

The Importance of Summer Reading

Research has consistently documented the importance of summer reading. Students who read recreationally during the summer do better when the new school year begins. Studies show that students who do not read during the summer show a significant loss over the summer break. **The purpose of No Book Left Unread** is to encourage K-12 students to engage in self-selected recreational summer reading to prevent learning loss and to foster improved student achievement. This year we are coordinating with the public library reading programs to encourage students to participate in both summer reading programs. You may use the log on the other side of this page for both programs.

While neither summer reading programs have a "required reading" list, as we want students to enjoy reading for the pure enjoyment of reading, we are providing below a list of the 2010-2011 SC Children's Book Award Nominee lists for those students who would like to get a jump start on reading these books. This is a state-wide program that we heavily promote every year, as the books are always of high quality and the students enjoy working their way toward the annual Reading Carnival as the year progresses.

PBA (Grades K-3)



Bandit

Karen Rostoker-Gruber

Bark Park

Karen Gray Ruelle

Bats at the Library

Brian Lies

Big Bad Bunny

Franny Billingsley

The Dog Who Belonged to No One

Amy Hest

Help Me, Mr. Mutt! Expert Answers for Dogs with People Problems

Janet Stevens and Susan Stevens Curmmel

Mail Harry to the Moon

Robie Harris

Nobunny's Perfect

Anna Dewdney

Owney, the Mail Pouch Pooch

Mona Kerby

Pout-Pout Fish

Deborah Diesen

Read All About It

Laura Bush

Ron's Big Mission

Rose Blue

Seabiscuit the Wonder Horse

Meghan McCarthy

Skunkdog

Emily Jenkins

The Lion's Share

Matthew McElligot

Turtle's Penguin Day

Valeri Gorbachev

Two Bobbies: A True Story of Hurricane Katrina, Friendship, and Survival

Kirby Larson

Wangari's Trees of Peace: A True Story of Africa

by Jeanette Winter

What Bluebirds Do

by Pamela Kirby

A Whiff of Pine, A Hint of Skunk: A Forest of Poems

by Deborah Ruddell

CBA (Grades 3-5)



100 days and 99 Nights

Alan Madison

42 Miles

Tracie Zimmerman

A Dog on His Own

Mary Jane Auch

All the Lovely Bad Ones: A Ghost Story

Mary Downing Hahn

Breakfast in the Rainforest: A Visit with Mountain Gorillas

Richard Sobol

Colonial Voices:

Hear Them Speak

Kay Winters

Every Soul A Star: A Novel

Wendy Mass

Farmer George Plants a Nation

Peggy Thomas

Found

Margaret Peterson Haddix

George Washington Carver

Tonya Bolden

I, Matthew Henson:

Polar Explorer

Carole Boston Weatherford

Lady Liberty: A Biography

Doreen Rappaport

Lost and Found

Andrew Clements

Skylar: A Story

Mary Cuffe-Perez

The Gollywhopper Games

Jody Feldman

The Leanin' Dog

K.A. Nuxum

The Totally Made-Up Civil War Diary of Amanda MacLeish

Claudia Mills

When the Wolves Returned: Restoring Nature's Balance in Yellowstone

Dorothy Hinshaw Patent

Wild Tracks! A Guide to Nature's Footprints

Jim Arnosky

Women Daredevils: Thrills, Chills, and Frills

Julie Cummins