

One World, Many Stories

2011 Summer Reading Program
Hedberg Public Library

Suggested Books for Readers: Grades 4-5

FICTION

A Single Shard* by Linda Sue Park

Tree-ear becomes an assistant to Min, a hard taskmaster and maker of fine china. When Min entrusts two precious pots to Tree-ear to deliver, the boy must make his way across miles of unknown territory, relying on his courage and wits to prove himself. (Park)

Samuel Blink and the Forbidden Forest* by Matt Haig
Samuel Blink ventures into a weird forest filled with strange and dangerous creatures from Scandinavian legend to rescue his younger sister, Martha. (Haig)

Saving Zasha by Randi Barrow

In 1945 Russia, those who own German shepherds are considered traitors, but Mikhail and his family are determined to keep their dog secret. (Barrow)

Take Me to the River by Will Hobbs

Fourteen-year-old Dylan Sands joins his fifteen-year-old cousin Rio in a dangerous whitewater rafting trip on the Rio Grande River. Together they must face a tropical storm and a fugitive kidnapper if they want to survive. (Hobbs)

Mission Unstoppable by Dan Gutman

On a cross-country vacation with their parents (including a famous Wisconsin location), twins Coke and Pepsi fend off strange assassins as they try to come to terms with being part of a top-secret government organization known as The Genius Files. (Gutman)

My Life As A Book by Janet Tashjian

Derek doesn't hate reading – he hates required reading. While trying to avoid his reading, Derek stumbles onto an old newspaper clipping – and a mystery. (Tashjian)

How Tia Lola Saved the Summer by Julia Alvarez

Tia Lola is the type of aunt every child wishes for – fun, exciting, and always ready for the next adventure. (Alvarez – Coming soon!)

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Manolito Four-Eyes: The 3rd Volume of the Great Encyclopedia of My Life by Elvira Lindo

Manolito's fears a summer of boredom, but he manages to entertain himself in his Madrid neighborhood. (Lindo)

The Seven Keys of Balabad by Paul Haven

Oliver feels out of his element when he moves from NYC to the ancient, war-torn country of Balabad with his parents, until he gets caught up in a centuries-old mystery involving stolen artifacts and buried treasure. (Haven)

The Lacemaker and the Princess by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

Isabelle is living a fairy-tale life as companion to French Princess Therese (Marie Antoinette's daughter), until she hears rumors of starvation in the countryside and whispers of revolution. (Bradley)

PICTURE BOOKS/ ILLUSTRATED FICTION

When I Met the Wolf Girls by Deborah Noyes

Based on a true incident that occurred in 1920 in India, two "wild" girls who have been living in the jungle are brought to an orphanage to be "tamed." (Noyes)

Wabi Sabi* by Mark Reibstein

Wabi Sabi, a cat living in the city of Kyoto, learns about the Japanese concept of beauty through simplicity as she asks various animals she meets about the meaning of her name. (Reibstein)

NON-FICTION/BIOGRAPHY

Boy on the Lion Throne: The Childhood of the 14th Dalai Lama by Elizabeth Cody Kimmel

Follows the childhood of the 14th Dalai Lama from his simple life in a mountain village to the thousand-room Potala Palace and his perilous escape into exile. (Dalai)

National Geographic Investigates Ancient Inca: Archaeology Unlocks the Secrets of the Inca's Past by Beth Gruber
Ancient Incan treasures such as pottery, textiles, and the mummy called the Ice Maiden help scientists piece together the puzzle of the Inca's past. (985.01 GRUBE)

Pyramids Through Time by Nicholas Harris

Observe the building of Egyptian pyramids and then watch as the landscape and times change from 2700 B.C. to present day. (932 HARRI)

The Chiru of High Tibet by Jacqueline Briggs Martin

The chiru, whose wool is prized for its warmth, super-softness, and strength, cannot be sheared like sheep – they must be killed. Learn the heroic story surrounding this animal. (599.64 MARTI)

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