

The Chapin Middle School Reading List 2015
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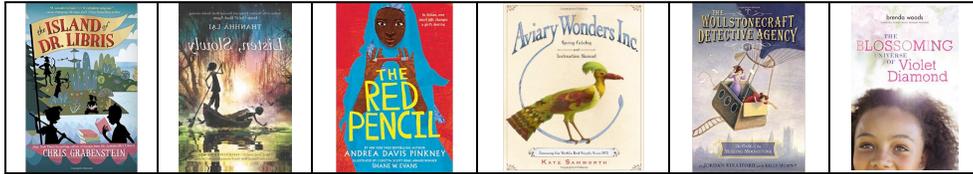
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Fiction and Chapter Books



- Amato, Mary Good Crooks: Missing Monkey
Tired of being pressured to help their criminal parents commit crimes, twins Jillian and Billy decide to do good deeds without their parents knowing.
- Bar-El, Dan Audrey (Cow): An Oral Account of a Most Daring Escape, Based More or Less on a True Story
Longing for a life filled with poetry and green pastures instead of the slaughterhouse, Audrey the cow enlists the help of human and animal friends to stage a daring escape.
- Barnhill, Kelly The Witch's Boy
A bandit, the bandit's daughter, a witch, powerful magic, and the wrong boy come together in this darkly haunting, complex and mysterious tale.
- Booth, Coe Kinda Like Brothers
When his mother takes in a twelve-year-old foster boy, Jarrett is forced to share his room and his friends with the new boy.
- Curtis, Christopher Paul The Madman of Piney Woods
It is 1901 and Benji, the descendant of American slaves, and Red, a boy from a family of Irish immigrants, become friends despite many challenges and meet a mysterious man living in the woods.
- Draper, Sharon M. Stella by Starlight
In segregated North Carolina, Stella and her brother witness a meeting of the Ku Klux Klan which signals problems to come for the black community of Bumblebee.
- Foxlee, Karen Ophelia and the Marvelous Boy
Science minded Ophelia discovers an imprisoned Marvelous Boy in the city museum who reveals that the Snow Queen will release terrible things upon humanity in three days if she is not stopped.
- Gibbs, Stuart Space Case
In 2040, living in an extraterrestrial colony is not exciting for twelve-year-old Dash until one of the scientists dies under suspicious circumstances. A mystery written with humor and a good dose of actual science.

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- Grabenstein, Chris The Island of Dr. Libris
A twelve-year-old boy discovers that an island in the middle of the lake where he is spending the summer is the testing grounds of the mysterious Dr. Libris, who may have invented a way to make the characters in books come alive.
- Graff, Lisa Absolutely Almost
Ten-year-old Albie has never been the smartest, tallest, best at gym, greatest artist, or most musical in his class, as his parents keep reminding him, but new nanny Calista helps him uncover his strengths and take pride in himself.
- Hannigan, Kate The Detective's Assistant
In 1859, eleven-year-old Nell helps her aunt, Kate Warne, the first female detective for Pinkerton's Detective Agency, solve cases.
- Holm, Jennifer The Fourteenth Goldfish
Ellie's scientist grandfather has discovered a way to reverse aging, and consequently has turned into a teenager—which makes for complicated relationship when he moves in with Ellie and her mother (his daughter).
- Jacobson, Jennifer Paper Things
Ari is taken away from her guardian by her well intentioned but poorly prepared older brother. The plan is to find a home and make sure that Ari gets into the middle school for gifted students but unfortunately, not everything goes as planned.
- Jones, Kelly Unusual Chickens For the Exceptional Poultry Farmer
Through a series of letters, Sophie Brown, age twelve, tells of her family's move to her Great Uncle Jim's farm, where she begins taking care of some unusual chickens.
- Lai, Thanh Listen, Slowly
Assisting her grandmother's investigation of her grandfather's fate during the Vietnam War, Mai struggles to adapt to an unfamiliar culture while redefining her sense of family.
- Larson, Kirby Dash
When her family is forced into a Japanese internment camp, Mitsi is separated from her home, her classmates, and her beloved dog Dash.
- Levy, Dana Alison The Misadventures of the Family Fletcher
Relates the adventures of a family with two fathers, four adopted boys, and a variety of pets as they make their way through a school year.

