

# **2010 Summer Reading List for Elementary School** **Fulton County**

## *4-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Fiction Chapter Books*

**Barnett, Mac The Brixton Brothers: The Case of the Mistaken Identity (2009) Lexile N/A**

When Steve Brixton, a fan of Bailey Brothers detective novels, is mistaken for a real detective, he must elude librarians, police, and the mysterious Mr. E as he seeks a missing quilt containing coded information.

**Bosch, Pseudonymous The Name of this Book is Secret (2007) Lexile 810**

Two eleven-year-old misfits try to solve the mystery of a dead magician and stop the evil Dr. L and Ms. Mauvais, who are searching for the secret of immortality.

**Cabot, Meg Allie Finkle's Rules for Girls-Book One Moving Day (2008) Lexile 850**

Nine-year-old Allie Finkle has rules for everything and is even writing her own rule book, but her world is turned upside-down when she learns that her family is moving across town, which will mean a new house, school, best friend, and plenty of new rules.

**Davis, Eleanor The Secret Science Alliance & the Copycat Crook (2009) Lexile 470**

Eleven-year-old Julian Calendar thought changing schools would mean leaving his "nerdy" persona behind, but instead he forms an alliance with fellow inventors Greta and Ben and works with them to prevent an adult from using one of their gadgets for evil purposes.

**DiCamillo, Kate The Magician's Elephant (2009) Lexile 730**

When ten-year-old orphan Peter Augustus Duchene encounters a fortune teller in the marketplace one day and she tells him that his missing sister is nearby, he embarks on a remarkable series of adventures as he tries to find her.

**Fleischman, Sid The Dream Stealer (2009) Lexile 610**

A plucky Mexican girl tries to recover her dream from the Dream Stealer, who takes her to his castle where countless dreams and even more adventures await.

**Gaiman, Neil Odd and the Frost Giants (2009) Lexile 820**

A Norwegian boy named Odd leads the Norse gods Loki, Thor, and Odin in an attempt to outwit evil Frost Giants who have taken over Asgard.

**Gutman, Dan Roberto and Me (2009) Lexile N/A**

Stosh travels back to 1969 to try to prevent the untimely death of Roberto Clemente, a legendary baseball player and humanitarian, but upon his return to the present, he meets his own great-grandson who takes him into the future for a shocking surprise.

**Grimes, Nikki The Road to Paris (2006) Lexile 700**

Inconsolable at being separated from her older brother, eight-year-old Paris is apprehensive about her new foster family but just as she learns to trust them, she faces a life-changing decision.

**Jonell, Lynne The Secret of Zoom (2009) Lexile 770**

Ten-year-old Christina lives a sheltered life until she discovers a secret tunnel and a sinister plot to find a mysterious source of energy known as zoom. She befriends a boy, who is an orphan, and together they must save the day.

**Lin, Grace Where the Mountain Meets the Moon (2009)**

Minli, an adventurous girl from a poor village, buys a magical goldfish, and then joins a dragon who cannot fly on a quest to find the Old Man of the Moon in hopes of bringing life to Fruitless Mountain and freshness to Jade River. Traditional Chinese tales are creatively woven into the plot. 2010 Newbery Honor Winner.

**Patron, Susan Lucky Breaks (2009) Lexile N/A**

Having reached the age of eleven in the tiny California town of Hard Pan (population 43), Lucky discovers that there is still much to learn about friendship, parental trust, and the Milky Way galaxy

**Peck, Richard A Season of Gifts (2009) Lexile 690**

Relates the surprising gifts bestowed on pre-teen Bob Barnhart and his family, who have recently moved to a small Illinois town in 1958, by their larger-than-life neighbor, Mrs. Dowdel. Companion novel to Peck's Newbery winning books, *A Long Way from Chicago* and *A Year Down Yonder*.

**Spinelli, Eileen Summerhouse Time (2007) Lexile N/A**

The approach of summerhouse time at the beach brings back good memories of this annual tradition, of aunts, uncles, cousins, and grandparents cleaning, laughing, eating, playing, and relaxing.

**Stead, Rebecca When You Reach Me (2009) Lexile 750**

As her mother prepares to be a contestant on the 1970s television game show, "The \$20,000 Pyramid," a New York City girl tries to make sense of a series of mysterious notes received from an anonymous source that seems to defy the laws of time and space. 2010 Newbery Medal Winner.

