

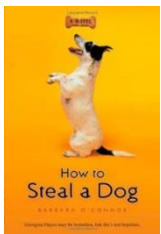
Lebanon Middle School
2021 Summer Reading List
5th Grade



The Fantastic Secret of Owen Jester

by **Barbara O'Connor**

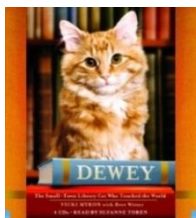
An amazing secret has tumbled off a freight train into Carter, Georgia and Owen Jester is the only person who knows about it. If he can simply manage to evade his grandfather's snappish housekeeper, organize his two best friends, and keep his nosy neighbor at bay, he just might be in for the summer of a lifetime.



How to Steal a Dog

After their father leaves them and her family is forced to live in a car, Georgina persuades her brother to help her in a scheme to steal a dog, hoping to claim the reward the owners are bound to offer.

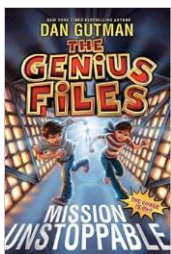
**A gift copy from LMS will be given to all incoming 5th grade students.*



Dewey the Library Cat

Abandoned in a library book drop slot in the dead of winter, this remarkable kitten miraculously endured the coldest night of the year. Dewey Readmore, as he became

known, quickly embraced his home inside Spencer's public library, charming the struggling small town's library-goers, young and old.



The Genius Files: Mission Unstoppable

by **Dan Gutman**

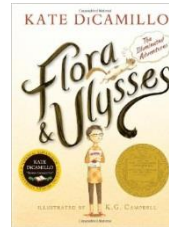
On a cross country vacation with their parents, twins Coke and Pepsi, fend off strange assassins as they try to come to terms with being part of a top-secret government organization known as the

Genius Files. If you enjoy this book, read the whole series!



Half a Chance

Set in New Hampshire, this book tackles the sensitive subject of dementia through the eyes (and camera) of 12-year-old Lucy.



Flora and Ulysses

Believe it or not, this story begins with a squirrel that gets sucked up in a vacuum cleaner. He is rescued and loved by Flora, who needs to keep him, and his new super powers,

hidden from her mother.
(2014 Newbery Winner)



The Real Boy

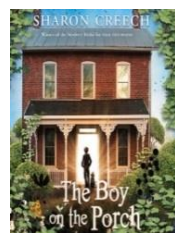
Oscar, a magician's apprentice, knows he is different. He is not sure he is a real boy, but for some reason, he knows a lot about the magical powers of herbs. He and his friend

use this knowledge to find out why the "perfect" children in their village are becoming sick.



How to Catch a Bogle

Birdie is an apprentice to Alfred the bogle (monster) hunter. She spends her time luring monsters out of deep, dark places and is not happy when her way of life is placed in jeopardy.



Boy on the Porch

A boy mysteriously appears on the porch of a young farm couple. He comes with a note and many talents. The couple dreads the day someone comes to claim him.

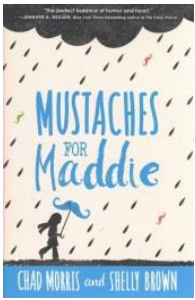


The White Giraffe

After losing her parents in a tragic fire, 11-year-old Martine must live in Africa with a grandmother she has never met. When she arrives, she hears tales of a mythical animal

living there – a white giraffe. Is it real, and if so, why is everyone keeping its existence a secret?

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Mustaches for Maddie

by Chad Morris & Shelly Brown

Sixth grader, Maddie, loves fake mustaches. When she is diagnosed with a brain tumor, her imagination grows with her humor and confidence.



Louisiana's Way Home

by Kate DiCamillo

Louisiana Elefante's grandmother wakes her up in the middle of the night to reverse a family curse. When they reach Georgia, her grandmother has an emergency, and Louisiana has to drive to find help. As she finds a friend,

family secrets are revealed and Louisiana is concerned that she's destined to say good-bye to more people.

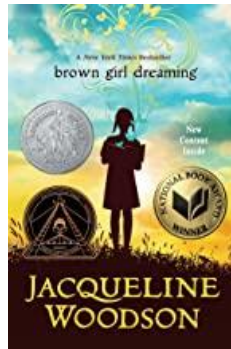


Raymie Nightingale

by Kate DiCamillo

Ten-year-old Raymie believes the only way to bring back her father, is to become Little Miss Central Florida Tire. She thinks that when he sees her picture in the newspaper, he will run back home. First, she needs to learn how to twirl a baton and survive Beverly

Tapinski and Louisiana Elefante. This is the story of the three girls' agonies and friendships.

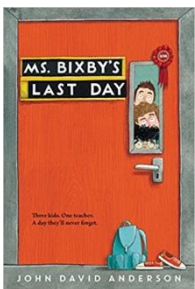


Brown Girl Dreaming

by Jacqueline Woodson

In this true story, the author, Jacqueline Woodson explains what it was like to grow up in South Carolina and New York, never fully fitting in in either place. In her verse writing, she describes growing up as an African American in the 1960s and 1970s in the remnants of the

Jim Crow Laws and learning about Civil Rights.

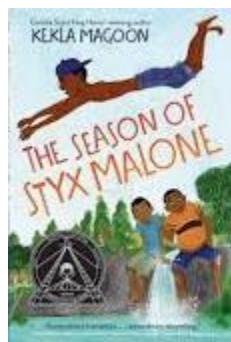


Ms. Bixby's Last Day

by John David Anderson

Ms. Bixby is a sixth grade teacher who tells her class she will be leaving before the end of the year because she has cancer. Through first person narration, three of her students tell their plan to make her know how much she means to

them.

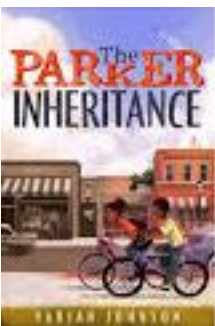


The Season of Styx Malone

by Kekla Magoon

Caleb Franklin and his older brother Bobby Gene meet their new neighbor, Styx Malone, who's a mysterious, cool, smooth-taking teenager. To add adventure to their summer in small-town Indiana, they go on a journey that breaks rules, has adventure,

laugh-out-loud humor, and explores friendship and family.



The Parker Inheritance

by Varian Johnson

In Lambert, South Carolina, Candice finds a letter addressed to her grandmother, describing an injustice that happened decades ago. With her quiet neighbor, Brandon, Candice starts to decipher the clues. They learn about Lambert's deep, ugly

history, and their families.