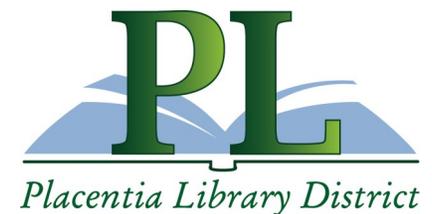


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## Fifth Grade Suggested Reading



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Children's Department

Naylor, Phyllis. **THE AGONY OF ALICE**



Eleven-year-old motherless Alice decides she needs a gorgeous role model, but when placed in homely Mrs. Plotkin's class, she learns that it is what is inside of people that counts.

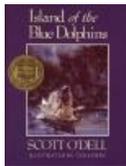
North, Sterling. **RASCAL**

Rascal is just a baby when Sterling brings him home, but soon the mischievous raccoon is ready to join on swimming, fishing, and camping trips. The two are best friends for a year of adventure – until the spring day when everything suddenly changes.

O'Brien, Robert. **MRS. FRISBY AND THE RATS OF NIMH**

Having no one to help her with her problems, a widowed mouse visits the rats whose former imprisonment in a laboratory made them wise and long lived.

O' Dell, Scott. **THE ISLAND OF THE BLUE DOLPHINS**



Left alone on an isolated island off the coast of California, a young Indian girl not only survives through her enormous courage and self-reliance, but also finds happiness in her solitary life.

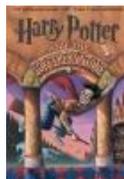
Paulsen, Gary. **HATCHET**

On his way to visit his father in the Canadian mountains, Brian Robeson is the only survivor when the single-engine plane crashes. His body battered, his clothes in shreds, Brian must now stay alive in the boundless Canadian wilderness.

Peck, Richard. **FAIR WEATHER**

In 1893, Rosie and her family travel from their Illinois farm to Chicago to visit Aunt Euterpe and attend the World's Columbian Exposition, which turns out to be a life-changing experience for everyone.

Rowling, J. K. **HARRY POTTER AND THE SORCERER'S STONE**



Orphaned Harry escapes his dreadful relatives when he is invited to attend Hogwarts Academy and learn how to use his wizard's powers.

Sewell, Anna. **BLACK BEAUTY**



A horse in nineteenth-century England recounts his experiences with both good and bad masters.

Snyder, Zilpha Keatley. **THE EGYPT GAME**

A group of children, entranced with the study of Egypt, create their own Egypt game, which leads to visitations by a secret oracle and becoming involved in solving a mysterious murderer.

Soto, Gary. **TAKING SIDES**

Lincoln Mendoza, an aspiring basketball player, must deal with his divided loyalties when he moves from the inner city to a suburban neighborhood.

Spinelli, Jerry. **MANIAC MAGEE**

After his parents die, Jeffrey Lionel Magee's life becomes legendary as he accomplishes awe inspiring athletic and other feats.

Taylor, Mildred. **ROLL OF THUNDER, HEAR MY CRY**

Cassie and her family, fight to stay together in the face of brutal racist attacks, illness, poverty, and betrayal in the Deep South of the 1930's.

Yep, Laurence. **WHEN THE CIRCUS CAME TO TOWN**



An Asian cook and a Chinese New Year celebration help a ten-year-old girl at a Montana stage coach station regain her confidence after smallpox scars her face.

### Library Hours

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Anderson, M.T. **WHALES ON STILTS**

Can Lily and her friends Katie and Jasper foil a plan to conquer the world by mind-controlled whales on stilts?



Armstrong, Alan. **WHITTINGTON**

A battered tomcat shows up at a New England barn looking for a home. Calling himself Whittington because he's a direct descendant of Dick Whittington's anonymous cat, he earns his keep as a ratter and storyteller.

Avi. **THE FIGHTING GROUND**

Jonathan dreams of fighting in the American Revolution. But when he is recruited to fight, he discovers war to be very different from anything he imagined.



Babbitt, Natalie. **TUCK EVERLASTING**

The Tuck family is confronted with an agonizing situation when a ten-year-old girl and a malicious stranger learn the secret of a mysterious spring.

