

## Contemporary Fiction

Never Mind!: A Twin Novel.....	<i>Avi</i>
The Penderwicks .....	<i>Birdsall</i>
The Secret Garden .....	<i>Burnett</i>
The SOS File.....	<i>Byars</i>
Room One .....	<i>Clements</i>
Dear Mr. Henshaw.....	<i>Cleary</i>
Salsa Stories.....	<i>Delacre</i>
Because of Winn-Dixie .....	<i>DiCamillo</i>
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane .....	<i>DiCamillo</i>
The Spiderwick Chronicles (series) .....	<i>DiTerlizzi</i>
Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key .....	<i>Gantos</i>
My Side of the Mountain.....	<i>George</i>
Kids Cook 1-2-3.....	<i>Gold</i>
The Road to Paris .....	<i>Grimes</i>
The Homework Machine .....	<i>Gutman</i>
Just Juice.....	<i>Hesse</i>
The Trouble Begins .....	<i>Himmelblau</i>
One Small Dog .....	<i>Hurwitz</i>
A Cool Moonlight .....	<i>Jobson</i>
When Mules Flew on Magnolia Street .....	<i>Jobson</i>
Babe, the Gallant Pig.....	<i>King-Smith</i>
The Year of the Dog: A Novel .....	<i>Lin</i>
Junbug (series).....	<i>Mead</i>
Shiloh (series).....	<i>Naylor</i>
The Railway Children.....	<i>Nesbit</i>
The Borrowers (series) .....	<i>Norton</i>
The Higher Power of Lucky .....	<i>Patron</i>
The Cricket in Times Square.....	<i>Selden</i>
Younguncle Comes to Town .....	<i>Singh</i>
Akimbo and the Snakes (series).....	<i>Smith</i>
Series of Unfortunate Events (series) .....	<i>Snicket</i>
Stuart Little.....	<i>White</i>
Reaching for Sun.....	<i>Zimmer</i>

## Historical Fiction

The Gawgon and the Boy .....	<i>Alexander</i>
Whittington .....	<i>Armstrong</i>
The Greatest Skating Race: A World War II Story from the Netherlands .....	<i>Borden</i>
The Watsons Go to Birmingham – 1963.....	<i>Curtis</i>
Elijah of Buxton .....	<i>Curtis</i>
Matilda Bone .....	<i>Cushman</i>
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane .....	<i>DiCamillo</i>
Giant Rat of Sumatra, or Pirates Galore .....	<i>Fleishman</i>
Willow Run.....	<i>Giff</i>
Out of the Dust .....	<i>Hesse</i>
Jason's Gold.....	<i>Hobbs</i>

Number the Stars .....	<i>Lowry</i>
The Good Liar .....	<i>Maguire</i>
Run, Boy, Run .....	<i>Orlev</i>
Trouble Don't Last .....	<i>Pearsall</i>
On the Wings of Heroes .....	<i>Peck</i>
My Name is America (series).....	<i>Scholastic, Inc.</i>
Dear America (series).....	<i>Scholastic, Inc.</i>
The Silver Spoon of Solomon Snow .....	<i>Umansky</i>
Show Way.....	<i>Woodson</i>
When the Circus Came to Town.....	<i>Yep</i>

## Fantasy/Science Fiction

The Chronicles of Prydain (series) .....	<i>Alexander</i>
The Search for Delicious .....	<i>Babitt</i>
Tuck Everlasting.....	<i>Babitt</i>
Sisters Grimm (series) .....	<i>Buckley</i>
Artemis Fowl (series).....	<i>Colfer</i>
The Boggart.....	<i>Cooper</i>
Hiccup Horrendous Haddock III (series).....	<i>Cowell</i>
Akiko Pocket Size (series) .....	<i>Critley</i>
Hatching Magic .....	<i>Downer</i>
Sardine In Outer Space (series) .....	<i>Guibert</i>
The Great Ghost Rescue .....	<i>Ibbotson</i>
The Beasts of Clawstone Castle.....	<i>Ibbotson</i>
Emmy and the Incredibly Shrinking Rat .....	<i>Jonell</i>
Chronicles of Narnia (series).....	<i>Lewis</i>
Charlie Bone (series).....	<i>Nimmo</i>
I Was A Rat!.....	<i>Pullman</i>
Harry Potter (series).....	<i>Rowling</i>
Time Warp Trio (series).....	<i>Scieszka</i>

## Biography

Hatshepsut, His Majesty, Herself.....	<i>Andronik</i>
The Journey That Saved Curious George: The True Wartime Escape of Margret and H. A. Rey.....	<i>Borden</i>
Muhammad.....	<i>Demi</i>
Jump!: From the Life of Michael Jordan .....	<i>Cooper</i>
Confucius: The Golden Rule.....	<i>Freedman</i>
The Voice That Challenged a Nation: Marian Anderson and the Struggle for Equal Rights.....	<i>Freedman</i>
Houdini: The World's Greatest Mystery Man and Escape King.....	<i>Krull</i>
American Slave, American Hero.....	<i>Pringle</i>
Promises To Keep: How Jackie Robinson Changed America.....	<i>Robinson</i>
Ivan Pavlov: Exploring the Mysteries of Behavior.....	<i>Saunders</i>
The Tree of Life: Charles Darwin.....	<i>Sis</i>
Abigail Adams.....	<i>Sutcliffe</i>
Frida.....	<i>Winter</i>

