R-S

Frank, Lucy. ***The Homeschool Liberation League***

Thirteen-year-old Katya convinces her parents to try homeschooling her for a month, but while she is finally excited about learning--and about Milo, the violin prodigy who lives nearby--not everything works out as she had hoped.

Lexile: 630 F&P: N-O-P

## Hamilton International Middle School

Fuerst, James W. ***Huge : a novel***

Twelve-year-old Eugene "Huge" Smalls is short, mean, angry, and brilliant, characteristics which win him no friends, but he is also an amateur sleuth with his first real case, which leads him to believe life might be better if he did not imagine himself a character in a Raymond Chandler novel.

Goodman, Alison. ***Eon: Dragoneye Reborn***

Sixteen-year-old Eon hopes to become an apprentice to one of the twelve energy dragons of good fortune and learn to be its main interpreter, but to do so will require much, including keeping secret that she is a girl.

Lexile: 750 F&P: Q-R-S

Gratz, Alan. ***The Brooklyn nine : a novel in nine innings***

Follows the fortunes of a German immigrant family through nine generations, beginning in 1845, as they experience American life and play baseball.

Lexile: 840 F&P: T-U-V

Hahn, Mary Downing. ***Closed for the season : a mystery story***

When thirteen-year-old Logan and his family move into a run-down old house in rural Virginia, he discovers that a woman was murdered there and becomes involved with his neighbor Arthur in a dangerous investigation to try to uncover the killer.

Lexile: 670 F&P: N-O-P

Hardinge, Frances. ***The lost conspiracy***

When a lie is exposed and their tribe turns against them, Hathin must find a way to save her sister Arilou--once considered the tribe's oracle--and herself.

Lexile: 970 F&P: W-X-Y

Hardy, Janice. ***The shifter***

Nya, a young woman who can take pain from people simply by touching their skin, keeps secret the fact that she can transfer the pain to others for fear she will be set to work as an assassin, but her hidden talent comes in handy when her sister goes missing and her search reveals dangerous events on her island home.

Harrison, Michelle. ***13 treasures***

Bedeveled by evil fairies that only she can see, thirteen-year-old Tanya is sent to stay with her cold and distant grandmother at Elvesden Manor, where she and the caretaker's son solve a disturbing mystery that leads them to the discovery that Tanya's life is in danger.

Hartinger, Brent. ***Project sweet life***

Make the money. Fake the job. When their fathers insist that they get summer jobs, three fifteen-year-old friends in Tacoma, Washington, dedicate their summer vacation to fooling their parents into thinking that they are working, which proves to be even harder than having real jobs would have been.

Lexile: 740 F&P: Q-R-S

Jones, Diana Wynne. ***Enchanted glass***

Andrew Hope inherits a house in an English village from his late grandfather and things are going well until orphan Aidan shows up, trailing a host of magical townsfolk and interlopers in his wake.

Kadohata, Cynthia. ***A million shades of gray***

A boy takes refuge in the jungle with his elephant when the Viet Cong launch an attack on his village in the aftermath of the Vietnam War.

Lexile: 700 F&P: Q-R-S

Kelly, Jacqueline. ***The evolution of Calpurnia Tate***

In central Texas in 1899, eleven-year-old Callie Vee Tate is instructed to be a lady by her mother, learns about love from the older three of her six brothers, and studies the natural world with her grandfather, the latter of which leads to an important discovery.

Lexile: 830 F&P: T-U-V

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Lupica, Mike. ***The batboy***

Even though his mother feels baseball ruined her marriage to his father, she allows fourteen-year-old Brian to become a bat boy for the Detroit Tigers, who have just drafted his favorite player back onto the team.

Lyga, Barry. ***Wolverine, worst day ever***

Collects blog entries from Eric Mattias, a socially awkward mutant at Xavier's School for Gifted Students, in which he chronicles his life and experiences; and includes three comic book adventures with Wolverine.

Magoon, Kekla. ***The rock and the river***

In 1968 Chicago, fourteen-year-old Sam Childs is caught in a conflict between his father's nonviolent approach to seeking civil rights for African-Americans and his older brother, who has joined the Black Panther Party.

Lexile: 550 F&P: L-M

Myers, Walter Dean. ***Amiri & Odette : a love story***

Presents a modern, urban retelling in verse of the ballet in which brave Amiri falls in love with beautiful Odette and fights evil Big Red for her on the streets of the Swan Lake Projects.

