

Suggested Reading for

6th Grade

at the Sioux City Public Library

Keeper

Kathi Appelt J App
An enchanting tale of mermaids, mermen, and believing in magic too long.

City of Orphans

Avi J Avi
Struggling to outmaneuver the gangs of New York, a 13-year-old races to prove the innocence of his sister who is accused of stealing.

Chasing Vermeer

Blue Balliett J Bal
Eleven-year-olds Petra and Calder combine their talents to solve an international art scandal when a priceless Vermeer painting disappears.

Trouble-Maker

Andrew Clements J Cle
With his older brother in serious trouble, 6th-grader Clay decides to change his own mischief-making ways, but cannot shake his reputation.

Crunch

Leslie Connor J Con
Fourteen-year-old Dewey juggles the management of his family's bicycle repair business with household and farm duties after a sudden energy crisis strands his parents far from home.

The Watsons Go to Birmingham - 1963

Christopher Paul Curtis J Cur
The everyday routines of the Watsons, an African-American family living in Flint, Michigan, are drastically changed when they visit Grandma in Alabama in the summer of 1963.

Alchemy and Meggy Swann

Karen Cushman YA Cus
Crippled and destitute, Meggy goes to London in 1593 where she meets her alchemist father and eventually discovers that she has many strengths.

Amelia Earhart: This Broad Ocean

Sarah Stewart Taylor J 921 Earha, A Tay
Grace, an aspiring young journalist, is excited when Amelia Earhart arrives in her town of Trespassey, Newfoundland on June 4, 1928.

Mockingbird

Kathryn Erskine J Ers
A 10-year-old with Asperger's Syndrome has always had her older brother to explain things to her. When Devon is killed she must make sense of the world without him.

The Sea of Trolls

Nancy Farmer J Far
Jack and his little sister are captured by Viking Berserkers and taken to the home of King Ivar the Boneless and his half-troll queen, leading Jack to undertake a vital quest.

Ruins of Gorlan

John Flanagan YA Fla
When 15-year-old Will is rejected by battleschool, he becomes the reluctant apprentice to the mysterious Ranger Halt and later protects the kingdom from danger. Ranger's Apprentice, Book 1

The Graveyard Book

Neil Gaiman YA Gai
Nobody Owens is a normal boy - except that he has been raised by ghosts and lives in a graveyard.

Dead End in Norvelt

Jack Gantos J Gan
Twelve-year-old Jack spends the summer of 1962 being continually grounded and escapes the house to help an elderly neighbor with an unusual chore.

Into the Woods

Lyn Gardner J Gar
Pursued by the sinister Dr. DeWilde and his ravenous wolves, three sisters flee into the woods and begin a treacherous journey.

Found

Margaret Peterson Haddix J Had
Two boys investigate their past only to travel through time to a distant future.

Tales of the Cryptids

Kelly Milner Halls J 001.944 Hal
Have you ever wondered if Bigfoot or the Loch Ness Monster really exists? This book provides information on legendary creatures.

Chomp

Carl Hiaasen J Hia
When the difficult star of a reality television show disappears in the Florida Everglades, two classmates set out to find him.

Middle School is Worse than Meatloaf

Jennifer Holm J Hol
Told entirely through notes, grocery receipts, and other items, this story follows Ginny as she accidentally dyes her hair pink and loses the lead role in ballet to her ex-best friend.

The Trouble with May Amelia

Jennifer Holm YA Hol
A 13-year-old daughter must prove her worth to a father who believes that girls are useless.

Runaway Twin

Peg Kehret J Keh
Thirteen-year-old Sunny, accompanied by a stray dog, travels from her Nebraska foster home to Washington to find the twin sister from whom she was separated at age three.

Framed

Gordon Korman J Kor
Griffin Bing, framed when a super bowl ring disappears from his middle school's display case, tries to clear his name.

Bones Rock! Everything You Need to Know to be a Paleontologist

Peter Larson J560 Lar
Providing young readers with the tools necessary to make the next big discovery, this book shows how to collect, clean, and study fossil samples.

Million Dollar Throw

Mike Lupica J Lup
An 8th-grade star quarterback has a chance to win a million dollars—all he needs to do is complete a pass.

