

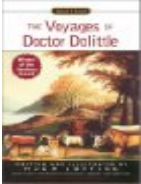
Summer Reading List

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Book Title	Synopsis	Lexile Level
<p data-bbox="254 337 583 412"><i>The Art of Keeping Cool</i> By: Janet Lisle</p> 	<p data-bbox="751 337 1346 854">Only Robert ever sees the plane. But the pilot is shadowy -- maybe his missing father, maybe not. Robert doesn't mention this vision to Elliot, his cousin, whom he meets when he moves from Ohio with his mother and sister to live out the war with his grandparents in Rhode Island. Elliot can draw better than anyone Robert has ever seen, but he keeps his talent hidden in Grandpa's house. He won't say why. No one will talk either about Robert's father, who left the house as a teenager, never to return.</p>	<p data-bbox="1650 337 1724 367">730L</p>
<p data-bbox="296 868 537 943"><i>Redwall</i> By: Brian Jacques</p> 	<p data-bbox="751 868 1346 940">One of the most beloved fantasy adventures of our time!</p>	<p data-bbox="1650 868 1724 898">800L</p>
<p data-bbox="268 1169 558 1243"><i>Frindle</i> By: Andrew Clements</p> 	<p data-bbox="751 1169 1346 1479">Is Nick Allen a troublemaker? He really just likes to liven things up at school -- and he's always had plenty of great ideas. When Nick learns some interesting information about how words are created, suddenly he's got the inspiration for his best plan ever...the frindle. Who says a pen has to be called a pen? Why not call it a frindle? Things begin</p>	<p data-bbox="1650 1169 1724 1198">830L</p>

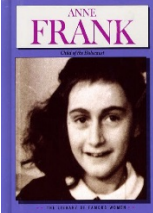
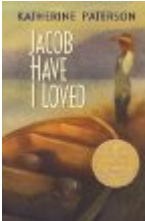

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	<p>innocently enough as Nick gets his friends to use the new word. Then other people in town start saying frindle. Soon the school is in an uproar, and Nick has become a local hero. His teacher wants Nick to put an end to all this nonsense, but the funny thing is frindle doesn't belong to Nick anymore. The new word is spreading across the country, and there's nothing Nick can do to stop it.</p>	
<p><i>The Voyages of Dr. Dolittle</i> By: Hugh Lofting</p> 	<p>Dr. John Dolittle, the world's greatest naturalist, has the unique ability to communicate with the animals in their own languages. With young Tommy Stubbins at his side, Dr. Dolittle embarks on a series of extraordinary adventures. From translating a dog's courtroom testimonial and challenging Spain's greatest bullfighter, to saving the inhabitants of the mysterious floating Spidermonkey Island, then journeying across the bottom of the ocean on the back of the <i>Great Glass Sea-snail</i>. This 1923 Newbery Award-winner is sure to fascinate and educate readers for generations to come.</p>	<p>860L</p>



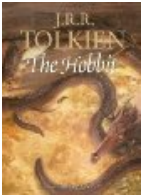
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<p><i>Anne Frank: Child of the Holocaust</i> By: Gene Brown</p> 	<p>Although she was only a child during the Holocaust, her writing has touched people of all ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds for generations.</p>	<p>870L</p>
<p><i>Jacob I Have Loved</i> By: Katherine Paterson</p> 	<p>Sara Louise Bradshaw is sick and tired of her beautiful twin Caroline. Ever since they were born, Caroline has been the pretty one, the talented one, the better sister. Even now, Caroline seems to take everything: Louise's friends, their parents' love, her dreams for the future. For once in her life, Louise wants to be the special one. But in order to do that, she must first figure out who she is . . . and find a way to make a place for herself outside her sister's shadow.</p>	<p>880L</p>
<p><i>The Hiding Place</i> By: Corrie Ten Boom</p> 	<p>"I pray that God forgive them..." Corrie Ten Boom stood with her older sister Betsie, watching a concentration camp matron beating a prisoner. "Oh, the poor woman," Corrie cried. "Yes. May God forgive her," Betsie replied. And, once again, Corrie realized that it was for the souls of the brutal Nazi guards that her sister prayed. Both woman had been sent to the camp for helping the Jews. Christ's Spirit and words were their guide; it was His persecuted people they tried to save-- at the risk of</p>	<p>900L</p>

