

# 2025-2026 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 Children's Crown Award program, the Illinois Rebecca Caudill program, Newbery Award winners, the YA Battle of the Books list, and WCGS choices.

### Reading Program Titles

<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Genre</u>	<u>Source</u>
Alston, B.B.	Amari and the Night Brothers	Fantasy	Caudill/World Mag.
Blankman, Anne	The Blackbird Girls	Historical Fiction	Caudill Nominee
Cartaya, Pablo	Marcus Vega Doesn't Speak Spanish	Realistic Fiction	Caudill Nominee
Cline-Ransome, Lesa	One Big Open Sky	Historical Fiction	World Mag Winner, RR, Newbery Honor
Cody, Matthew	Powerless	Fantasy	YABOB
Edinger, Monica	Nearer My Freedom: The Interesting Life of Olaudah Equiano by Himself	Biography	World Magazine
Feinstein, John	Change Up: Mystery at the World Series	Mystery	Redeemed Reader
Gratz, Alan	Refugee	Historical/Survival	Caudill Nominee
Haddix, Margaret P.	Found	Sci-Fi/Mystery	YABOB
Hautman, Pete	Slider	Humor/Realistic	Caudill Nominee
Hendrix, John	The Mythmakers: The Remarkable Fellowship of C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien	Graphic/Nonfiction	World Mag Winner
Hopkinson, Deborah	Dive! World War II Stories of Sailors and Submarines in the Pacific	Nonfiction	WCGS Choice
Jamieson, Victoria	When Stars are Scattered	Graphic/Biography/Nonfic.	Caudill Nominee
Korman, Gordon	Linked	Mystery/Realistic	World/Crown Award
Korman, Gordon	Masterminds	Sci-Fi/Mystery	WCGS Choice
Lane, Andy	Death Cloud	Mystery	WCGS Choice
MacKenzie, Catherine	Joni Eareckson Tada: Swimming Against the Tide	Biography	WCGS Choice
McCormick, Patricia	The Plot to Kill Hitler: Dietrich Bonhoeffer	Biography/Nonfiction	WCGS Choice
Messner, Kate	The Trouble with Heroes	Realistic Fiction	WCGS Choice
Nayeri, Daniel	The Many Assassinations of Samir, Seller of Dreams	Historical/Adventure Fiction	World/RR/Crown
Nielsen, Jennifer	A Night Divided	Historical Fiction	YABOB
Nurgaiv, Aisholpan	The Eagle Huntress	Biography/Nonfiction	Crown Award
Perkins, Mitali	You Bring the Distant Near	Realistic Fiction	Redeemed Reader
Ryan, Pam Munoz	Echo	Historical/Fantasy	Newbery Honor
Sanderson, Brandon	Skyward	Sci-Fi/Survival	Redeemed Reader
Schmidt, Gary	Just Like That	Historical Fiction	Redeemed Reader
Sepetys, Ruta and Steve Sheinkin	The Bletchley Riddle	Historical/Mystery/Adventure	Redeemed Reader
Smith, S. D.	Jack Zulu and the Waylanders Key	Fantasy/Adventure	Redeemed Reader
Soontornvat, Christina	All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team	Nonfiction	Caudill Nominee
Van Draanen, Wendelin	The Running Dream	Realistic Fiction	YABOB

## Rewards

**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:

1. 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

**Friday, May 8, 2026, 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.

**YA Battle of the Books**—These are books being read by students on our Battle of the Books team for grades 6-8.

# 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.**