

2024 Suggested Reading for FRES Students Entering 5th Grade

Reading is good for your brain and helps keep it in shape when school is out. It can take you on adventures, be a window to help you gain new ideas and learn about others, or a mirror to help you understand yourself and your experiences.

We encourage you to read what you enjoy but have created this list to give you some ideas. Questions? Just ask! Happy reading! - *BML Children's Staff*

Alternate format availability: Libby Hoopla Playaway Wonderbook Book on CD

Science Fiction & Fantasy



Space Case by Stuart Gibbs

Dashiell Gibson, who lives on Moon Base Alpha, has to solve the murder of one of the moon's most prominent doctors.



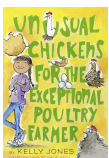
Winterhouse by Ben Guterson

Elizabeth spends break at Winterhouse hotel where she discovers that she has magic, and solves a mystery with her new friend.



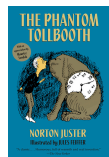
The Fourteenth Goldfish by Jennifer Holm

Ellie's grandfather discovers a way to reverse aging, turns into a teenager, and moves in with Ellie and her mom.



Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer by Kelly Jones

Through letters, Sophie Brown tells of her move to her Great Uncle's farm, where she begins caring for some very unusual chickens.



The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster

Milo journeys through the Phantom Tollbooth to a land where he learns the importance of words and numbers and finds a cure for his boredom.



Malamander by Thomas Taylor

Herbert Lemon, the Grand Nautilus Hotel's Lost and Founder, has an unexpected visitor in Violet Parma, who wants his help finding her parents.



Lost Girl by Anne Ursu

Twins Iris and Lark struggle with insecurities over their individual identities and at the same time things begin to go missing around town.



Wink by Rob Harrell

After being diagnosed with a rare eye cancer, Ross discovers how music, art, and friends can help him survive middle school.



Song for a Whale by Lynne Kelly

Iris and her grandmother, both deaf, drive to Alaska to help Blue-55, a whale unable to communicate with other whales.



From the Desk of Zoe Washington by Janae Marks

Avid baker Zoe Washington receives a letter on her twelfth birthday from her biological father, who is in prison for a terrible crime.



One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia

In the summer of 1968, eleven-year-old Delphine and her two younger sisters have to spend a month with the mother they barely know.



Front Desk by Kelly Yang

Mia must be courageous, kind, and work hard to get through this year. Will she be able to hold on to her job, help the immigrants and guests, escape Mr. Yao, and go for her dreams?

Realistic & Historical



The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise by Dan Gemeinhart

Living on the road in an old bus, Coyote devises a plan to get her father home to Washington state to save a memory box.



Pie in the Sky by Remy Lai

As a distraction from moving to Australia, Jingwen daydreams about baking at Pie in the Sky, the bakery his father had planned to open before he passed away.



Macy McMillan and the Rainbow Goddess by Shari Green

With her mother getting remarried and her house for sale, Macy could use a best friend right now, but the only person who has time for her is the crabby old next door neighbor who doesn't know ASL and struggles to communicate with Macy. (*in verse*)

Adventure & Humor



Rescue at Lake Wild

by Terry Lynn Johnson

When Madi and her friends rescue orphaned beaver kits, she discovers a local conspiracy that's putting the beavers and their habitats in danger.



Stand Up, Yumi Chung! by Jessica Kim

When Yumi Chung stumbles into a kids' comedy camp, she is mistaken for another student and so she decides to play the part.



Fins by Randy Wayne White

Luke, Maribel, & Sabina are new to Florida and feel like fish out of water but must work together to help protect black-tipped sharks.

Nonfiction & Poetry



Lonely Planet Kids: Myths and Legends of the World by Alli Brydon;

illus. by Julia Iredale j292 BRY



This is Your Time by Ruby Bridges

j323.1196 BRI



If...Disappeared (Series) by Lily Williams

(various call numbers)



The Great Stink: How Joseph Bazalgette Solved London's Poop Pollution Problem by Colleen Paeff;

illus. by Nancy Carpenter j628.3 PAE



A Sporting Chance: How Ludwig Guttmann Created the Paralympic Games by Lori Alexander; illus. by Allen Drummond

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Cast Away: Poems of Our Time by Naomi Shihab Nye

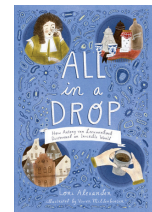
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Ick! Yuck! Eew!: Our Gross American History by Lois Miner Huey

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Biography



All in a Drop: How Antony van Leeuwenhoek Discovered an Invisible World by Lori Alexander

jBIO LEEUWENHOEK



Hedy LaMarr's Double Life: Hollywood Legend and Brilliant Inventor by Laurie Wallmark

jBIO LAMARR



Tricky Vic: The Impossibly True Story of The Man Who Sold the Eiffel Tower by Greg Pizzoli

jBIO LUSTIG



She Made a Monster: How Mary Shelley Created Frankenstein by Lynn Fulton

jBIO SHELLEY

Graphic Novels



Batpig by Rob Harrell

Gary Yorkshire was your perfectly average, fuzzy pink pig until one day . . . a radioactive bat bite gives him powers he never would have dreamed of!



Measuring Up by Lily LaMotte & Ann Xu

Fresh to Seattle from Taiwan, Cici enters a cooking competition to win the chance to see her grandmother again, but she only knows how to cook Taiwanese food.



Unsolved Case Files by Tom Sullivan

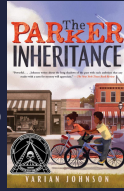
Explore some of the FBI's cases through history that remain unsolved to this day!

Mystery & Spooky



Winterborne Home for Vengeance and Valor by Ally Carter

After years in foster care, April gets to live in a mansion where she's caught up in a mystery of a missing heir and a lost legacy.



The Parker Inheritance by Varian Johnson

In a letter to her grandmother, Candice discovers an injustice from decades ago and a mystery about a fortune .



The Vanquishers by Kalynn Bayron

Why do Boog's parents still take vampire precautions? The Vanquishers wiped out the last horde decades ago...didn't they?