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- Lloyd, Natalie A Snicker of Magic
The Pickles are new to Midnight Gulch, Tennessee, a town which legend says was once magic—but Felicity is convinced the magic is still there.
- Lord, Cynthia Half a Chance
Lucy, with her mother and her photographer father, has just moved to New Hampshire, and plans to spend the summer taking photos for a contest, but pictures sometimes reveal more than people are willing to see.
- MacLachlan, Patricia Fly Away
While in North Dakota helping her Aunt Frankie prepare for a possible flood, Lucy finds her voice as a poet.
- Martin, Ann M. Rain Reign
Rose, who struggle with Asperger’s syndrome, is given a dog by her father, but when the dog goes missing after a severe storm, Rose must figure out a way to find her dog on her own.
- Milford, Kate Greenglass House
At Greenglass House, a smuggler’s inn, twelve-year-old Milo, the innkeepers’ adopted son, plans to spend his winter holidays relaxing but soon guests arrive with strange stories about the house sending Milo and Meddy, the cook’s daughter, on an adventure.
- Nye, Naomi Shihab The Turtle of Oman
A beautiful story about a boy figuring out how to say goodbye to his home, his grandfather, and his friends while he prepares to move to the U.S. with his parents.
- Pinkney, Andrea Davis The Red Pencil
Amira loves to draw and she wants to learn. But as a girl growing up in a tribal village and then living in a refuge camp after her village has been attacked, will the opportunity to get an education ever happen?
- Primavera, Elise Ms. Rapscott’s Girls
The students at Great Rapscott School for Daughters for Daughters of Busy Parents get an education that is far from ordinary.
- Rosengren, Gayle What the Moon Said
Set on a farm during the Great Depression, Esther faces many hardships, but none seem as difficult as trying to figure out how to win her mother’s affection.
- Ryan, Carrie The Map to Everywhere
Twelve –year-old Fin, a master thief, and Marrill, a girl from Arizona, cross paths in the magical world of Pirate Stream while on a quest for a mysterious map.

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- Samworth, Kate Aviary Wonders Inc. Spring Catalog and Instruction Manual: Renewing the World's Bird Supply Since 2013
After deforestation and other environmental factors have caused many bird species to go extinct, this futuristic catalog offers parts for creating replacement birds.
- Schulz, Heidi Hook's Revenge
Captain Hook's swashbuckling daughter must avenge her infamous father's death at the jaws of the Neverland crocodile.
- Stratford, Jordan The Wollstonecraft Detective Agency, Book 1: The Case of the Missing Moonstone
Imagine it is London during 1826 and Ada Lovelace (the world's first computer programmer) and Mary Shelley (author of *Frankenstein*) form a secret detective agency.
- Weston, Carol Ava and Pip
When ten-year-old Ava uses her writing talents to help her older sister overcome her shyness, both girls learn the impact their words and stories can have on the world around them.
- Woods, Brenda The Blossoming Universe of Violet Diamond
A biracial girl finally gets the chance to meet the African American side of her family.

Graphic Novels

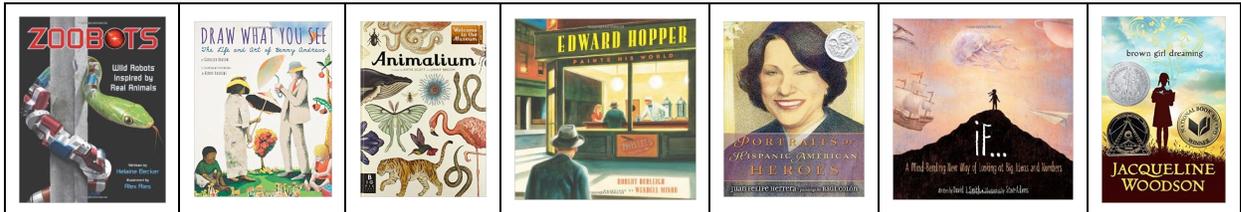


- Comics Squad: Recess
A collection of comics all about recess.
- Bell, Cece El Deafo
A graphic novel memoir about the author who grew up hearing impaired.
- Dauvillier, Loic Hidden
Dounia shares with her granddaughter her story of childhood in Paris during the Holocaust and how she was hidden in order to save her life.
- Jamieson, Victoria Roller Girl
A graphic novel adventure about a girl who discovers the roller derby right as she and her best friend are growing apart.

