

2008 Just Read, Florida! Recommended Summer Reading List

Commissioner Smith announces the Just Read, Florida! Recommended Summer Reading List which parents and educators can use to encourage students to continue reading during the summer months. There are a variety of interesting titles available to spark the interest, imagination and most of all, the love of reading for children of all ages.

Elementary School (K-2)

- **Turtle Summer: A Journal for My Daughter**, Mary Alice Monroe
- **Hilda Must Be Dancing**, Karma Wilson
- **Hot City**, Barbara Joosse
- **The Rainforest Grew All Around**, Susan Mitchell
- **Ocean Seasons**, Ron Hirschi
- **Beverly Billingsly Can't Catch**, Alexander Stadler
- **One Odd Day**, Doris Fisher
- **Leaf Jumpers**, Carole Gerber
- **Buster**, Denise Fleming
- **Actual Size**, Steve Jenkins
- **Daddy & I**, Elosie Greenfield
- **A Day in the Life of Murphy**, Alice Provensen
- **My Name is Yoon**, Helen Recorvits
- **The Giraffe Who Was Afraid of Heights**, David A. Ufer
- **Everett Anderson's Goodbye**, Lucille Clifton
- **The Patchwork Quilt**, Valerie Flournoy
- **Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters: An African Tale**, John Steptoe
- **Talkin' About Bessie: The Story Of Aviator Bessie Coleman**, Nikki Grimes
- **The Little House**, Virginia Lee Burton
- **Finders Keepers**, William Lipkind
- **Madeline's Rescue**, Ludwig Bemelmans
- **Chanticleer and the Fox**, Geoffrey Chaucer
- **Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears**, Verna Aardema
- **Song and Dance Man**, Karen Ackerman
- **Snowflake Bentley**, Jacqueline B. Martin
- **Ashanti to Zulu**, Margaret Musgrove
- **The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses**, Paul Goble
- **Ox-Cart Man**, Donald Hall
- **If You Decide to Go to the Moon**, Faith McNulty
- **Through Georgia's Eyes**, Rachel Rodriguez
- **Stars Beneath Your Bed: The Surprising Story of Dust**, April Pulley Sayre
- **If Dogs Were Dinosaurs**, David M. Schwartz
- **Play, Mozart, Play!** Peter Sis
- **Anno's Math Games**, Mitsumasa Anno
- **Around the World: Who's Been Here George**, Lindsay Barrett
- **A Child's Book of Art: Discover Great Paintings**, Lucy Micklethwait
- **Do Animals Dream?** Joyce Pope
- **A Drop of Water: A Book of Science and Wonder**, Walter Wick
- **How Big Is a Foot?** Rolf Myllar
- **Stone Girl, Bone Girl: Mary Anning**, Laurence Anhoit

Elementary School (K-2) continued ~

- **A Picture Book of George Washington Carver**, David Adler
- **Duke Ellington**, Andrea Pinkney
- **Wilma Unlimited**, Kathleen Krull

Elementary School (3-5)

- **Gooney Bird Greene**, Lois Lowry
- **Riddle-iculous Math**, Joan Holub
- **The Courage of Sarah Noble**, Alice Dalgliesh
- **Crossing Jordan**, Adrian Fogelin
- **Life Under Ice**, Mary M. Cerullo
- **Bud, Not Buddy**, Christopher Paul Curtis
- **Island of the Blue Dolphins**, Scott O'Dell
- **Shiloh**, Phyllis Naylor
- **James and the Giant Peach**, Roald Dahl
- **Whittington**, Alan Armstrong
- **A Bear Named Trouble**, Marion DaneBauer
- **The Seven Wonders of Sassafras Spring**, Betty Birney
- **The President's Daughter**, Kimberley Bradley
- **The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane**, Kate DiCamillo
- **A House of Tailors**, Patricia Reilly Giff
- **Say What?** Margaret Peterson Haddix
- **Wildfire!** Elizabeth Hill
- **Worth**, A. LaFaye
- **Drita, My Homegirl**, Jenny Lombard
- **Fame and Glory in Freedom, Georgia**, Barbara O'Connor
- **No Dogs Allowed!** Bill Wallace
- **Christopher Mouse: the Tale of a Small Traveler**, Williams Wise
- **The Sorta Sisters**, Adrian Fogelin
- **The Slippery Map**, N.E. Bode
- **Eli Remembers**, Ruth Vander Zee
- **The Island On Bird Street**, Uri Orlev
- **Her Stories: African American Folktales, Fairy Tales, and True Tales**, Virginia Hamilton
- **The Voyages of Doctor Dolittle**, Hugh Lofting
- **Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices**, Paul Fleischman
- **The Glorious Flight**, Alice Provensen
- **So You Want to Be President?** David Small
- **Alicia Alonso: First Lady of the Ballet**, Sandra Martin Arnold
- **Owen and Mzee: The True Story of a Remarkable Friendship**, Isabella Hatkoff
- **Look at My Book: How Kids Can Write & Illustrate Terrific Books**, Loreen Leedy
- **Secrets of Sound: Studying the Songs of Whales**, April P. Sayres
- **Tour America: A Journey Through Poems and Art**, Diane Siebert
- **Marvelous Mattie: How Margaret E. Knight Became an Inventor**, Emily Arnold McCully
- **The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian**, C.S. Lewis

