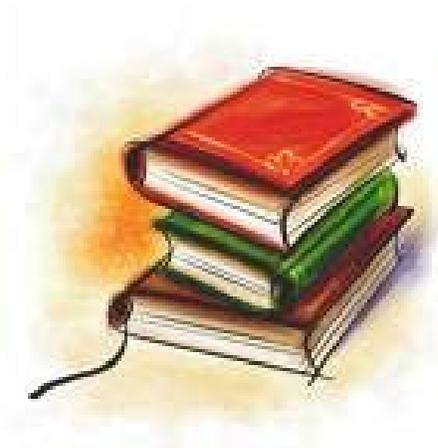


Howell Township Schools



Summer Reading List 2014

Students entering grades 5 and 6 in September 2014

“Reading takes us away from home, but more important, it finds homes for us everywhere.”

-Hazel Rochman

*******Join our grade 5 online summer reading book club! See the flyer at the end of this booklist. *******

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Look What's New!

***The Ghost of Tupelo Landing* by Sheila Turnage**

When Miss Lana accidentally buys a haunted inn at the Tupelo Landing town auction, Desperado Detectives- aka Mo LoBeau and her best friend Dale—opens up a paranormal division to solve the ghost's identity before the town's big 250th anniversary bash." **Lexile 550.**

***Playing With Fire* by Bruce Hale**

Juvenile delinquent and budding pyromaniac Max Segredo belongs in juvie hall. At least, that's what his most recent foster family would tell you. Instead, Max ends up on the doorstep of Merry Sunshine Orphanage-their very heavily guarded doorstep. As he begins to acclimate to his new home, Max learns a few things straightaway: first, cracking a Caesar Cipher isn't as hard as it seems; second, never sass your instructor if she's also holding throwing knives; and third, he may not be an orphan after all. Soon, Max and the rest of the students are sent on a mission to keep a dangerous weapon out of the hands of LOTUS, an international group bent on world domination. Of course, all Max cares about is finding out more about his father, the man he's now sure is still alive. As the stakes get higher, Max must make some difficult choices, including who to trust, and finally learns the true meaning of family. **Lexile N/A**

***Zane and the Hurricane: A Story of Katrina* by Rodman Philbrick**

Zane Dupree is a charismatic 12-year-old boy of mixed race visiting a relative in New Orleans when Hurricane Katrina hits. Unexpectedly separated from all family, Zane and his dog experience the terror of Katrina's wind, rain, and horrific flooding. Facing death, they are rescued from an attic air vent by a kind, elderly musician and a scrappy young girl--both African American. The chaos that ensues as storm water drowns the city, shelter and food vanish, and police contribute to a dangerous, frightening atmosphere, creates a page-turning tale that completely engrosses the reader. Based on the facts of the worst hurricane disaster in U.S. history, Philbrick includes the lawlessness and lack of government support during the disaster as well as the generosity and courage of those who risked their lives and safety to help others. Here is an unforgettable novel of heroism in the face of truly challenging circumstances. **Lexile 860.**

***Seeing Red* by Kathryn Erskine**

Life will never be the same for Red Porter. He's a kid growing up around black car grease, white fence paint, and the backward attitudes of the folks who live in his hometown, Rocky Gap, Virginia. Red's daddy, his idol, has just died, leaving Red and Mama with some hard decisions and a whole lot of doubt. Should they sell the Porter family business, a gas station, repair shop, and convenience store rolled into one, where the slogan -- "Porter's: We Fix it Right!" -- has been shouting the family's pride for as long as anyone can remember? With Daddy gone, everything's different. Through his friendship with Thomas, Beau, and Miss Georgia, Red starts to see there's a lot more than car motors and rusty fenders that need fixing in his world. When Red discovers the injustices that have been happening in Rocky Gap since before he was born, he's faced with unsettling questions about his family's legacy. **Lexile 750.**

***What We Found in the Sofa and How it Saved the World* by Henry Clark**

The adventure of a lifetime begins between two sofa cushions....

