

Suggested Titles for Free Choice Books:

Mysteries

Hercule Poirot Mysteries, Agatha Christie
I Know What You Did Last Summer, Lois Duncan
Don't Look Behind You, Duncan
The Man who was Poe, Avi
Dreamland Lake, Voices After Midnight, Peck
Shadow, Joyce Sweeney

Biography/Autobiography

Upon the Head of a Goat, Siegal
Malcolm X: By Any Means Necessary, Myers
Harriet Tubman, Petry
Alicia, My Story, Alicia Appleman-Jurman
Farewell to Manzanar, Jeanne Wakatsuki-Houston
Lost in Place, Mark Salzman
The Ditchdigger's Daughters Yvonne S. Thornton

Realistic Fiction

Any of the *Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants* books, Brashares
When the Legends Die, Borland
A Tree Grows in Brooklyn, Betty Smith
The Crossing, Gary Paulsen
Rebecca, Daphne du Maurier
Blue Heron, Avi
Year of Impossible Goodbyes, Sook Nyul Choi
Echoes of the White Giraffe, Sook Nyul Choi
Jacob Have I Loved, Katherine Paterson
I Heard the Owl Call My Name, Robert Craven
Earthshine, Theresa Nelson
Walk Two Moons, Sharon Creech
The Unlikely Romance of Kate Bjorkman, Plummer
The Eagle Kite, Paula Fox
Slot Machine, Chris Lynch
Like Sisters on the Homefront, Rita Williams Garcia
Beggars and Choosers, Nancy Kress
A Sunburned Prayer, Marc Talbert
Postcards from France, by Megan McNeill Libby
Make Lemonade, Virginia E. Wolff

Science Fiction/Fantasy

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, or others by J.K. Rowling
Earthsea Trilogy, Ursula Le Guin
One of *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy, Tolkien
A Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, D. Adams
The End of Eternity, Issac Asimov
The Time Machine, H.G. Wells
The War of the Worlds, H.G. Wells
Tailchaser's Song, Tad Williams
Of Two Minds, Carol and Perry Nodelman
A Sorcerer and A Gentleman, Elizabeth Willey
The Forestwife, Theresa Tomlinson
Twilight, or any of the Stephanie Meyer books

Adventure

Robinson Crusoe, Daniel Defoe
Kidnapped, Robert Louis Stevenson
Dracula, Bram Stoker
The Count of Monte Cristo, Alexandre Dumas
The Crying for a Vision, Walter Wangerin, Jr.

Historical Fiction

Shabanu, Haveli, Suzanne Fisher Staples
Somehow Tenderness Survives, Hazel Rochman
Sherman's March, Cynthia Bass
The King's Shadow, Elizabeth Alder
Black Water, Rachel Anderson
The Midwife's Apprentice, Karen Cushman
Spying on Miss Müller, Eve Bunting
The War of Jenkins' Ear, Michael Morpurgo
Rumors of Peace, Ella Leffland
Soldier Boys, Hughes
Under the Persimmon Tree, Suzanne Fisher Staples

Animal Stories

All Creatures Great and Small, James Herriot
All Creatures Wise and Wonderful, James Herriot
Summer of the Monkeys, W. Rawls
Where the Red Fern Grows, W. Rawls
White Fang, The Call of the Wild, Jack London

****Books to Save for Later**

(The following books are among those taught in 7th and 8th grade, so please don't read them now. Thanks!)

The Circuit and Breaking Through, Jimenez
The Patron Saint of Butterflies, Galante
I Have Lived a Thousand Years, Bitton-Jackson
Chernowitz, Arrick
Of Mice and Men, Steinbeck
To Kill a Mockingbird, Lee
Romeo and Juliet, Shakespeare
Purple Hibiscus, Adichie
Colors of the Mountain, Da Chen
China's Son, Da Chen

Have a great time reading!

See you in September.