The Secret Kingdom

Jenny Nimmo J Nim
Timoken and his sister straddle the world of men and the world of enchantments. Chronicles of the Red King, book 1.

Olympians #1: Zeus, King of the Gods

George O'Connor YA graphic novel
Oly
Introduces the Greek ruler of the Olympian Pantheon, recounting his story from boyhood to his rise to supreme power. First in a series.

Liar Liar (The Theory, Practice & Destructive Properties of Deception)

Gary Paulsen J Pau
Fourteen-year-old Kevin is very good at lying, but as his lies pile up he finds himself in big—and funny—trouble.

The Mostly True Adventures of Homer Figg

W. R. Philbrick J Phi
Twelve-year-old Homer runs away to rescue his brother, who has been sold into service during the Civil War. Laugh out loud funny.

Rapunzel's Revenge

Shannon Hale YA graphic novel
Rap
Using her long, braided hair as a lasso, Rapunzel heads west to start a new life filled with grand adventures and crazy characters.

Ninth Ward

Jewell Parker Rhodes J Rho
Twelve-year-old Lanesha and her adopted grandmother have no choice but to weather the storm as Hurricane Katrina bears down upon them.

Esperanza Rising

Mary Munoz Ryan J Rya
Esperanza and her mother are forced to exchange their life of wealth and privilege in Mexico for work in the labor camps of Southern California, on the eve of the Great Depression.

Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! Voices from a Medieval Village

Laura Amy Schlitz J812.6 Sch
A collection of short, one-person plays featuring characters, between 10 and 15 years old, who live in or near a 13th-century English manor.

Wednesday Wars

Gary D. Schmidt YA Sch
A 7th-grader is courageous, funny and unique as he evolves beyond others' expectations to become his own fabulous self.

Wonderstruck: a Novel in Words and Pictures

Brian Selznick J Sel
Ben's story is told in words, Rose's in pictures; together they come together in 1977 New York City to find what is missing in their lives.

Aliens on Vacation

Clete Barrett Smith J Smi
Scrub's grandmother runs the Inter-galactic Bed & Breakfast where aliens come on vacation. One wrong move can blow her cover, but when it comes to aliens, every move seems wrong.

When You Reach Me

Rebecca Stead J Ste
Anonymous messages lead Miranda to believe she is the only one who can prevent a tragic death...but maybe she is already too late.

The Mysterious Benedict Society

Trenton Lee Stewart YA Ste
Dozens of children apply to take a series of mind-bending tests, but only four will survive to enter the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened.

My Life as a Book

Janet Tashjian J Tas
Dubbed a "reluctant reader" by his teacher, 12-year-old Derek spends summer vacation learning even though he does not complete his summer reading list.

Moon Over Manifest

Clare Vanderpool J Van
In the summer of 1963, the 12-year-old daughter of a drifter is sent to stay with the father's friend where she hopes to learn more about his past.

So B. It

Sarah Weeks J Wee
Living with her mentally disabled mother who suddenly repeats a new word, Heidi suspects it might be a key to a secret past about which she knows so little.

Countdown

Deborah Wiles J Wil
Twelve-year-old Franny must figure out where she fits in with her family during the Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962.

One Crazy Summer

Rita Williams-Garcia J Wil
A heartbreaking and funny tale of three girls who journey to California in 1968 in search of the mother who abandoned them.

The Fingertips of Duncan Dorfman

Meg Wolitzer J Wol
Twelve-year-olds Duncan, April, and Nate meet at the Youth Scrabble Tournament where each has a different reason for attending and a need to win.

Peace, Locomotion

Jacqueline Woodson J Woo
Through letters to his little sister, who is in a different foster home, Lonnie keeps a record of their lives while they are apart.

Dealing with Dragons

Patricia Wrede J Wre
A bored princess becomes a dragon's princess by choice and saves the dragons from an evil wizard.

The Detention Club

David Yoo J Yoo
Sixth-grader Peter Lee, desperate to regain the popularity he had in elementary school, discovers that serving detention wins important friends, much to the dismay of his older sister.



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