

**ONCE UPON A TIME (FOLKLORE/FAIRYTALES)**

*Beauty*, Robin McKinley  
*Briar Rose*, Jane Yolen  
*Heir Apparent*, Vivian Vande Velde  
*Just Ella*, Margaret P. Haddix  
*The Magic Circle*, Donna Jo Napoli  
*Sun and Moon, Ice and Snow*, Jessica Day George\*

**PICTURE BOOKS/NOT JUST FOR LITTLE KIDS**

*Confucius, the Golden Rule*, Russell Freedman  
*Incredible Cross-Sections*, Stephen Biesty and Richard Platt  
*Leonardo da Vinci*, Diane Stanley  
*So You Want to Be President?* Judith St. George  
*A Voice of Her Own: The Story of Phillis Wheatley, Slave Poet*, Kathryn Lasky

**POETRY**

*Carver: A Life in Poems*, Marilyn Nelson  
*Ego-Tripping and Other Poems for Young People*, Nikki Giovanni  
*Poetry for Swimming Upstream*, Kristine O'Connell George  
*Rimshots*, Charles R. Smith, Jr.  
*Technically It's Not My Fault: Concrete Poems*, John Grandits

**WANDERLUST / DISCOVER WORLDS OUTSIDE LOUISIANA**

*Baseball in April & Other Stories*, Gary Soto  
*Children of the River*, Linda Crew  
*Chinese Cinderella*, Adeline Yen Mah  
*Becoming Naomi Leon*, Pam Munoz Ryan

**WHO SAYS FICTION ISN'T REAL? (BOOKS ABOUT REAL LIFE ISSUES)**

*Bird*, Angela Johnson  
*Burning Up*, Caroline Cooney \*  
*Click Here: to find out How I Survived the Seventh Grade*, Denise Vega  
*Crash*, Jerry Spinelli  
*Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key*, Jack Gantos  
*Kimchi and Calamari*, Rose Kent+  
*Secrets of My Hollywood Life*, Jen Calonita +  
*So Totally Emily Ebers*, Lisa Yee+  
*Stuck in Neutral*, Terry Trueman \*  
*The Skin I'm In*, Sharon Flake  
*Waiting for Normal*, Leslie Connor

\* = 8th Grade

+ = LA Young Readers Choice Book 2010

**Dear Parents and Family Members:**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School System encourages all students to read every day during the summer break. We know that reading is fundamental to learning. Students who read more do better in school. Our goal is for every student to become a capable reader and to develop a love of reading. We invite you to join with us in working to reach that goal by encouraging your children to read at least 30 minutes daily, by reading to and with them, and by involving them in reading activities in the community through the public library Summer Reading Club and other local organizations. Together we can make Baton Rouge "A Community of Readers."

Charlotte D. Placide  
Superintendent

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**Main Library**

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**"Express Yourself @Your Library!"**

All branches offer Summer Reading Program for tweens and teens with prizes for reading and weekly drawings.

**Read  
to Succeed**

Summer 2009  
Recommended Reading  
Grades 6-8

Library Services Department



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### **ADVENTURE/SURVIVAL**

*Alex Rider series*, Anthony Horowitz  
*Chaos Code*, Justin Richards+  
*Night of the Howling Dogs*, Graham Salisbury+  
*Peak*, Roland Smith+  
*The Young Man and the Sea*, Rodman Philbrick

### **BELIEVE IT OR NOT, LIFE EXISTED BEFORE YOU WERE BORN (Historical Fiction)**

*Al Capone Does My Shirts*, Gennifer Choldenko  
*Black Storm Comin'*, Diane Lee Wilson  
*Blood Red Horse*, K. M. Grant  
*Elijah of Buxton*, Christopher Paul Curtis+  
*Fire From the Rock*, Sharon Draper+  
*Sisters of the Sword*, Maya Snow\*  
*Thought My Soul Would Rise & Fly*, Joyce Hansen  
*The Shakespeare Stealer*, Gary Blackwood \*

### **CALLING ALL ANIMAL LOVERS**

*Cracker: The Best Dog in Vietnam*,  
Cynthia Kadohata+  
*Gabriel's Horses*, Alison Hart+  
*The Music of Dolphins*, Karen Hesse  
*My Life in Dog Years*, Gary Paulsen  
*Shiloh series*, Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

### **FOR DAYDREAMERS (FANTASY/SCIENCE FICTION/MYTHOLOGY)**

*The Adventures of Sir Givret the Short*, Gerald Morris  
*Double Identity*, Margaret Peterson Haddix  
*Dragon Rider*, Cornelia Funke  
*Dragon Slippers*, Jessica Day George+  
*Dussie*, Nancy Springer  
*Gathering Blue*, Lois Lowry  
*Hidden Talents*, David Lubar  
*The Lightning Thief*, Rick Riordan  
*The Magic Thief*, Sarah Prineas  
*The Pig Scrolls*, by Paul Shipton  
*The Sea of Trolls*, Nancy Farmer  
*Skellig*, David Almond  
*Stolen*, Vivian Vande Velde\*  
*Storm Thief*, Chris Wooding