## *4-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Non-Fiction Books*

**Bishop, Nic Marsupials (2009) Lexile 950**

Such animals as quolls and pademelons live on the continent of Australia, along with kangaroos, koalas, and many other marsupials. Bishop introduces the beauty and diversity of these animals.

**Bond, Rebecca In the Belly of an Ox: The unexpected Photographic Adventures of Richard and Cherry Kearton (2009) Lexile AD 1000**

Richard and Cherry reasoned they might hide from birds in the belly of an ox. Concealed in the hollow animal, the brothers were able to photograph birds in their natural habitats. Their results were published in 1895, marking a new era in natural history.

**Jenkins, Steve Down, Down, Down – Journey to the Bottom (2009) Lexile N/A**

Provides a top-to-bottom look at the ocean, from birds and waves to thermal vents and ooze.

**Judge, Lita Yellowstone Moran: Painting the American West (2009) Lexile AD 900**

Tom Moran had never ridden a horse or slept under the stars before, but the paintings he created on his journey would lead to the founding of America's first national park.

**Krull, Kathleen The Boy Who Invented TV: The True Story of Philo Farnsworth (2009) Lexile 860**

This picture-book biography explains how Farnsworth held on to his dream to develop television and the scientific concepts behind it.

**McDonough, Yona Zeldis The Life of Louisa May Alcott (2009) Lexile 890**

This biography captures the life of a compassionate woman who left an indelible mark on literature for all ages.

**Mortensen, Greg Three Cups of Tea (Young Readers Edition) (2009) Lexile 910**

An adapted version of the New York Times bestseller about one man's humanitarian efforts to provide Muslim children around the world with an education.

**Rohmer, Harriet Heroes of the Environment – True Stories of People Who are Helping Protect the Planet (2009) Lexile 1070**

This inspiring book presents the true stories of 12 people from across North America who have done great things for the environment.

**Talbott, Hudson River of Dreams: The Story of the Hudson River (2009)**

A beautifully illustrated introduction to the Hudson River's strategic, economic, and cultural significance.

**Weitekamp, Margaret A. Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream (2009) Lexile 980**

Here is the tale of thirteen women who became known as the Mercury 13 and were hoping to become the first females in space. While their dreams were not realized, they did empower future young women to take their place in the sky.

## *4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Stories to Share Out Loud Together*

### **Blue, Rose Ron's Big Mission (2009) Lexile 440**

One summer day in 1959, nine-year-old Ron McNair, who dreams of becoming a pilot, walks into the Lake City, South Carolina, public library and insists on checking out some books, despite the rule that only white people can have library cards. Includes facts about McNair, who grew up to be an astronaut.

### **Dennis, Major Brian Nubs: The True Story of a Mutt, a Marine & a Miracle (2009) Lexile AD 810 (AD=Adult Directed)**

The story of a wild dog who befriended Marine Major Brian Dennis in Iraq, and, when they were separated, trekked seventy miles through the desert winter to rejoin his friend.

### **Fleming, Candace Imogene's Last Stand (2009) Lexile 630**

Enamored of history, young Imogene Tripp tries to save her town's historical society from being demolished in order to build a shoelace factory.

### **Gerstein, Mordecai A Book (2009) Lexile N/A**

"Once in a book by Mordecai Gerstein ... there lived a family of characters." This is the tale of one little girl's search for her own story.

### **Myers, Walter Dean Looking Like Me (2009) Lexile N/A**

Jeremy sets out to discover all of the different "people" that make him who he is, including brother, son, writer, and runner.

### **Reibstein, Mark Wabi Sabi (2008) Lexile N/A**

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.

### **Ruddell, Deborah A Wiff of Pine, A Hint of Skunk: A Forest of Poems (2009) Lexile N/A**

Take a lighthearted romp through four seasons in the forest with these whimsical poems.

### **Smith, David If America Were a Village (2009) Lexile 990**

This book uses a simple metaphor to create a snapshot--past, present and future--to help readers imagine America as a village of 100 people, exploring their lives to help children and readers of all ages to discover a whole new vision of America.

### **Wing, Natasha An Eye for Color (2009) Lexile N/A**

The painter Joseph Albers saw art in simple things. Late in his career, he began painting squares of solid, unmixed color, one within another to study the colors and their interactions.

### **Winter, Jonah You've Never Heard of Sandy Koufax (2009) Lexile N/A**

This striking picture book biography tells the story of the famous baseball player Sandy Koufax and also explores the discrimination he faced as one of the only Jewish professional baseball players at the time.