## Folktales, Fairy Tales & Legends

Golden Tales, Myths, Legends & Folktales from Latin America.....	<i>Delacre</i>
The Hungry Coat.....	<i>Demi</i>
Her Stories: African American Folktales, Fairy Tales, and True Tales .....	<i>Hamilton</i>
Lugalbanda: The Boy Who Was Caught Up in a War.....	<i>Henderson</i>
The Magical Monkey King: Mischief in Heaven.....	<i>Jiang</i>
Goha: The Wise Fool.....	<i>Johnson-Davies</i>
Love and Roast Chicken: A Trickster Tale from the Andes Mountains.....	<i>Knutson</i>
Roman Myths.....	<i>McCaugbreen</i>
The Dark-Thirty: Southern Tales of the Supernatural.....	<i>McKissack</i>
Precious and the Boo Hag.....	<i>McKissack</i>
Sir Gawain and Green Knight .....	<i>Morpurgo</i>
Tales From the Odyssey (series).....	<i>Osborne</i>
Kibitzers and Fools: Tales My Zayda Told Me.....	<i>Taback</i>
A Pride of African Tales.....	<i>Washington</i>
Chaucer's Canterbury Tales.....	<i>Williams</i>
Mightier Than the Sword: World Folktales for Strong Boys.....	<i>Yolen</i>

## Informational Books

Jurassic Poop: What Dinosaurs (and Others) Left Behind .....	<i>Berkowitz</i>
The Cod's Tale.....	<i>Kurlansky</i>
A History of the Romani People.....	<i>Kyuchukov</i>
Selavi, That is Life: A Haitian Story of Hope.....	<i>Landowne</i>
The Tarantula Scientist .....	<i>Montgomery</i>
Remember: The Journey to School Integration.....	<i>Morrison</i>
Egyptian Mummies: People from the Past.....	<i>Pemberton</i>
To Go Singing Through the World: The Childhood of Pablo Neruda .....	<i>Ray</i>
George vs. George: The American Revolution As Seen from Both Sides .....	<i>Schanzer</i>
Good Masters! Sweet Ladies!: Voices from a Medieval Village .....	<i>Schlitz</i>
The Wall: Growing Up Behind the Iron Curtain .....	<i>Sis</i>
Alia's Mission: Saving the Books of Iraq.....	<i>Stamaty</i>
Mummies: The Newest, Coolest & Creepiest From Around the World.....	<i>Tanaka</i>
Secrets of a Civil War Submarine: Solving the Mysteries of the <i>H. L. Hunley</i> .....	<i>Walker</i>

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## Informational Books (continued)

- Lonek's Journey: The True Story of a Boy's  
Escape to Freedom.....Whiteman  
Brothers in Hope: The Story of the  
Lost Boys of Sudan .....Williams

## Poetry

- The Hopeful Trout and Other Limericks .....Ciardi  
The Monster Den, or Look What Happened at  
My House and To It .....Ciardi  
Birches .....Frost  
The Dream Keeper and Other Poems.....Hughes  
A Book of Nonsense .....Lear  
It's Raining Pigs and Noodles: Poems.....Prelutsky  
Chicago Poems.....Sandburg  
Hoop Kings .....Smith



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Adams Street (Dorchester).....	617-436-6900
Brighton.....	617-782-6032
Charlestown.....	617-242-1248
Codman Square (Dorchester).....	617-436-8214
Connolly (Jamaica Plain).....	617-522-1960
Dudley (Roxbury).....	617-442-6186
East Boston.....	617-569-0271
Egleston Square (Roxbury).....	617-445-4340
Faneuil (Brighton).....	617-782-6705
Fields Corner (Dorchester).....	617-436-2155
Grove Hall (Roxbury).....	617-427-3337
Honan-Allston.....	617-787-6313
Hyde Park.....	617-361-2524
Jamaica Plain.....	617-524-2053
Lower Mills (Dorchester).....	617-298-7841
Mattapan.....	617-298-9218
North End.....	617-227-8135
Orient Heights (East Boston).....	617-567-2516
Parker Hill (Roxbury).....	617-427-3820
Roslindale.....	617-323-2343
South Boston.....	617-268-0180
South End.....	617-536-8241
Uphams Corner (Dorchester).....	617-265-0139
Washington Village (South Boston).....	617-269-7239
West End.....	617-523-3957
West Roxbury.....	617-325-3147
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## 2008 Summer Book List Grades 4-5

### Dear Parent/Guardian,

The summer months are a wonderful time for you to help your children develop a love for books and reading—and the staff of the Boston Public Schools and the Boston Public Library look forward to helping you plan a reading program for your children to last the whole summer.

This Summer Book List will help you assure that your children are reading high quality literature. The books listed in this brochure are available at your neighborhood library. Your local librarian can suggest additional titles.

The Boston Public Schools is working hard to help every student achieve at high levels, and literacy is a top priority in every school. We need your support in ensuring that your children meet these expectations. Your example and encouragement will go a long way toward helping us reach the goal of every student becoming an excellent reader.

Happy reading!

Sincerely,

Carol R. Johnson  
Superintendent  
Boston Public Schools