## 2023-2024 Master List Junior High Reading Program Grades 6-8

Read from the following list and your own free choice books and earn some great rewards in the process! The following list comes from several sources: World Magazine's Books of the Year, Redeemed Reader book reviews, the Triple Crown Award program, the Illinois Rebecca Caudill program, Newbery Award winners, and WCGS choices.

#### **Reading Program Titles**

<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Genre</u>	<u>Source</u>	
Albus, Kate	A Place to Hang the Moon	Historical Fiction	World Magazine	
Barnhill, Kelly Regan	The Ogress and the Orphans	Fantasy	World Magazine/Crown	
Bauer, Joan	Backwater	Realistic Fiction	Caudill Nominee	
Benge, Janet and Geoff	Elisabeth Elliot: Joyful Surrender	Biography	WCGS Choice	
Carr, Simonetta	Church History	Christian Nonfiction	World Magazine Winner	
Davis, Meredith	Her Own Two Feet	Nonfiction	World Magazine Winner	
Flanagan, John	The Ruins of Gorlan	Fantasy	Caudill Nominee	
Green, Tim	Touchdown Kid	Realistic Fiction	WCGS Choice	
Haddix, Margaret Peterson	School for Whatnots	Mystery/Sci-Fi	Redeemed Reader/Crown	
Hood, Susan and Greg Dawson	Alias Anna: A True Story of Outwitting the Nazis	Biography/Nonfic.	World Magazine	
Johnson, Anna Rose	The Star That Always Stays	Historical Fiction	World Magazine/Crown	
Jonell, Lynne	Time Sight	Adventure/Historical	World Magazine Winner	
Korman, Gordon	The Superteacher Project	Mystery/Sci-Fi	WCGS Choice	
LaRocca, Rajani	Red, White, and Whole	Realistic Fiction	Caudill Nominee	
Lucado, Max	Anxious for Nothing	Christian Nonfiction	WCGS Choice	
Luqman-Dawson, Amina	Freewater	Historical Fiction	Newbery Winner	
Moss, Marissa	The Woman Who Split the Atom	biography	World Magazine	
Nielsen, Jennifer A.	Lines of Courage	Historical Fiction	WCGS Choice	
Peterson, Andrew	On the Edge of the Dark Sea of Darkness	Fantasy	World Magazine	
Ponti, James	City Spies	Mystery	Redeemed Reader/Caudill	
Ruby, Laura	York: The Shadow Cipher	Mystery	Redeemed Reader	
Schmidt, Gary	The Pilgrim's Progress	Christian fantasy	WCGS Choice	
Sherrill, John and Elizabeth	God's Smuggler: Brother Andrew (Young Reader's Edition)	biography	WCGS Choice	
Smith, Roland	Beneath	Adventure/Suspense	Caudill Nominee	
Soontornvat, Christina	A Wish in the Dark	Fantasy	Caudill Nominee	
Stone, Tanya Lee	Peace is a Chain Reaction	Nonfiction	World Magazine	
Strobel, Lee	The Case for Christ (Student Edition)	Christian Nonfiction	WCGS Choice	
Tolkien, J.R.R.	The Hobbit	Fantasy	WCGS Choice	
Turner, Megan Whalen	The Thief	Fantasy	Redeemed Reader	
Tyre, Lisa Lewis	Last in a Long Line of Rebels	Historical/Mystery	Caudill Nominee	

# <u>Rewards</u>

### You MUST begin by reading books from the above list until you get to 10!

3 Books from the list—Reward choice—water bottle sticker, bookmark, pen, etc.

6 Books from the list—Reward choice—water bottle sticker, bookmark, pen, etc.

### 10 books from the list—Reward choice plus \$10 Amazon gift card. You will also be invited to a party in May and will receive a certificate at the awards assembly.

### Choices After reading at least 10 books from the list:

- Stop reading from the list and read 10 free choice books—\$10 gift card (in addition to \$10 you received at 10 books) This is a total of \$20 in Amazon gift cards.
- 2. Read another 10 books from the list for a total of 20—\$20 gift card (in addition to \$10 you received at 10 books) **This is a total of \$30 in Amazon gift cards.**
- 3. Read 20 books from the list PLUS 10 free choice—\$10 gift card (in addition to \$10 and \$20 you already received.) **This is a total of \$40 in Amazon gift cards.**
- 4. Read ALL 30 books from the list PLUS 10 free choice--\$10 gift card (in addition to the others). This is a total of \$50 in Amazon gift cards.

#### The FINE PRINT

- If you have read a book *from the list* during the summer before the current school year, you may count it. Otherwise, you need to read it again.
- Free choice books should come from our YA or YA78 section.
- Free choice books should be something you have *never read before* and must be read *during the current school year*. Nothing from the summer will count.
- Any books you would like to read from our Fiction, Nonfiction, or Biography sections must be **pre-approved** (ask permission first!) by Mrs. Brown or Mrs. Pierson.
- Free choice books that are not available in our library or a teacher's classroom must be an appropriate interest level and require a different form to be filled out to receive credit.

### Deadline to Turn in Signed Book Forms Monday, April 29, 2024, 4:00 p.m.

#### Notes on Sources of Titles:

**World Magazine**—Christian magazine that includes book reviews and releases a list of best children's books of the year.

**Triple Crown Award**—This is a program that provides a yearly list of "wholesome books for today's kids." It is endorsed by the National Christian School Association.

**Redeemed Reader**—This is a helpful Christian review source that provides insight into content and biblical worldview discussion possibilities in books.

**Newbery Award Winners**—A secular book award given yearly by the American Library Association.

**Illinois Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Book Award Program**—This is a secular award program that provides a list of 20 nominated books each year for students in grades 4-8 to vote on. We do not officially participate in the program, but we choose a few titles from current and previous lists.

# **Permission Form**

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom: \_\_\_\_\_

**For parents of 6<sup>th</sup> graders:** A few of these titles are shelved in our YA78 section, which is normally checked out only to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders at our school. Please initial here if you give your child permission to read these books for the program. If you would prefer that your child not read them, they can still participate in the program since they are only required to read 10 books from the list and they also have the option of reading free choice books after that.

\_\_\_\_\_ 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents please initial if you give permission for your 6<sup>th</sup> grader to read the YA78 titles on the list.

Please sign below to show that you give your child permission to participate in this reading program.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

# **Student Section**

I have read ALL of the instructions for this program and will adhere to the rules and be honest in all aspects of my participation.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return THIS PAGE ONLY to the library and keep the book list and instructions for your information.