

# PLACENTIA LIBRARY DISTRICT

## Fourth Grade Suggested Reading



Myers, Walter Dean. **ME, MOP, AND THE MOONDANCE KID**

Adoption has taken them away from where they grew up, but T.J. and Moondance remain friends with Mop.

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds. **SHILOH**  
When he finds a puppy, Marty gets himself into a dilemma in trying to do the right thing. First in a trilogy.

Paterson, Katherine. **FLIP-FLOP GIRL**  
Uprooted following the death of their father, Vinnie and her brother cope in different ways, but both with the help of Lupe, the flip-flop girl.

Raskin, Ellen. **THE WESTING GAME**  
The mysterious death of an eccentric millionaire brings together an unlikely assortment of heirs who must uncover the circumstances of his death before they can claim their inheritance.

Robinson, Barbara. **THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER**  
The Herdmans are absolutely and without question the worst kids "in the entire history of the world." When they take over the church Christmas pageant, the first Christmas becomes new and real in surprising ways.

Rockwell, Thomas. **HOW TO EAT FRIED WORMS**  
Because of a bet, Billy is in the uncomfortable position of having to eat fifteen worms in fifteen days.

Sachar, Louis. **SIDEWAYS STORIES FROM WAYSIDE SCHOOL**  
Humorous episodes from the classroom on the thirteenth floor of Wayside School, which was accidentally built sideways with one classroom on each story.

Selden, George. **THE CRICKET IN TIMES SQUARE**  
Chester cricket arrives in a Times Square subway station by way of picnic basket. He and his four new friends, animals and a human, devise a plan to save the failing newsstand, Chester's new home.



Service, Pamela. **STINKER FROM SPACE**  
In the middle of an outer-space battle, space warrior Tsynq Yr is forced to land on earth and switch into the body of a skunk. Thank goodness Karen stops by. With her computer-whiz friend, Jonathan, she hatches a scheme to get their new friend back into orbit.

Spineli, Jerry. **FOURTH GRADE RATS**  
Suds learns that his best friend is wrong. You don't have to be a tough guy, a "rat," to be a grown up fourth grader.

Taylor, Mildred. **THE FRIENDSHIP**  
Four children witness a confrontation between an elderly black man and a white storekeeper in rural Mississippi in the 1930's.



Tillage, Leon. **LEON'S STORY**  
The son of a North Carolina sharecropper recalls the hard times faced by his family and other African Americans in the first half of the twentieth century and the changes that the civil rights movement helped bring about.

Uchida, Yoshiko. **JOURNEY HOME**  
After their release from an American concentration camp, a Japanese-American girl and her family try to reconstruct their lives amidst strong anti-Japanese feelings which breed fear, distrust, and violence.

Winthrop, Elizabeth. **THE BATTLE FOR THE CASTLE**  
William uses a magic token to return to the medieval land of Sir Simon, which is now menaced by a ship bearing a plague of rats. One in a series.

Wright, Betty Ren. **DOLLHOUSE MURDERS**  
Amy and her sister solve the mystery of why the dolls in the attic dollhouse mysteriously move from where they were left and why their Aunt Clare gets angry with questions about the dollhouse.



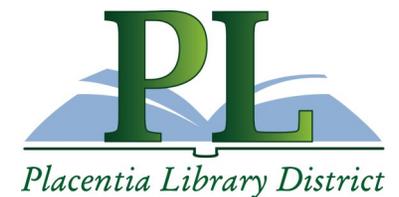
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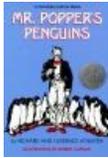
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Children's Department

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Atwater, Richard. **MR POPPER'S PENGUINS**

The unexpected arrival of a Antarctic penguin changes the life of a housepainter who dreams of exploring the Poles. The Popper family soon includes twelve penguins, and they have hilarious adventures touring as "Popper's Performing Penguins."

Avi. **POPPY**

Poppy, the deer mouse, urges her family to move next to a big field of corn, but not without the consent of Mr. Ocax, a terrifying owl. First in a series.

Blume, Judy. **TALES OF A FOURTH GRADE NOTHING**

Peter finds his demanding two year old brother an ever increasing problem.



Byars, Betsy Cromer. **THE COMPUTER NUT**

Ten-year-old Kate begins a communication exchange on a computer with someone purporting to be from outer space and who says he is going to pay a visit to Earth soon.