Banks, Lynne Reid. **THE INDIAN IN THE CUPBOARD**

For his birthday Omri receives a cupboard, the key that fits it, and a plastic Indian who comes to life after being locked in the cupboard overnight.

Bellairs, John. **THE HOUSE WITH A CLOCK IN ITS WALLS**

Lewis goes to live with his magician uncle in a mansion with a clock hidden in the walls, ticking off the minutes until doomsday.

Byars, Betsy. **BINGO BROWN AND THE LANGUAGE OF LOVE**

Bingo's girlfriend Melissa moves to Oklahoma and Bingo's mother is not happy with the resulting telephone bill.

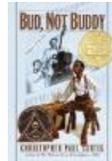
Cleary, Beverly. **DEAR MR. HENSHAW**

Frustrated with the challenges of being the "new kid" in his school, Leigh writes to his favorite author and receives a list of questions he is to answer in return.



Cooper, Susan. **THE BOGGART**

After visiting the castle her family inherited in Scotland, twelve-year-old Emily finds she has accidentally brought back with her a boggart, a mischievous spirit with a fondness for practical jokes.



Curtis, Christopher Paul. **BUD NOT BUDDY**

Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father—the renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway.

Dahl, Roald. **BOY: TALES OF CHILDHOOD**

Dahl recounts the details of many of his unusual boyhood adventures, such as almost losing his nose in a car accident, the "Great Mouse Plot" of 1924, and boarding school antics.

Fenner, Carol. **YOLANDA'S GENIUS**

After moving to a smaller town, fifth-grader Yolanda tries to prove that her younger brother is not a slow learner but a musical genius.

Fitzhugh, Louise. **HARRIET THE SPY**

Harriet's ambition to become a writer motivates her to write down everything she sees in a secret notebook, which gets her into big trouble when her notebook is found by her classmates and read out loud.



Funke, Cornelia. **INKHEART**

One night, Meggie's father reads aloud from a book called "Inkheart," and an evil ruler escapes the boundaries of fiction and lands in their living room.



George, Jean. **JULIE OF THE WOLVES**

While running away from home and an unwanted marriage, a thirteen-year-old Eskimo girl becomes lost on the North Slope of Alaska and is befriended by a wolf pack.

Gipson, Fred. **OLD YELLER**

A wily stray, Old Yeller helps Travis and his family stay safe from the many dangers of the wild Texas frontier.

Gutman, Dan. **THE MILLION DOLLAR SHOT**

Eleven-year-old Eddie gets a chance to win a million dollars by sinking a foul shot at the National Basketball Association finals.



Jacques, Brian. **REDWALL**

When the peaceful life of ancient Redwall Abbey is shattered by the arrival of the evil rat Cluny, Matthias, a young mouse, sets out to find a legendary sword.



Juster, Norton. **PHANTOM TOLLBOOTH**

Through the Phantom Tollbooth lies a strange land, and even stranger adventures for Milo in his quest for Rhyme and Reason.

King-Smith, Dick. **BABE: THE GALLANT PIG**

Babe the piglet is destined to end up as ham on Farmer Hoggett's dinner table. But when he's adopted by Fly, a motherly sheepdog, Babe discovers a secret talent that just might save his bacon.

L'Engle, Madeleine. **A WRINKLE IN TIME**

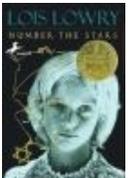
Meg Murry and her friends become involved with unearthly strangers in the search for Meg's father, who disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government.

Lewis, C. S. **THE LION THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE**

When Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy are sent to live with an old professor in the country, they can hardly imagine what wonderful adventures await them. It all begins when Lucy hides in a magic wardrobe and finds herself in a magical snow-covered land, called Narnia.

Lowry, Lois. **NUMBER THE STARS**

In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, 10-year-old Annemarie helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis.



McCloskey, Robert. **HOMER PRICE**

Welcome to Centerburg - where you can win a hundred dollars by eating all the doughnuts you want; where houses are built in a day; and where a boy named Homer Price can foil four slick bandits using nothing but his wits and a pet skunk.



McKay, Hilary. **DOG FRIDAY**

Tobin Brogan is determined to keep the dog he finds abandoned on the beach from being impounded by the police.