Middle School

- **The City of Ember**, Jeanne DuPrau
- **The Trumpet of the Swan**, E.B. White
- **Treasure Island**, Robert Louis Stevenson

Middle School continued ~

- **Old Yeller**, Fred Gipson
- **Hoot**, Carl Hiaasen
- **Bridge to Terabithia**, Katherine Paterson
- **Esperanza Rising**, Pam Munoz Ryan
- **Hattie, Big Sky**, Kirby Larson
- **The Young Man and the Sea**, Rodman Philbrick
- **Peter and the Starcatchers**, Dave Barry & Ridley Pearson
- **Artemis Fowl: the Arctic Incident**, Eoin Colfer
- **Where the Red Fern Grows**, Wilson Rawls
- **The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle**, Avi
- **Ben Franklin's Almanac: Being a True Account of the Good Gentleman's Life**, Candace Fleming
- **Runaway Girl: The Artist Louise Bourgeois**, Jan Greenberg and Sandra Jordan
- **Bulls-eye: A Photobiography of Annie Oakley**, Sue Macy
- **The Wright Sister: Katharine Wright and Her Famous Brothers**, Richard Maurer
- **Carver, a Life in Poems**, Marilyn Nelson
- **An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever, Epidemic of 1793**, Jim Murphy
- **Magnificent Voyage: An American Adventurer on Captain James Cook's Final Expedition**, Laurie Lawlor
- **The Man Who Went to the Far Side of the Moon: The Story of Apollo 11 Astronaut Michael Collins**, Bea Uusma Schyffert
- **Twelve Rounds to Glory: The Story of Muhammed Ali**, Charles R. Smith
- **Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! Voices from a Medieval Village**, Laura Amy Schlitz
- **Elijah of Buxton**, Christopher Paul Curtis
- **The Wednesday Wars**, Gary D. Schmidt
- **Feathers**, Jacqueline Woodson
- **The Anybodies**, N.E. Bode
- **The Lightning Thief**, Rick Riordan
- **Fire From the Rock**, Sharon Draper
- **Diamonds in the Shadow**, Carolyn Cooney
- **Separate Fountains**, Patti Wilson Byars

High School

- **The Real Question**, Adrian Fogelin
- **The Fire and the Light**, Tracy A. Akers
- **The Swamp: The Everglades, Florida, and the Politics of Paradise**, Michael Grunwald
- **Solomon**, Marilyn B. Shaw
- **Losing It All to Sprawl**, Bill Belleville
- **The Yearling**, Marjorie K. Rawlings
- **Forged by Fire**, Sharon M. Draper
- **We Beat the Street: How a Friendship Pact Led to Success**, Sampson Davis, George Jenkins, Rameck Hunt, and Sharon Draper
- **The House on Mango Street**, Sandra Cisneros
- **Money Hungry**, Sharon Flake
- **Prom**, Laurie Halse Anderson
- **The Book Thief**, Markus Zusak
- **The Count of Monte Cristo**, Alexandre Dumas
- **The Old Man and the Sea**, Ernest Hemingway
- **Kon-Tiki: Across the Pacific by Raft**, Thor Heyerdahl

High School continued ~

- **Monster**, Walter Dean Myers
- **The Search for the Unnamed One**, Tracy A. Akers
- **Taken**, Edward Bloor
- **Total Constant Order**, Crissa-Jean Chappell
- **Mirage: Florida and the Vanishing Water of the Eastern U.S.**, Cynthia Barnett
- **Florida Then & Now**, Bruce Hunt
- **Southern Comforts: Rooted in a Florida Place**, Sudy Cauthen
- **Looking for the New Deal**, Elna C. Green
- **Breaking Point**, Alex Flinn
- **Darkness Before Dawn**, Sharon M. Draper
- **Flush**, Carl Hiaasen
- **Night**, Elie Wiesel
- **Fahrenheit 451**, Ray Bradbury
- **All Quiet on the Western Front**, Erich Maria Remarque
- **A Separate Peace**, John Knowles
- **Separate Fountains**, Patti Wilson Byars

You may also find more selections for High School readers at www.justreadflorida.com under the Student Section – For Teens, by Teens recommended reading.