### **FOR JOCKS OR WOULD-BE JOCKS (SPORTS)**

*Boy Who Saved Baseball*, John Ritter  
*Double Dutch*, Sharon Draper  
*Football Genius*, Tim Green+  
*Football Nightmare*, Matt Christopher  
*The Stumptown Kid*, Carol Gorman

### **FOR KIDS WHO LOVE MATH, SCIENCE & COMPUTERS**

*The Gadget*, Paul Zindel  
*The Power of Un*, Nancy Etchemendy  
*Jean Craighead George* - any novel

### **FOR KIDS WHO LIKE READING AS MUCH AS THEY LIKE TAKING TESTS**

*Bud, Not Buddy*, Christopher Paul Curtis  
*Hatchet*, Gary Paulsen  
*Monster or Scorpions*, Walter Dean Myers \*  
*The Outsiders*, S.E. Hinton  
*Sixth Grade Gloomers, Norks and Me*,  
Lisa Papademetriou

### **GET REAL (BIOGRAPHIES/NON-FICTION)**

*Escape from Saigon: How a Vietnam War Orphan  
Became an American Boy*, Andrea Warren  
*Journey to the Bottomless Pit: The Story of Stephen  
Bishop and Mammoth Cave*, Elizabeth Mitchell  
*One More River to Cross: The Stories of Twelve Black  
Americans*, James Haskins  
*The Tarantula Scientist*, Sy Montgomery

### **GRAPHICALLY SPEAKING (GRAPHIC NOVELS)**

*Amulet: The Stonekeeper*, Kazu Kibuishi\*  
*Bone series*, Jeff Smith  
*Polly and the Pirates*, Ted Naifeh\*  
*Rapunzel's Revenge*, Shannon Hale  
*Tokyo Mew Mew series*, Mia Ikumi  
*Usagi Yojimbo series*, Stan Sakai

### **HEARTS & FLOWERS (ROMANCE)**

*All-American Girl*, Meg Cabot \*  
*Angel of Mercy*, Lurlene McDaniel  
*Flipped*, Wendelin Van Draanen  
*Romiette & Julio*, Sharon Draper  
*Stargirl*, Jerry Spinelli \*

### **HAIR RAISERS/SPINE TINGLERS**

*The Boxes*, William Sleator  
*Deep and Dark and Dangerous*, Mary Downing Hahn+  
*I Am the Cheese*, Robert Cormier \*  
*Seer of Shadows*, Avi  
*The Thief Lord*, Cornelia Funke

### **HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS (LOUISIANA / SOUTHERN)**

*The Cottonmouth Club*, Lance Marcum  
*Fiddle Fever*, Sharon Arms Doucet  
*Locked in Time*, Lois Duncan  
*The Secret of Gumbo Grove*, Eleanora Tate  
*When Zachary Beaver Came to Town*,  
Kimberly Willis Holt

### **HISTORY**

*Bodies from the Ash*, James M. Deem

### **INSPIRATIONAL (SOUL FOOD) & HELP BOOKS**

*Life Strategies for Teens*, Jay McGraw \*  
*A Rose for Melinda*, Lurlene McDaniel  
*The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens*, Sean Covey

### **IT'S A MYSTERY TO ME**

*A Candidate for Murder or Nightmare*, Joan L. Nixon  
*Code Orange*, Caroline Cooney  
*Diamonds in the Shadow*, Caroline Cooney+  
*The Ghost in the Tokaido Inn*, Dorothy &  
Thomas Hoobler  
*Sammy Keyes series*, Wendelin Van Draanen  
*Willo Davis Roberts mysteries*

### **LAGNIAPPE (LOUISIANA TALK FOR A LITTLE SOMETHING EXTRA)**

*Bloomability or Chasing Redbird*, Sharon Creech  
*Dear Mr. Henshaw or Strider*, Beverly Cleary  
*Miracle's Boys*, Jacqueline Woodson  
*The Schwa Was Here*, Neia Shusterman

### **LAUGH OUT LOUD**

*Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, Jeff Kinney+  
*Diary of a Wimpy Kid series*  
*Heads or Tails*, Jack Gantos  
*Never Mind! A Twin Novel*, Rachel Vail and Avi  
*No More Dead Dogs*, Gordon Korman  
*The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*, Ann  
Brashares \*  
*Schooled*, Gordon Korman+  
*The Teacher's Funeral: A Comedy*, Richard Peck

### **NOT FOR SISSIES / BRAIN EXERCISE (CHALLENGING GREAT READS)**

*The Fellowship of the Ring*, J. R. R. Tolkien  
*The Golden Compass*, Philip Pullman \*  
*Inkheart or Inkspell*, Cornelia Funke  
*The Three Musketeers*, Alexander Dumas \*  
*The View from Saturday*, E. L. Konigsburg

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