When River, Freak, and Fiona discover a mysterious sofa sitting at their bus stop, their search for loose change produces a rare zucchini-colored crayon. Little do they know this peculiar treasure is about to launch them into the middle of a plot to conquer the world! The kids' only hope is to trap the plot's mastermind when he comes to steal the crayon. But how can three kids from the middle of nowhere stop an evil billionaire? With the help of an eccentric neighbor, an artificially intelligent domino, a DNA-analyzing tray, two hot air balloons, and a cat named Mucus, they just might be able to save the planet. This clever comic adventure from debut author Henry Clark is a truly original and utterly wacky story about the importance of intelligence and curiosity in a complacent world. **Lexile 730. F&P Guided Reading Level: W**

***Road Trip* by Gary Paulsen and Jim Paulsen**

Dad and Ben haven't been getting along recently and Dad hopes a road trip to rescue a border collie will help them reconnect. But Ben is on to Dad's plan and invites Ben's thuggish buddy, Theo. The family dog, Atticus, comes along too and the story is told by Ben and Atticus. When their truck breaks down, they commandeer an old school bus, along with its mechanic, Gus. Next, they pick up Mia, a waitress escaping a tense situation. Only sharp-eyed Atticus realizes that Theo is on the run—and someone is following them. **Lexile 700.**

***Flora and Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures* by Kate DiCamillo**

Holy unanticipated occurrences! It begins, as the best superhero stories do, with a tragic accident that has unexpected consequences. The squirrel never saw the vacuum cleaner coming, but self-described cynic Flora Belle Buckman, who has read every issue of the comic book *Terrible Things Can Happen to You!*, is the just the right person to step in and save him. What neither can predict is that Ulysses (the squirrel) has been born anew, with powers of strength, flight, and misspelled poetry — and that Flora will be changed too, as she discovers the possibility of hope and the promise of a capacious heart. From #1 *New York Times* best-selling author Kate DiCamillo comes a laugh-out-loud story filled with eccentric, endearing characters and featuring an exciting new format — a novel interspersed with comic-style graphic sequences and full-page illustrations, all rendered in black-and-white by up-and-coming artist K. G. Campbell. **Lexile 520. F&P Guided Reading Level U.**

***Al Capone Does My Homework: A Tale From Alcatraz* by Gennifer Choldenko**

Alcatraz Island in the 1930s isn't the most normal place to grow up, but it's home for Moose Flanagan, his autistic sister, Natalie, and all the families of the guards. When Moose's dad gets promoted to Associate Warden, despite being an unlikely candidate, it's a big deal. But the cons have a point system for targeting prison employees, and his dad is now in serious danger. After a fire starts in the Flanagan's apartment, Natalie is blamed, and Moose bands with the other kids to track down the possible arsonist. Then Moose gets a cryptic note from the notorious Al Capone himself. Is Capone trying to protect Moose's dad too? If Moose can't figure out what Capone's note means, it may be too late.

The last heart-pounding installment in the *New York Times* bestselling, Newbery Honor-winning Alcatraz trilogy is not to be missed! **Lexile 570.**

***Pie in the Sky* by Wendy Mass**

Joss is the seventh son of the Supreme Overlord of the Universe. His older brothers help his dad rule the cosmos, but all Joss gets to do is deliver pies. That's right: pies. Of course, these pies actually hold the secrets of the universe between their buttery crusts, but they're still pies. Joss is happy to let his older brothers shine. He has plenty to keep his hands full: attempting to improve his bowling score; listening to his best friend, Kal, try (and fail) to play the drums; and exploring his ever-changing home, The Realms. But when Earth suddenly disappears, Joss is tasked with the seemingly impossible job of bringing it back. With the help of Annika, an outspoken girl from Earth, he embarks on the adventure of a lifetime...and learns that the universe is an even stranger place than he'd imagined. **Lexile 710. F&P Guided Reading Level L.**

***The Hypnotists* by Gordon Korman**

Is it a gift . . . or is it a curse? Jax Opus can use his color-changing eyes to make people do things they don't want to do. (Only his color-blind best friend, Tommy, seems immune.) At first, Jax doesn't know what he's doing -- temporarily hypnotizing friends, foes, and strangers. But then his power pushes things way too far, and his secret isn't a secret any longer. Soon Jax finds himself meeting Dr. Elias Mako, who wants him to join a special institution that will teach him how to use his powers. But what will his powers be used for? That's the big question for Jax as his hypnotic abilities draw him into a conspiracy that will have him racing against time and a mysterious mastermind to save his best friend, his parents, and the entire United States. **Lexile 750.**

Learn Something!

