

Building A Home Library

Ages 12-14

The ALA-Children's Book Council (CBC) Joint Committee, with cooperation from the ALSC's Quicklists Consulting Committee, has created this bibliography to provide guidance to parents, grandparents, and others interested in assembling a high-quality library for their children at home.



We suggest the following sites for more book titles:

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Welcome to the world of books for your home!

Here are suggested classic and contemporary book titles either for a great start to or enhancement of your home library, an ever-present resource for children and adults. The American Library Association - Children's Book Council Joint Committee and the ALSC Quicklists Consulting Committee recommend these titles for children ages 12-14.

Three other pamphlets recommend books for children ages 0-3, 4-7, and 8-11. Ask your librarian or bookseller about multiple formats for these books and for more suggestions to add to your growing collection.

*Anderson, Laurie Halse.

Chains: Seeds of America. Simon & Schuster, 2008.

After overhearing a plot to assassinate George Washington, a young slave spies for Patriot forces with the promise of freedom as her reward.

Anderson, M. T.

Feed. Candlewick, 2002.

In a future society, where everyone is connected by computer implants in their brains, Titus tries to help Violet, who is resisting the feed.

Avi. Illustrated by Greg Ruth.

City of Orphans. Simon & Schuster, 2011.

Maks, a newsboy in 1893 New York City, works with a homeless girl to get his sister out of prison in this fast-paced historical mystery.

Broszgol, Vera.

Anya's Ghost. First Second, 2011.

Anya Borzakovskaya, a Russian immigrant, tries to fit in while helping her best friend, a ghost who was murdered ninety years ago, in this graphic novel.

Bunce, Elizabeth C.

Star Crossed. Scholastic, 2010.

Using her skills as a spy, Digger works to protect a group of rebels while keeping a secret of her own.

* Collins, Suzanne.

The Hunger Games. Scholastic, 2008.

The game of her lifetime is being played, literally, and Katniss might not survive.

Dowd, Siobhan.

The London Eye Mystery. Random House, 2008.

Salim disappears while riding the London Eye Ferris wheel. Ted, his cousin with an Asperger-like syndrome, looks for the patterns others miss while investigating this mystery.

Erskine, Kathryn.

Mockingbird (Mok'ing-bûrd). Penguin, 2010.

Caitlyn, who has Asperger's syndrome, finds being in school difficult. After her brother is killed in a school shooting, how will she adjust to life without him?

* Fisher, Catherine.

Incarceron. Dial, 2010.

When you are trapped in a prison that is alive and wants to hurt you, you can only escape with a little help from outside.

Fleming, Candace.

Amelia Lost: The Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart. Schwartz & Wade, 2011.

Sometimes courage and perseverance can carry you even farther than talent, and sometimes a cascade of mistakes can be fatal.

Gaiman, Neil. Illustrated by Dave McKean.

The Graveyard Book. HarperCollins, 2008.

After toddler Nobody Owens's family is murdered, he wanders into the nearby graveyard to be raised by the spirits who live there.

Gantos, Jack.

Dead End in Norvelt. Farrar, Straus and

Giroux, 2011.

Jack thinks his summer is over until his mother volunteers him to help a neighbor. He discovers a mystery behind his unusual assignment.

Lai, Thanhha.

Inside Out and Back Again. HarperCollins, 2011.

Hà flees with her family from war-torn Vietnam and comes to the United States only to find that making a new home in a strange country is just as difficult as learning English.

* Lourie, Peter.

The Manatee Scientists: Saving Vulnerable Species. Houghton Mifflin, 2011.

Follow three intrepid scientists as they investigate the mysterious world of the manatee and strive to protect them from extinction.

Marrin, Albert.

Flesh and Blood so Cheap: The Triangle Fire and its Legacy. Random House, 2011.

Throughout history workers had few rights, and employers had all the control. That changed after a 1911 fire killed 146 workers locked inside the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory.

Myers, Walter Dean and Ross Workman.

Kick. HarperCollins, 2011.

Told in alternating voices, Myers teams up with high school student Workman, to tell the dramatic story of a 13-year-old soccer player who faces serious criminal charges, and the police officer who is investigating his case.

Ness, Patrick. Illustrated by Jim Kay.

A Monster Calls. Candlewick, 2011.

There are many different kinds of monsters and nightmares, but sometimes what frightens you most also makes you strong.

Oppel, Kenneth.

Half Brother. Scholastic, 2010.

When Ben's dad is doing research into animals and language, a chimp named Zan comes to live with the family. What happens when research work is over and medical testing is about to begin?

** Book is part of a series (including sequels and trilogies)*

* Peck, Richard.

A Long Way from Chicago: A Novel in Stories. Dial, 1998.

A shotgun-toting, cherry-bomb-throwing grandma, a corpse that doesn't seem to want to stay in its coffin, bandits, ghosts, and other exciting adventures await when two city kids spend summers away from home.

Resau, Laura and Maria Virginia Farinango.

The Queen of Water. Random House, 2011.

Based on a true story, a young Quechua Indian girl in Ecuador is taken from her family to be a servant to an upper class "mestizo" family.

Ross, Stewart. Illustrated by Stephen Biesty.

Into the Unknown: How Great Explorers Found their Way by Land, Sea, and Air. Candlewick, 2011.

Real-life stories of daring expeditions undertaken by men and women, including foldout diagrams, maps, and cross-sections.

Schmidt, Gary D.

Okay for Now. Clarion, 2011.

Doug Swieteck must overcome a deadbeat father, an older brother who steals from him, a brother returning from the Vietnam War, and being the new kid in boring Marysville, New York.

* Stewart, Trenton Lee. Illustrated by Carson Ellis.

The Mysterious Benedict Society. Little, Brown, 2007.

Four children are selected, through a series of unusual tests, to go on a secret mission that will quite possibly save the world.

Stiefvater, Maggie.

The Scorpio Races. Scholastic Press, 2011.

Sean Kendrick and Kate "Puck" Connolly will ride their horses in this year's deadly Scorpio Races. Both need to win, but someone has to lose.

Tan, Shaun.

The Arrival. Scholastic, 2007.

In this wordless graphic novel, traveling to a new world and learning about a strange new culture takes on a new meaning.