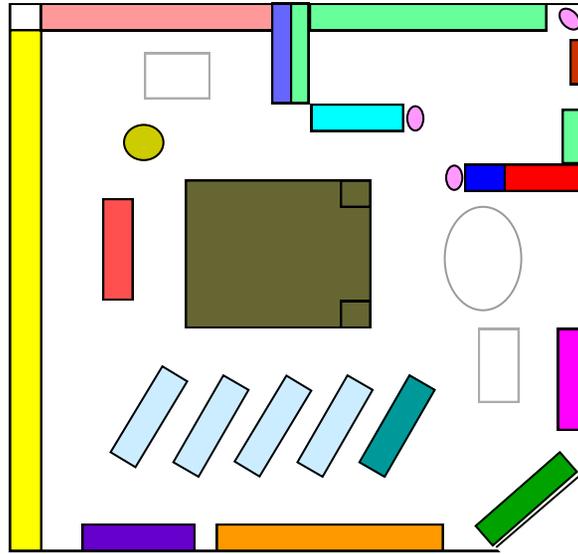


# Children's Department



-  Newbery Award Winners
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# SIXTH GRADE

recommended reading list



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This is an age-appropriate Reading List as selected by the Children's Staff of the North Shelby Library based on reviews, recommendations, and publisher-given reading levels. This list is merely a sample and is not all-inclusive. Please see a librarian for more suggestions.

# Fiction

**Benjamin, Ali.** *The Thing About Jellyfish*. Suzy processes the loss of her best friend by investigating the rare jellyfish she thinks was responsible for her friend's death.

**Blackwood, Sage.** *Jinx* (series). Jinx encounters magic and danger as he grows up in the dark forest known as the Urwald.

**Bosch, Pseudonymous.** *Bad Magic*. When words from Clay's journal appear mysteriously on his school wall as graffiti, he never imagines that magic might be to blame.

**Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker.** *The War That Saved My Life*. A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II, where they find life to be much sweeter.

**Federle, Tim.** *Better Nate Than Ever* (series). Nate dreams of performing in a Broadway musical and concocts a plan to run away to New York and audition for the role of Elliot in the musical version of E.T.

**Fitzgerald, Laura Marx.** *Under the Egg*. Her grandfather's dying words lead Theodora Tenpenny to search for a valuable, hidden painting she fears may be stolen.

**Graff, Lisa.** *Lost in the Sun*. As Trent struggles to move past a traumatic event that took place several months earlier, he befriends class outcast Fallon Little and starts to see things differently.

**Johnson, Varian.** *The Great Greene Heist*. Prankster Jackson Greene is trying to go straight, but needs to pull off one more trick to help his former best friend, Gabriela.

**Lord, Cynthia.** *Half a Chance*. Lucy has just moved to rural New Hampshire and spends the summer taking photos, but her pictures reveal more than people are willing to see.

**Milford, Kate.** *Greenglass House*. Milo just wants to spend his winter holidays relaxing at the inn his parents manage, but wild adventure awaits.

**Ryan, Pam Muñoz.** *Echo*. A prophecy, a promise, and a harmonica tie together three children over the course of several decades.

**Selznick, Brian.** *The Marvels*. When Joseph Jervis runs away from home, seeking refuge with his uncle in London, he is captivated by The Marvel House and its connections to a long line of actors.

**Stroud, Jonathan.** *The Screaming Staircase* (series). The three young operatives of a Psychic Detection Agency must battle an epidemic of ghosts in London.

**Williams-Garcia, Rita.** *Gone Crazy in Alabama* (series). Delphine, Vonetta, and Fern are off to Alabama to visit their grandmother, Big Ma, and her mother, Ma Charles.

# Graphic Novels

**Baum, L.F., E. Shanower & S. Young.** *Wonderful Wizard of Oz* (series). Dorothy Gale gets whisked away by a cyclone to the fantastical Land of Oz.

**McCoola, Marika.** *Baba Yaga's Assistant*. Most kids won't brave a haunted wood to match wits with a witch, but Masha will.

**Ottaviani, Jim. Primates: The Fearless Science of Jane Goodall, Dian Fossey, and Birute Galdikas.** These three ground-breaking researchers were all students of the great Louis Leakey, and each made profound contributions to primatology—and to our own understanding of ourselves.

# Nonfiction

**Woodson, Jacqueline.** *Brown Girl Dreaming*. Raised in South Carolina and New York, Woodson always felt halfway home in each place. In vivid poems, she shares what it was like to grow up as an African American in the 1960s and 1970s.

**Yousafzai, Malala.** *I Am Malala*. When the Taliban took control of the Swat Valley in Pakistan, one girl spoke out. Malala Yousafzai refused to be silenced and fought for her right to an education.