***Bomb* by Steve Sheinkin**

In December of 1938, a chemist in a German laboratory made a shocking discovery: When placed next to radioactive material, a Uranium atom split in two. That simple discovery launched a scientific race that spanned 3 continents. In Great Britain and the United States, Soviet spies worked their way into the scientific community; in Norway, a commando force slipped behind enemy lines to attack German heavy-water manufacturing; and deep in the desert, one brilliant group of scientists was hidden away at a remote site at Los Alamos. This is the story of the plotting, the risk-taking, the deceit, and genius that created the world's most formidable weapon. This is the story of the atomic bomb. **Lexile 920**

***Chasing Lincoln's Killer* by James Swanson**

This book recounts the twelve-day pursuit and capture of John Wilkes Booth, covering the chase through Washington D.C., Maryland, and Virginia, with a discussion of Abraham Lincoln as a father, husband, and friend that examines the impact of his death on those close to him. **Lexile 980. F&P Guided Reading Level Z.**

***Lincoln's Grave Robbers* by Steve Sheinkin**

The action begins in October of 1875, as Secret Service agents raid the Fulton, Illinois, workshop of master counterfeiter Ben Boyd. Soon after Boyd is hauled off to prison, members of his counterfeiting ring gather in the back room of a smoky Chicago saloon to discuss how to spring their ringleader. Their plan: grab Lincoln's body from its Springfield tomb, stash it in the sand dunes near Lake Michigan, and demand, as a ransom, the release of Ben Boyd --and \$200,000 in cash. From here, the action

alternates between the conspirators, the Secret Service agents on their trail, and the undercover agent moving back and forth between the two groups. Along the way readers get glimpses into the inner workings of counterfeiting, grave robbing, detective work, and the early days of the Secret Service. The plot moves toward a wild climax as robbers and lawmen converge at Lincoln's tomb on election night: November 7, 1876. **Lexile 930**

***Notorious Benedict Arnold* by Steve Sheinkin**

Most people know that Benedict Arnold was America's first, most notorious traitor. Few know that he was also one of its greatest war heroes. This accessible biography introduces young readers to the real Arnold: reckless, heroic, and driven. Packed with first-person accounts, astonishing battle scenes, and surprising twists, this is a gripping and true adventure tale. **Lexile 990.**

***Who's Haunting the White House?: The President's Mansion and the Ghosts Who Live There* By Jeff Belanger**

Filled with archival images and original illustrations, this book takes young readers on a tour of the White House, examining its history and the ghosts believed to reside there. **Lexile N/A**

***Hoop Genius: How a Desperate Teacher and a Rowdy Gym Class Invented Basketball* by John Coy**

Taking over a rowdy gym class right before winter vacation is not something James Naismith wants to do at all. The last two teachers of this class quit in frustration. The students—a bunch of energetic young men—are bored with all the regular games and activities. Naismith needs something new, exciting, and fast to keep the class happy—or someone's going to get hurt. Saving this class is going to take a genius. Discover the true story of how Naismith invented basketball in 1891 at a school in Springfield, Massachusetts. **Lexile N/A.**

Luck Out with These Favorites!

***Hideout* by Gordan Korman**

When Griffin Bing and his friends first met Luthor, he was a vicious attack dog working for the slimy S. Wendell Palomino - as known as Swindle. The kids rescued Luthor, and never thought they'd see Swindle again. But now Swindle's returned. And he wants his dog back. Swindle has manipulated the law so that there's no way for Savannah Drysdale to keep Luthor in her house. Before he can be taken away, they decide to make him disappear - away from Swindle. Six kids: three hideouts: one extremely large dog. What could possibly go wrong? **Lexile HL750. F&P Guided Reading Level U.**

***Who could that be at This Hour* by Lemony Snicket**

In a fading town, far from anyone he knew or trusted, a young Lemony Snicket began his apprenticeship in an organization nobody knows about. He started by asking questions that shouldn't have been on his mind. Now he has written an account that should not be published, in four volumes that shouldn't be read. This is the first volume. **Lexile 870. F&P Guided Reading Level V**