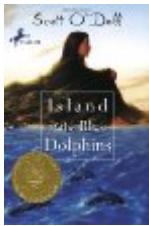
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	their own lives; it was His strength that sustained them through times of profound horror.	
<p><i>Blue Willow</i> By: Doris Gates</p> 	<p>A little girl, who wants most of all to have a real home and to go to a regular school, hopes that the valley her family has come to, which so resembles the pattern on her treasured blue willow plate, will be their permanent home.</p>	920L
<p><i>Julie's Wolf Pack</i> By: Jean George</p> 	<p>From the author of the Newbery Medal-winning "Julie of the Wolves" and its sequel, "Julie", comes a third exciting adventure about the wolf pack that saved the life of a young girl when she was lost in the tundra. Jean Craighead George's research and first-hand observation form this engrossing, epic tale that's sure to draw readers into the fascinating world of wolves.</p>	950L
<p><i>The Hobbit</i> By: J.R.R. Tolkien</p> 	<p>Bilbo Baggins was a hobbit who wanted to be left alone in quiet comfort. But the wizard Gandalf came along with a band of homeless dwarves. Soon Bilbo was drawn into their quest, facing evil orcs, savage wolves, giant spiders, and worse unknown dangers. Finally, it was Bilbo alone and unaided who had to confront the great dragon Smaug, the terror of an entire countryside . . . This stirring adventure fantasy begins the tale</p>	1000L

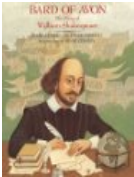

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	of the hobbits that was continued by J.R.R. Tolkien in his bestselling epic, The Lord of the Rings.	
<p><i>Island of the Blue Dolphins</i> By: Scott O'Dell</p> 	<p>In the Pacific, there is an island that looks like a big fish sunning itself in the sea. Around it blue dolphins swim, otters play, and sea birds abound. Karana is the Indian girl who lived alone for years on the Island of the Blue Dolphins. Hers is not only an unusual adventure of survival, but also a tale of natural beauty and personal discovery.</p>	1000L


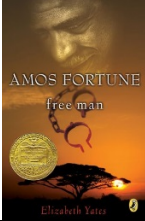
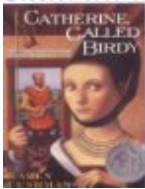
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<p><i>Bard of Avon: Story of William Shakespeare</i> By: Diane Stanley</p> 	<p>William Shakespeare was the son of a glove maker, a small-town boy with a grammar school education. Yet he grew up to become the greatest English-speaking playwright in the world. Bard of Avon: The Story of William Shakespeare is both his story and that of a great art rediscovered in the modern world. Drama had been forgotten since the days of ancient Greece, but it reemerged in Elizabethan London with the building of the first modern theater. Its impact can still be imagined today. There were the theaters, open to the weather and featuring neither sets nor curtains, but equipped with dramatic special effects.</p>	<p>1030L</p>
<p><i>War of the Worlds</i> By: H.G. Wells</p> 	<p>H.G. Wells' classic science fiction tale in which, as life on Mars becomes impossible, Martians and their terrifying machines invade the Earth.</p>	<p>1040L</p>

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<p><i>The Time Machine</i> By: H.G. Wells</p> 	<p>When the Time Traveler courageously stepped out of his machine for the first time, he found himself in the year 802,700--and everything has changed. In another, more utopian age, creatures seemed to dwell together in perfect harmony. The Time Traveler thought he could study these marvelous beings--unearth their secret and then return to his own time--until he discovered that his invention, his only avenue of escape, had been stolen.</p>	<p>1070L</p>
<p><i>Amos Fortune, Free Man</i> By Elizabeth Yates</p> 	<p>Amos Fortune was born the son of an African king. In 1725, when he was 15 years old, he was captured by slave traders, brought to America, and sold at auction. For 45 years, Amos worked as a slave and dreamed of freedom. At 60, he began to see those dreams come true.</p>	<p>1090L</p>
<p><i>Catherine, Called Birdy</i> By: Karen Cushman</p> 	<p>"Corpus Bones! I utterly loathe my life." Catherine feels trapped. Her father is determined to marry her off to a rich man--any rich man, no matter how awful. But by wit, trickery, and luck, Catherine manages to send several would-be husbands packing. Then a shaggy-bearded suitor from the north comes to call--by far the oldest, ugliest, most revolting suitor of them all. Unfortunately, he is also the richest. Can a sharp-tongued, high-spirited, clever young</p>	<p>1170L</p>

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	<p>maiden with a mind of her own actually lose the battle against an ill-mannered, pig-like lord and an unimaginative, greedy toad of a father?</p>	
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Other Great Books to Explore:

Anne of Green Gables Series

Black Stallion Series

Boggart Series

Chronicles of Narnia Series

Corner Stones of Freedom American History Series

Dear America Series

Frances Tucket Series

Great Brain Series

Harry Potter Series

Lord of the Rings Series

Who Was Series

What Was Series

Titles by Roald Dahl

Titles by Newbery Authors

Magazines and Newspapers

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