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- Kibuishi, Kazu Explorer: The Hidden Doors
An anthology of short graphic works by various artists on the theme of hidden doors.
- Lendler, Ian The Stratford Zoo Midnight Revue Presents Macbeth
When the Stratford Zoo closes for the evening, the animals sneak out of their cages and use their limited acting ability to put on an unusual version of Shakespeare’s “Macbeth.”
- Orchard, Eric Maddy Kettle: The Adventure of the Thimblewitch
Maddy goes on an adventure of a lifetime to find the mysterious Thimblewitch who turned her mom and dad into kangaroo rats.
- Pearson, Luke Hilda and the Black Hound
Hilda meets the Nisse – a mischievous but charismatic bunch of misfits with some intriguing secrets.
- Simpson, Dana Phoebe and Her Unicorn
A graphic novel that highlights the unlikely friendship between a somewhat awkward girl and a sarcastic unicorn.
- Telgemeier, Raina Sisters
In graphic novel format, Raina Telgemeier shares the story of her relationship with her younger sister.

Nonfiction



- Becker, Helaine Zoobots: Wild Robots Inspired by Real Animals
Profiles imagined robots that are based on real animals.
- Benson, Kathleen Draw What You See: The Life and Art of Benny Andrews
An illustrated look at the life and work of the African American artist.
- Broom, Jenny Animalium
Text and illustrations look at over 160 animals, focusing on invertebrates, fish, and others.
- Burleigh, Robert Edward Hopper Paints His World
A striking picture book that reveals a great deal about the life of the accomplished artist.

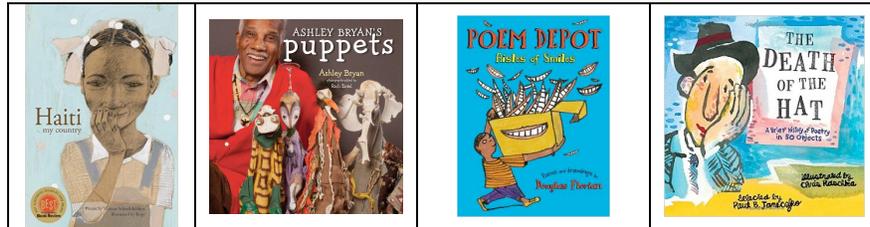
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- Grant, R. J. Superstars of History
Explores the deeds of key historical figures
- Herrera, Juan Felipe Portraits of Hispanic American Heroes
A beautiful collection of biographies about twenty Hispanic and Latino American men and women.
- Hill, Laban Carrick When the Beat was Born: DJ Kool Herc and the Creation of Hip Hop
How one pioneering young man in the Bronx developed a new way to play music that went on to change and influence music around the world.
- Palacio, R.J. 365 Days of Wonder
An inspiring precept for every day of the year based on the lesson of one of the teachers from the novel *Wonder*.
- Pienkowi, Jan The Glass Mountain: Tales from Poland
An illustrated collection of folktales from Poland
- Powell, Patricia Hruby Josephine: The Dazzling Life of Josephine Baker
A portrait of the performer and civil rights advocate Josephine Baker.
- Rubin, Susan Goldman Stand There! She Shouted: The Invincible Photographer Julia Margaret Cameron
Traces the life and work of the nineteenth-century celebrity photographer, detailing her privileged childhood, her presence in the bohemian salons of England, and her staging of sophisticated tableaux based on literature and myth.
- Russell-Brown, Katheryn Little Melba and Her Big Trombone
Melba Doretta Liston's love of music as a child would lead her to become an extraordinary trombone player and arranger as an adult.
- Russo, Monica Birdology: 30 Activities and Observations for Exploring the World of Birds
In addition to providing a great deal of information about birds in general, the activities in the book encourage bird watching and observation in parks, zoos, farms, and backyards.
- Senac, Jean-Vincent Meet Matisse
Discusses the cutout artwork of Henri Matisse.
- Sis, Peter The Pilot and the Little Prince
A tribute to the life of the creator of "The Little Prince" traces his early achievements as a pilot, his efforts to break aviation records, and the experiences that inspired his writing life.