***Close to Famous* by Joan Bauer**

When twelve-year-old Foster and her mother land in the tiny town of Culpepper, they don't know what to expect. But folks quickly warm to the woman with the great voice and the girl who can bake like nobody's business. Soon Foster, who dreams of having her own cooking show one day, lands herself a gig baking for the local coffee shop, and gets herself some much-needed help in overcoming her biggest challenge, learning to read. Just as Foster and Mama start to feel at ease, their past catches up to them. Thanks to the folks in Culpepper though, Foster and her mama find the strength to put their troubles behind them for good. **Lexile 540. F&P Guided Reading Level T.**

***Game Changers: Play Makers* by Mike Lupica**

Mike Lupica presents the second book in his NEW YORK TIMES bestselling Game Changers series! Still living large off their incredible football championship win just weeks before, Ben McBain and his crew must now prepare for basketball season. Ben is known as the best point guard throughout the league. And now that Shawn O'Brien has joined their team, they are a shoo-in to win it all. But there is a new kid in town, Chase Braggs, a point guard like Ben who seems to be better, stronger, and faster. Refusing to let his team down, Ben hits the courts hard to practice. Ben's rivalry with Chase seems to take the fun out of playing ball with his best friends. Will Ben be able to pull it together for his team and for himself? **Lexile N/A.**

******Out of My Mind*, by Sharon Draper *** LITERACY COACHES' CHOICE – GRADE 5**

Melody is not like most people. She cannot walk or talk, but she has a photographic memory; she can remember every detail of everything she has ever experienced. She is smarter than most of the adults who try to diagnose her and smarter than her classmates in her integrated classroom—the very same classmates who dismiss her as mentally challenged, because she cannot tell them otherwise. But Melody refuses to be defined by cerebral palsy. And she's determined to let everyone know it...somehow. **Lexile 700. F&P Guided Reading Level T.**

******Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen*** LITERACY COACHES' CHOICE – GRADE 6**

A book for young readers. It involves new kids, bullies, alligators, eco-warriors, pancakes, and pint-sized owls. A hilarious Floridian adventure! Roy, who is new to his small Florida community, becomes involved in another boy's attempt to save a colony of burrowing owls from a proposed construction site. **F&P Guided Reading Level S. Lexile 760.**

***I Funny: A Middle School Story* by James Patterson**

Jamie Grimm is a middle schooler on a mission: he wants to become the world's greatest standup comedian--even if he doesn't have a lot to laugh about these days. He's new in town and stuck living with his aunt, uncle, and their evil son Stevie, a bully who doesn't let Jamie's wheelchair stop him from messing with Jamie as much as possible. But Jamie doesn't let his situation get him down. When his Uncle Frankie mentions a contest called The Planet's Funniest Kid Comic, Jamie knows he has to enter. But are the judges only rewarding him out of pity because of his wheelchair, like Stevie suggests? Will Jamie ever share the secret of his troubled past instead of hiding behind his comedy act? **Lexile 610. F&P Guided Reading Level T.**

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For more information on Fontas and Pennell Guided Reading Levels (F&P), please visit:

http://teacher.scholastic.com/products/guidedreading/leveling_chart.htm



Leap Into a Great Series!

A Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney
American Girl Various Authors

Dear America Series Various Authors
Dive by Gordan Korman

Fablehaven Series by Brandon Mull
Ghosthunters by Cornelia Funke
Charlie Joe Jackson Guide to... by Tom Greenwald

Harry Potter by JK Rowling

The Olympian Series by Rick Riordan
Sammy Keys Mysteries by Wendelin Van Draanen

Tales of Magic by Edward Eager
The Mysterious Benedict Society by Trenton Lee Stewart

Time Warp Trio by Jon Scieszka
Warriors Series by Erin Hunter
The Fourth Stall (Part 1) by Chris Rylander
The Origami Yoda by Tom Angleberger

Link up with a Favorite Author!

