

Suggested Genre

Biography
Autobiography
Realistic Fiction
Historical Fiction
Personal Narrative
Folk Tales
Informational Text
Expository Nonfiction

Suggested Authors

Gary Paulsen
Jean Craighead George
Avi
Lemony Snicket
Judy Blume

Many of these books can be found at the Islip Public Library or can be purchased at your local book store.

Happy Reading!

Maud S. Sherwood Elementary School

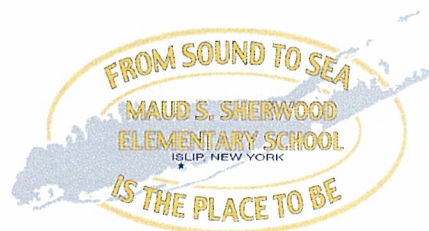
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Summer Reading List

students entering

Grade Five

2010



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- Colfer, Eoin. Artemis Fowl. Viking Press, 2001. Artemis Fowl II is the 12 year old son of a European crime lord, Artemis Senior. After his father disappears in the aftermath of a disastrous business affair in Russia, Artemis takes it upon himself to rebuild his family fortune. CHALLENGING
- Snicket, Lemony. A Series of Unfortunate Events. HarperCollins, 1999. The series follows the unlucky lives of three siblings after their parents are killed in a fire at their family mansion. The majority of the books pick up from the last, finding the orphans in a new situation. CHALLENGING
- Hiaasen, Carl. Hoot. Random House, 2002. While following running boy, Roy begins an adventure which introduces him to potty-trained alligators, a fake-fart champion, some burrowing owls, a renegade eco-avenger, and several extremely poisonous snakes with unnaturally sparkling tails. AVERAGE
- DiCamillo, Kate. The Miraculous Journey Of Edward Tulane. Candlewick Press, 2006. Edward Tulane, a cold hearted and proud toy rabbit, loves only himself until he is separated from the little girl who adores him, and travels across the country, acquiring new owners and listening to their hopes, dreams and histories. AVERAGE
- Blume, Judy. Blubber. MacMillan Children's Books, 1998. When overweight Linda gives an oral report on whales, the cruel and power wielding class leader, Wendy, starts calling her "Blubber". The name calling escalates into more bullying and humiliation. The novel's narrator, Jill, is a full participant from the start. Over time, though, she comes to question everyone's behavior, including her own. Finally, she challenges Wendy's power and learns there are consequences, as well as rewards, to taking a stand. AVERAGE
- Paulsen, Gary. Woodson. Aladdin, 2002. An autobiographical book that gives through spare but vivid language a look at a man who thought, because he was a hunter and a trapper that he knew about the outdoors. Instead, he discovered he knew very little until he opened himself up to the realities of predators and and to the lessons taught to him by the animal he encountered and the sled dogs he trained are raced. EASY
- Craighead George, Jean. My Side of the Mountain. Dutton Juvenile, 2000. A coming of age story about a boy and his falcon. Two sequels follow this first book. A Newberry Award winning story has enthralled readers for 40 years. AVERAGE
- Reynolds, Phyllis. Shiloh Season. Aladdin Paperbooks, 1998. When mean and angry Judd, who has never known kindness, takes to drinking and mistreats his dogs, Mary discovers how deep a hurt can go and how long it takes to heal. EASY