Christopher, Matt. **DOUBLE PLAY AT SHORT**

Twelve-year-old Danny has a familiar sense about the girl who plays on an opposing team which leads him to a surprising discovery about his own adoption.

Cleary, Beverly. **BEEZUS AND RAMONA**

Nine-year-old, Ramona Quimby, tries her sister, Beezus's patience with her embarrassing and annoying antics. First in a series.

Clements, Andrew. **FRINDLE**

When Nick decides to start calling his pen a "frindle," the new word spreads like wildfire. His classmates, the townspeople—everyone's calling their pens "findles." Nick's crotchety teacher wants to end all the nonsense, but it's too late. There's no stopping the frindle phenomenon.



Clifford, Eth. **HELP! I'M A PRISONER IN THE LIBRARY**

Two girls spend an adventurous night trapped inside the public library during a terrible blizzard.

Coville, Bruce. **SKULL OF TRUTH**

Charlie, a sixth-grader with a compulsion to tell lies, acquires a mysterious skull that forces its owner to tell only the truth, causing some awkward moments before he understands its power. One in a series.



Dahl, Roald. **THE BFG**

Kidsnatched from her orphanage by a BFG (Big Friendly Giant), Sophie concocts with him a plan to save the world from nine other man-gobbling cannybull giants.

Danziger, Paula. **THE CAT ATE MY GYMSUIT**

When the unconventional English teacher who helped her conquer her insecurities is fired, a junior high school student uses her newfound courage to campaign for the teacher's reinstatement.

Delfelice, Cynthia. **THE GHOST OF CUTLER CREEK**

When Allie is contacted by the ghost of a dog, she and Dub investigate the surly new boy at school and his father, who may be running a puppy mill, to see if they are involved.

Fitzgerald, John D. **THE GREAT BRAIN**

In turn-of-the-century Utah, Tom uses his "great brain" to come up with a series of money-making schemes. First in a series.



Fleischman, Sid. **BANDIT'S MOON**

Annyrose relates her adventures with Joaquin Murieta and his band of outlaws in the California gold-mining region during the mid-1800's.

Giff, Patricia Reilly. **LILY'S CROSSING**

Lily's blissful summer of 1944 comes to a rude halt when her father is drafted into the military. Left alone with her grandmother in the family's summer home in Rockaway, New York, Lily befriends Albert, a shy Hungarian refugee her own age.

Gilson, Jamie. **THIRTEEN WAYS TO SINK A SUB**

The boys and girls in the fourth grade devise a contest to "sink their substitute teacher by making her cry.

Grahame, Kenneth. **THE RELUCTANT DRAGON**

The boy who finds a dragon in the cave knows it is a kindly, harmless one, but how can he convince the frightened villagers, and, especially, St. George, the dragon killer, that there is no cause for concern?



Hurwitz, Johanna. **ALDO PEANUT BUTTER**

Peanut and Butter, the two dogs Aldo gets for his eleventh birthday, create chaos inside the house while his parents are out of town and get accused of tearing up the neighbor's lawn.

Ibbotson, Eva. **SECRET OF PLATFORM 13**

Edge Gribble accompanies a wizard, a gentle fey, and an ogre on their mission through a magical tunnel to rescue their King and Queen's son.

Konigsburg, E. L. **FROM THE MIXED-UP FILES OF MRS.**

**BASIL E. FRANKWEILER**

Having run away with her brother to live in an art museum, Claudia strives to keep things in order in their new home.

Lowry, Lois. **ALL ABOUT SAM**

The adventures of Sam, Anastasia Krupnik's younger brother, from his first day as a newborn through his mischievous times as a toddler.



Martin, Ann M. **THE DOLL PEOPLE**

Annabelle Doll is 8 years old... and has been for over 100 years. Nothing much has changed in the dollhouse during that time. When the "Real Pink Plastic" Fincraft family moves in next door, the Doll family's world is turned upside down—in more ways than one!

McCloskey, Robert. **HOMER PRICE**

Six episodes in the life of Homer Price, including one about a donut machine on the rampage.

McKay, Hillary. **DOG FRIDAY**

Ten-year-old Robin Brogan is determined to keep the dog he finds abandoned on the beach from being impounded by the police.



Morpurgo, Michael. **ARTHUR, HIGH KING OF BRITAIN**

Arthur Pendragon, who has just awakened from a long sleep, tells a young boy exciting stories of his past.