Avi
Joan Bauer
Judy Bloom
Eve Bunting
Matt Christopher
Andrew Clements
Roald Dahl
Dan Gutman
Margaret Peterson Haddix

Karen Hesse
Carl Hiaason
Johanna Hurwitz
E.L. Konigsberg
C.S. Lewis
Lois Lowry
Mike Lupica
Gary Paulsen
Rick Riordan

Louis Sachar
Jon Scieszka
Seymour Simon
Jerry Spinelli
T. Taylor
Cynthia Voigt
Laurence Yep



Lucky 2014 Award Winners

Newbery Award Medal:

Flora and Ulysses by Kate DiCamillo

Newbery Honor Books:

Doll Bones by Holly Black

The Year of Billy Miller by Kevin Henkes

One Came Home by Amy Timberlake

Paperboy by Vince Vawter

Coretta Scott King Award:

P.S. Be Eleven by Rita Williams-Garcia

Printz Award Winner:

Midwinterblood by Marcus Sedgwick

2014 Children's Choice Award Titles (5th and 6th grades)

Winner:

National Geographic Kids Myths Busted! By Emily Krieger

Finalists:

Hokey Pokey by Jerry
Spinelli

Prince Puggly of Spud
by Robert Paul Weston

Lawless: Book 1 by
Jeffrey Salane

Battling Boy by Paul
Pope

2014 Teen Book of the Year

Winner

***Allegiant* by Veronica Roth**

“Spark A Reaction” @ Howell Library



Howell Township Public Library

732-938-2300

Summer Hours

Monday/Wednesday	10-9
Tuesday/Thursday	9-9
Friday	1-5
Saturday (July and August)	9-1

Monmouth County Library On the Go—download eBooks and Audiobooks anywhere, any time!

<http://monmouth.lib.overdrive.com/083157DE-99F3-4507-BB01-6D845DE12BB5/10/874/en/Default.htm>

Summer Activities

Grade level activities to extend learning during the summer.

<http://www.readwritethink.org/beyondtheclassroom/summer/>

Visit www.monmouthcountylib.org for additional information on the library’s summer programs.

Scholastic Summer Reading Program – Read for the World Record

www.scholastic.com/summer

Ideas for Sharing Your Reading

- ☉ *Share your summer read with your family and friends*
- ☉ *Draw a picture or write about your favorite part of the book to share with your classmates in September!*
- ☉ *Make a new cover for your book*
- ☉ *Write an advertisement to get kids “just like you” to read the book*
- ☉ *Write a letter to the author explaining why you enjoyed the story or explaining additional story ideas*
- ☉ *If you use Post-Its..Organize & save them. Bring them in Septemeber!*
- ☉ *Keep a “Summer Reader’s Notebook” and Track Your Thinking!*

For additional information on these books and more visit:

Barnes and Noble: www.barnesandnoble.com

Scholastic: www.scholastic.com

Common Sense Media: www.common Sense Media.org/book-reviews

Amazon: www.amazon.com/gp/feature.html/ref=amb link_354383582_5?ie=UTF8&plgroup=1&docId=1000628111

IRA Choices Book Lists – teachers’ choices, kids’ choices, young adult choices:

www.reading.org/Resources/Booklists.aspx

Outstanding Science Trade Books: www.nsta.org/publications/ostb/ostb2011.aspx

Parents’ Choice Award Winners: http://www.parents-choice.org/award.cfm?thePage=books&p_code=p_boo

What if you were the smartest kid in fifth grade...but no one knew it? Read to find out!



Join the Howell Summer Reading Online Book Club - **Grade 5**

You are invited to join a summer book club with other students entering fifth grade all across Howell, and you never even have to leave your home!

How to participate:

1. Buy or borrow a copy of the book *Out of My Mind* by Sharon Draper.
2. Join our secure Edmodo online discussion group using the join URL- <https://edmo.do/j/h35aiy>
3. Read each week and log in to Edmodo every Tuesday throughout the summer to read and respond to a new question or another student's comments.

Edmodo can be accessed through the website www.edmodo.com as well as free apps for Android, iPad, and iPhone.

**** This site is managed and monitored by the literacy coaches in the Howell Township Public Schools.***

Reading Schedule - grade 5

June 25-July 1 - Read Chapters 1-6 (pages 1-50)

- Edmodo Post #1: July 1

July 2-8 - Read Chapters 7-11 (pages 51-101)

- Edmodo Post #2: July 8

July 9-15 - Read Chapters 12-17 (pages 102-155)

- Edmodo Post #3: July 15

July 16-22 - Read Chapters 18-23 (pages 156-205)

- Edmodo Post #4: July 22

July 23-29 - Read Chapters 24-27 (pages 206-247)

- Edmodo Post #5: July 29

July 30-August 5 - Read Chapters 28-33 (pages 248-295)

- Edmodo Post #6: August 5

You can also join the group by scanning this QR code!

