

Junior Great Books Reading Lists at Colby

2009 thru 2020

2009 Books

Aesop's Fables by Aesop

The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

2010 Books – All Newbery Winners or Honor Books

A Year Down Yonder by Richard Peck

A Single Shard by Linda Sue Park

Yolonda's Genius by Carol Fenner

The View from Saturday by E. L. Konigsburg

August 7 - 13, 2011

Younger Junior Group (Grades 1-5)

Anton Chekhov: ***Kashtanka***

Lewis Carroll: ***Alice's Adventures in Wonderland***

Eleanor Estes: ***The Hundred Dresses***

Robert Louis Stevenson: ***Treasure Island***

Older Junior Group (Grades 6+)

Anton Chekhov: "The House with the Mansard"

Lewis Carroll: ***Through the Looking Glass***

Natalie Babbitt: ***Tuck Everlasting*** Robert Louis Stevenson: ***Treasure Island***

August 5 - 11, 2012

Younger Junior Group (Grades 1-5)

Carol Ryrie Brink: ***Caddie Woodland***

Robert C O'Brien: ***Mrs. Frisby & the Rats of NIMH***

Jerry Spinelli: ***Crash*** Robert Louis Stevenson: ***Kidnapped***

Older Junior Group (Grades 6+)

Elizabeth Marie Pope: ***The Perilous Gard*** Pat Marriott: ***Wolves of Willowby Chase***

Kirby Larson: ***Hattie Big Sky***

Robert Louis Stevenson: ***Kidnapped***

July 28-Aug 3, 2013

Younger Junior Group (Grades 1-5)

Kate DiCamillo: ***The Magician's Elephant***

Johanna Spyri: ***Heidi***

George Selden: ***The Cricket in Times Square***

Leo Tolstoy: ***Classic Tales***

Older Junior Group (Grades 6+)

Mary Jane Auch: ***Ashes of Rose***

Karen Cushman: ***Catherine, Called Birdie***

Avi: ***Nothing But The Truth***

Mansfield: ***The Garden Party***

July 27 to August 2, 2014

Oldest Group

The Member of the Wedding Carson McCullers

Mango- Shaped Space Wendy Mass

Trifles Susan Glaspell ***FEVER 1793*** Laurie Halse Anderson

Middle Group

Heart of a Samurai Margi Preus

Westing Game Ellen Raskin

Bread and Roses, Too Katherine Paterson

Journey To Topaz: A Story Of The

Japanese-American Evacuation Yoshiko Uchida

Youngest Group

Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes Ellen Coerr

The Reluctant Dragon Kenneth Grahame

Fantastic Mr. Fox Roald Dahl

The Composition Antonio Skarmeta

July 26 to August 1, 2015

OLDEST (O)

The Giver by Lois Lowry (followed by film)

An Hour with Poetry by William Shakespeare*,

Emily Dickinson, E. E. Cummings, Richard Blanco, et al

Shabanu, Daughter of the Wind by Suzanne Fisher Staples

Women of the Silk: A Novel by Gail Tsukiyama

*the film *Much Ado About Nothing* will be shown thereafter.

MIDDLE (M)

Moon over Manifest by Clare Vanderpool

The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate by Jacqueline Kelly

Jennifer, Hecate, Macbeth, William McKinley, and Me, Elizabeth by E.L. Konigsburg

The Wednesday Wars by Gary D. Schmidt

YOUNGEST (Y)

The Big Wave by Pearl S. Buck

The Courage of Sarah Noble by Alice Dalgliesh

Lily's Crossing by Patricia Reilly Giff

Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo

July 17 to July 23, 2016

Older Group & Middle Group

Jacob Have I Loved, Katherine Paterson

The Sand Reckoner, Gillian Bradshaw

Our Only May Amelia, Jennifer L. Holm

Crossing Stones, Helen Frost

Younger Group

The Prince & the Pauper, Mark Twain

One Crazy Summer, Rita Williams-Garcia

Flora & Ulysses, Kate DiCamillo

Matilda, Roald Dahl

July 21 – July 28, 2017

Older Group - Grades 9-12

Wolf Hollow, Lauren Wolk

Pride and Prejudice, Jane Austen

Diamond as Big as the Ritz, F. Scott Fitzgerald

The Secret of Me: A Novel in Verse, Meg Kearney

Middle Group - Grades 6-9

Wolf Hollow, Lauren Wolk

Love that Dog, Sharon Creech

Sing Down the Moon, Scott O'Dell

Esperanza Rising, Pam Munoz Ryan

Younger Group - Grades K-5

Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear, Lindsay Mattick

My Side of the Mountain, Jean George

The Wild Robot, Peter Brown

The Little Prince, Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

Oldest (8-11)

July 21 – July 27, 2019

True Grit, Charles Portis

Speak, Laurie Halse Anderson

Collected Stories Of Carson McCullers

"The Member of the Wedding", Carson McCullers

"The Ballad of the Sad Café", Carson McCullers

Middle (6-7)

The Inquisitor's Tale: Or, The Three Magical Children and Their Holy Dog, Adam Gidwitz ***The Birchbark House***, Louise Erdich

Bomb: The Race to Build -- and Steal -- the World's Most Dangerous Weapon, Steve Sheinkin

Maniac Magee, Jerry Spinelli

Youngest (PreK-5)

Peter Pan, J M Barrie

Harriet The Spy, Louise Fitzhugh

I am Helen Keller, Brad Meltzer

My Fathers Dragon, Ruth Stiles Gannett

Oldest (13-16)

July 2020

Into the Wild, John Krakauer

Passing, Nella Larsen

Homeless Bird, Grace Whelan

The Pearl, John Steinbeck

Middle (9-12)

A Handful of Stars, Cynthia Lord

Phineas Gage, a Gruesome But True Story About Brain Science, John Fleischman ***Homeless Bird***,

Grace Whelan

M. C. Higgins the Great, Virginia Hamilton Youngest

(4-8)

The Camping Trip That Saved America, Theodore Roosevelt, John Muir, and Our National Park, Barb

Rosenstock, illustrated by Modica Gerstein

Small Steps: The Year I Got Polio, Peg Kehret

The Hundred Dresses, Eleanor Estes, illustrated by Louis Slobodkin ***The Curious***

Lobster, Richard W. Hatch