

# District Summer Reading List

Incoming Fifth Graders for the 2022 – 2023 School Year

Parents/Guardians,

The purpose of summer reading is to encourage students to read (or have read aloud) an approved novel that appeals to their own personal interests, instilling a love of reading as well as increasing literacy across the district. The following books were chosen based on many criteria, including reading level, connections to future ELA content, student interest, and more.

Students can choose one book to read over the summer from the grade-level list below.

**Happy reading!**



Title	Author	Genre	Synopsis
<i>Island of the Blue Dolphins</i>	Scott O’Dell	Historical Fiction	This is the story of Karana, the Indian girl who lived alone for years on the Island of the Blue Dolphins. Year after year, she watched one season pass into another and waited for a ship to take her away.
<i>The Indian in the Cupboard</i>	Lynne Reid Banks	Fiction	A young man receives two presents that will change his life: a plastic miniature Indian that magically comes to life inside a mysterious old cupboard.
<i>The Secret Garden</i>	Burnett	Fiction	<p>When orphaned Mary Lennox comes to live at her uncle's great house on the Yorkshire Moors, she finds it full of secrets. The mansion has nearly one hundred rooms, and her uncle keeps himself locked up. And at night, she hears the sound of crying down one of the long corridors.</p> <p>The gardens surrounding the large property are Mary's only escape. Then, Mary discovers a secret garden, surrounded by walls and locked with a missing key. With the help of two unexpected companions, Mary discovers a way in—and becomes determined to bring the garden back to life.</p>

\*Teachers may request to add a book to this list by submitting it through the school’s novel selection process.

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***Alice in  
Wonderland***

Lewis Carrol

Fantasy

Alice in Wonderland is an 1865 novel by English author Lewis Carroll. It tells of a young girl named Alice, who falls through a rabbit hole into a subterranean fantasy world populated by peculiar, anthropomorphic creatures. It is considered to be one of the best examples of the literary nonsense genre. The tale plays with logic, giving the story lasting popularity with adults as well as with children.

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