

Independent Reading List for the 6th, 7th and 8th Grades(Subject to modification during the year.) * *RL* = Reading Level *IL* = Interest Level (From several sources)

Author	Title	RL	IL
Adams, Douglas	<u>The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy</u> The insanely funny, satiric best seller about the end of the world and the days that follow it --- reminds one of Vonnegut.	6.6	9+
Adams, Richard	<u>Watership Down</u> Picaresque saga of a maverick band of rabbits who set out against all odds on a quest for a new society.	6.2	9+
Alcott, Louisa	<u>Little Women</u> Chronicles the joys and sorrows of the four March sisters, as they grow into young women in nineteenth-century New England.	7.9	7-12
Anderson, Laurie Halse	<u>Fever 1793</u> In 1793 Philadelphia, sixteen-year-old Matilda Cook, separated from her sick mother, learns about perseverance and self reliance when she is forced to cope with the horrors of a yellow fever epidemic.	4.4	5-9
Angelou, Maya	<u>I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings</u> Sensitive autobiography of a black woman who retains her personal human dignity.	6.7	9+
Anonymous	<u>Go Ask Alice</u> The real story of addiction, drug slavery, drug death – as told by an actual teenage victim in her own intimate words.	5.6	7+
Armstrong, William H	<u>Souder</u> An angry young black boy is transformed by his relationship with his devoted dog, Sounder, and changes his own life by learning to read.	5.3	5-9
Avi	<u>Crispin: The Cross Of Lead</u> Crispin finds himself with a new master and the new master encourages him to stand up for himself.	5.0	4-7
Avi	<u>Fighting Ground</u> Thirteen-year-old Jonathan goes of to fight in the Revolutionary War and discovers the real war is being fought within himself.	4.2	5-9
Avi	<u>Nothing But the Truth</u> A ninth-grader's suspension for humming "The Star Spangled Banner" during homeroom becomes a national news story.	3.6	7+
Avi	<u>True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle</u> As the lone "young lady" on a transatlantic voyage in 1832, Charlotte learns that the captain is murderous and the crew rebellious.	5.3	5-9
Babbitt, Natalie	<u>Tuck Everlasting</u> Mysterious story of the Tuck family: how they drink from the magical spring and suffer the pangs of eternal youth.	5.0	5-9
Bach, Richard	<u>Jonathan Livingston Seagull</u> Charming and powerful parable about an uncompromising and ambitious seagull who won't settle for being just one of the flock.	5.6	4-7
Balliett, Blue	<u>Chasing Vermeer</u> When seemingly unrelated and strange events start to happen and a precious Vermeer painting disappears, eleven-year-olds Petra and Calder combine their talents to solve an international art scandal.	5.4	4-7
Bauer, Joan	<u>When Hope Was Here</u> When sixteen-year-old Hope and the aunt who has raised her move from Brooklyn to Mulhoney, Wisconsin, to work as a waitress and cook in the Welcome Stairways diner, they become involved with the diner owner's political campaign to oust the town's corrupt mayor.	5.1	7-12