



# Linwood Public Schools

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**Recommended Reading Lists:** The following books are not read as part of the curriculum or in the classroom. These books may be read aloud in other grade levels and are recommended for reading outside of the classroom. Reading levels and notes are included to help determine best fit books for the reader. These lists will be updated throughout the school year.

## Grade 5 Recommended Reading List

Title	Author	Reading Level	Notes
Bridge to Terabithia	Katherine Paterson	810 L	
Number the Stars	Lois Lowry	670 L	*Read in SS class
Where the Red Fern Grows	Wilson Rawls	700 L	
Wrinkle in Time	Madeleine L'Engle	740 L	
The BFG	Roald Dahl	720 L	

## Grade 6 Recommended Reading List

Title	Author	Reading Level	Notes
A Wrinkle in Time	Madeleine L'engle	740 L	
Tuck Everlasting	Natalie Babbitt	770 L	
The Lightning Thief	Rick Riordan	740 L	
Among the Hidden	Margaret Peterson Haddix	800 L	
Island of the Blue Dolphins	Scott O'Dell	1000 L	
Wonder	R.J. Palacio	790 L	
Hatchet	Gary Paulsen	1020 L	
Out of My Mind	Sharon Draper	700 L	
Maniac Magee	Jerry Spinelli	820 L	
Loser	Jerry Spinelli	710 L	
My Friend Flicka	Mary O'Hara	960 L	

## Grade 7 Recommended Reading List

Title	Author	Reading Level	Notes
Touching Spirit Bear	Ben Mikaelson	610	IL - 6-8
When Zachary Beaver Came to Town	Kimberly Willis Holt	700	IL - 5-8
Anne Frank: Diary of Young Girl	Anne Frank	1020	IL - 9-12
Leaving Fishers	Margaret Peterson Haddix	790	IL - 9-12
Hoops	Walter Dean Myers	740	IL - 6-8
Flowers for Algernon	Daniel Keyes	910	IL - 9-12 Sensitive subject matter
Divergent Series	Veronica Roth	700+	IL - 9-12
Scar Island	Dan Gemeinhart	610	IL - 8-12
Percy Jackson series	Rick Riordan	680	IL - 7-9
Michael Vey series	Richard Paul Evans	500+	IL 6-8
Artemis Fowl	Eoin Colfer	600	IL - 6-8

## Grade 8 Recommended Reading List

Title	Author	Reading Level	Notes
The Hobbit	J.R.R. Tolkien	1000	
Heat	Mike Lupica	940	
The Breadwinner	Deborah Ellis	710	
The Fault in our Stars	John Green	850	
Dairy Queen	Catherine Murdock	930	
Rumble Fish	S.E. Hinton	680	
Stargirl	Jerry Spinelli	590	
Uglies Trilogy	Scott Westerfield	770	Sensitive subject matter
Squashed	Joan Bauer	930	
Slot Machine	Chris Lynch	1150	Sensitive subject matter
The Contender	Robert Lipsyte	690	
The Last Shot	John Feinstein	760	