

Lebanon Middle School
2022 Summer Reading List
5th Grade

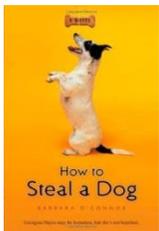


The Fantastic Secret of Owen Jester

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.

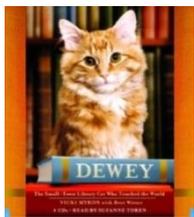


How to Steal a Dog

by **Barbara O'Connor**

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.*

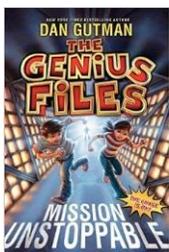


Dewey the Library Cat

by **Vicki Myron**

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.

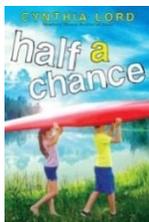


The Genius Files: Mission Unstoppable

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

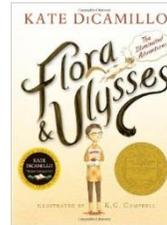
Genius Files. If you enjoy this book, read the whole series!



Half a Chance

by **Cynthia Lord**

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

by **Kate DiCamillo**

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

by **Anne Ursu**

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

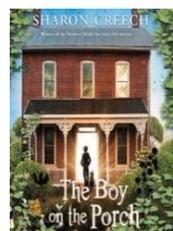
use this knowledge to find out why the "perfect" children in their village are becoming sick.



How to Catch a Bogle

by **Catherine Jinks**

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

by **Sharon Creech**

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.



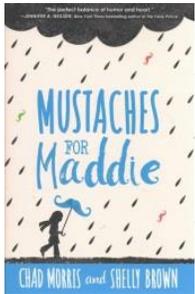
The White Giraffe

by **Lauren St. John**

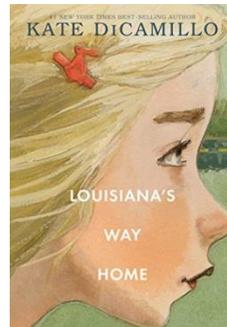
After losing her parents in a tragic fire, 11-year-old Martine must live in Africa with a grandmother she has never met. When she arrives, she hears tales of a mythical animal

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

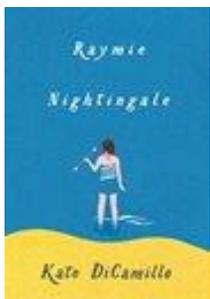
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Mustaches for Maddie
by Chad Morris & Shelly Brown
Sixth grader, Maddie, loves fake mustaches. When she is diagnosed with a brain tumor, her imagination grows with her humor and confidence.

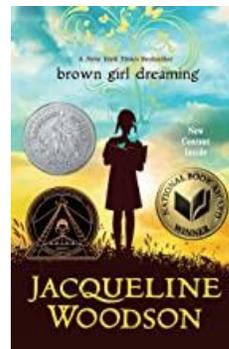


Louisiana's Way Home
by Kate DiCamillo
Louisiana Elefante's grandmother wakes her up in the middle of the night to reverse a family curse. When they reach Georgia, her grandmother has an emergency, and Louisiana has to drive to find help. As she finds a friend, family secrets are revealed and Louisiana is concerned that she's destined to say good-bye to more people.

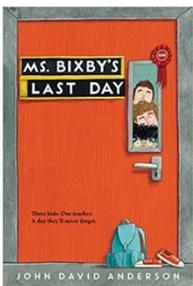


Raymie Nightingale
by Kate DiCamillo
Ten-year-old Raymie believes the only way to bring back her father, is to become Little Miss Central Florida Tire. She thinks that when he sees her picture in the newspaper, he will run back home. First, she needs to learn how to twirl a baton and survive Beverly

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

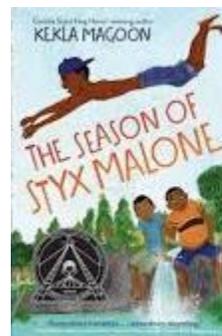


Brown Girl Dreaming
by Jacqueline Woodson
In this true story, the author, Jacqueline Woodson explains what it was like to grow up in South Carolina and New York, never fully fitting in in either place. In her verse writing, she describes growing up as an African American in the 1960s and 1970s in the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

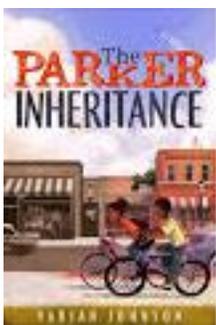


Ms. Bixby's Last Day
by John David Anderson
Ms. Bixby is a sixth grade teacher who tells her class she will be leaving before the end of the year because she has cancer. Through first person narration, three of her students tell their plan to make her know how much she means to

them.



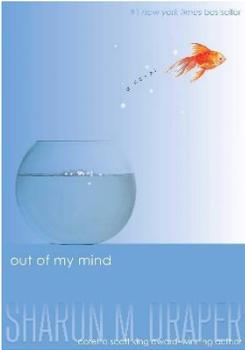
The Season of Styx Malone
by Kekla Magoon
Caleb Franklin and his older brother Bobby Gene meet their new neighbor, Styx Malone, who's a mysterious, cool, smooth-taking teenager. To add adventure to their summer in small-town Indiana, they go on a journey that breaks rules, has adventure, laugh-out-loud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

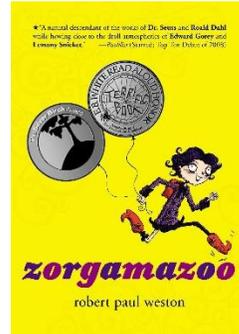
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Out of My Mind
by Sharon Draper

Melody is a fifth grader. She has cerebral palsy, which means that she can't talk or walk. However, she has a photographic memory, which means that she can remember *everything!* She is extremely smart and does not want to be defined by her disability. She

has to find a way to let everyone know.



Zorgamazoo

by Robert Paul Weston

“Are You a Believer in Fanciful Things? In Pirates and Dragons and Creatures and Kings? Then sit yourself down in a comfortable seat, with maybe some cocoa and something to eat, and I'll spin you the tale of Katrina Katrell, a girl full of

courage (and daring, as well!), who down in the subway, under the ground, saw something fantastical roaming around . . .

What was it she saw? I'd rather not say. (Who's ever heard of a Zorgle, anyway?)

But if you are curious, clever and brave, if intrepid adventure is something you crave, then open this book and I'll leave it to you to uncover the secret of ZORGAMAZOO!

Join Morty the Zorgle and Katrina on a fantastically illustrated, you'll-wanna-read-every-word-aloud, sophisticated rhyming adventure for kids of all ages!”