Rallison, Janette. ***My fair godmother***

High school sophomore Savannah wants to find the perfect prom date after her boyfriend breaks up with her to date her older sister, but when a godmother who is only fair becomes involved, Savannah finds herself in trouble in the Middle Ages, along with a boy who would like to be her charming prince.

Resau, Laura. ***The indigo notebook***

Fifteen-year-old Zeeta comes to terms with her flighty mother and their itinerant life when, soon after moving to Ecuador, she helps an American teenager find his birth father in a nearby village.

Lexile: 780 F&P: Q-R-S

Rue, Ginger. ***Brand new Emily : a novel***

Tired of being picked on by a trio of popular girls, fourteen-year-old poet Emily hires a major public relations firm to change her image and soon finds herself "re-branded" as Em, one of the most important teens not only in her middle school, but in celebrity magazines, as well.

Rutkoski, Marie. ***The Celestial Globe***

Thirteen-year-old Petra, her tin spider Astrophil, and their Roma friends Neel and Tomik are surprised by revelations about Dee, Kit, and Petra's father as they face Prince Rodolfo of Bohemia, who will do anything to possess a powerful object, the Celestial Globe.

Ryan, Pam Munoz. ***The dreamer***

A fictionalized biography of the Nobel Prize-winning Chilean poet Pablo Neruda, who grew up a painfully shy child, ridiculed by his overbearing father, but who became one of the most widely-read poets in the world.

Lexile: 650 F&P: N-O-P

Slade, Arthur G. ***The hunchback assignments***

In Victorian London, fourteen-year-old Modo, a shape-changing hunchback, becomes a secret agent for the Permanent Association, which strives to protect the world from the evil machinations of the Clockwork Guild.

Lexile: 680 F&P: N-O-P

Slade, Arthur G. ***Jolted : Newton Starker's rules for survival***

Many of Newton Starker's ancestors, including his mother, have been killed by lightning strikes, so when he enrolls at the eccentric Jerry Potts Academy of Higher Learning and Survival in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, he tries to be a model student so that he can avoid the same fate.

Lexile: 660 F&P: N-O-P

Stead, Rebecca. ***When you reach me***

As her mother prepares to be a contestant on the 1980s television game show, "The \$20,000 Pyramid," a twelve-year-old New York City girl tries to make sense of a series of mysterious notes received from an anonymous source that seems to defy the laws of time and space.

Lexile: 750 F&P: Q-R-S

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Stroud, Jonathan. ***Heroes of the valley***

Halli Sveinsson, a mischievous young man who does not fit in with his peers and siblings, plays a trick on Ragnar that goes too far, forcing him to embark on a hero's quest in which he will face highway robbers, monsters, an intriguing girl, and truths about his family and the legends he grew up with.

Lexile: 770 F&P: Q-R-S

Teague, Mark. ***The doom machine : a novel***

When a spaceship lands in the small town of Vern Hollow in 1956, juvenile delinquent Jack Creedle and prim, studious Isadora Shumway form an unexpected alliance as they try to keep a group of extraterrestrials from stealing eccentric Uncle Bud's space travel machine.

Lexile: 610 F&P: N-O-P

Turner, Megan Whalen. ***A conspiracy of kings***

Kidnapped and sold into slavery, Sophos, an unwilling prince, tries to save his country from being destroyed by rebellion and exploited by the conniving Mede empire.

Wilks, Mike. ***Mirrorscape***

In a world where all pleasures are severely restricted, Melkin Womper is apprenticed to a master painter when he discovers the Mirrorscape, a world inside paintings, and becomes entangled in a war between the restrictive Fifth Mystery and the rebels fighting to stop them.

Lexile: 750 F&P: Q-R-S

Yancey, Richard. ***The monstrolomologist***

In 1888, twelve-year-old Will Henry chronicles his apprenticeship with Dr. Warthrop, a scientist who hunts and studies real-life monsters, as they discover and attempt to destroy a pod of Anthropophagi.

\*Only Lexile levels (MAP test gives students their Lexile range) are available for these titles. The following comparison chart has been used to estimate Fontas & Pinnell reading levels (used in Readers Workshop)

Lexile	F&P
600	N - O - P
700	Q - R - S
800	T - U - V
900	W - X - Y
1000	Z