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- Smith, David J. If: A Mind-Bending New Way of Looking at Big Ideas and Number
Compares large, complicated numerical concepts with smaller-scale facsimiles to examine such statistics as the size of the Milky Way, the history of human population, and the history of Earth.
- Tonatiuh, Duncan Separate is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez & Her Family's Fight for Desegregation
How an eight-year-old girl of Mexican and Puerto Rican heritage played an instrumental role in a landmark desegregation case.
- Winter, Jeanette Malala, a Brave Girl from Pakistan/Iqbal, a Brave Boy from Pakistan: Two Stories of Bravery
An illustrated picture-book biography of two young Pakistani heroes, Malala Yousafzai and Iqbal Masih.
- Woodson, Jacqueline Brown Girl Dreaming
A chapter book of poems that share what it was like for Jacqueline Woodson, a now renowned children's book author, to grow up as an African American in the 1960s and 70s.

Poetry



- Haiti My Country: Poems by Haitian Schoolchildren
Presents a collection of poems by Haitian schoolchildren that describe their home.
- Bryan, Ashley Ashley Bryan's Puppets: Making Something from Everything
A collection of poems that introduce us to puppets created out of found objects.
- Florian, Douglas Poem Depot: Aisles of Smiles
Humorous and clever poems that wonderfully capture the silliness of everyday life.
- Janeczko, Paul The Death of the Hat: A Brief History of Poetry in 50 Objects
A collection of poems through history about or inspired by objects.
- Schmidt, Annie M. G. A Pond Full of Ink
A collection of inventive poems that manage to make ordinary events and place become extraordinary.

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New in Series Books



- Angleberger, Tom Emperor Pickletine Rides the Bus (*Origami Yoda Series*)
The Seventh graders of McQuarrie Middle School and their Star Wars-inspired origami finger puppets go on a field tip to Washington, D.C. on what proves to be a very long trip full of shifting alliances, betrayals, carsickness, and sugar rushes.
- Birdsall, Jeanne The Penderwicks in Spring (*Penderwicks Series*)
As spring arrives on Gardam Street, there are surprises in store for each Penderwick.
- Cheng, Andrea The Year of the Three Sisters (*Anna Wang Series*)
Twelve-year-old Anna's friend Andee tries to bring Fan from China to Cincinnati on a year-long cultural exchange.
- Davies, Jacqueline The Magic Trap (*The Lemonade War Series*)
The Treski kids try to prepare for a hurricane that is expected to pass their way but end up with an even bigger surprise coming to town.
- Hatke, Ben The Return of Zita the Spacegirl! (*Zita the Spacegirl Series*)
Zia the Spacegirl is wrongfully imprisoned on a penitentiary planet where she must escape to halt an evil warden's plans for interstellar domination.
- Hill, Kirkpatrick Bo at Iditarod Creek (*Bo at Ballard Creek*)
In 1920s Alaska, when five-year-old Bo and her two adoptive fathers move to Iditarod Creek to work at a new gold mine, Bo feels homesick until she realizes there is friendship to be found everywhere.
- Martin, Ann M. Martin The Doll People Set Sail (*The Doll People Series*)
Annabelle Doll, Tiffany funcraft, and their families journey for from home.
- McKay, Hilary Lulu and the Hamster in the Night (*Lulu and the Duck in the Park*)
Seven-year-old Lulu adopts a hamster and must keep it a secret from her grandmother.
- Williams-Garcia, Rita Gone Crazy in Alabama (*One Crazy Summer, P.S. Be Eleven*)
Spending the summer with their grandmother in the rural South, three sisters from Brooklyn discover the surprising reason behind their mother's estrangement from their aunt.