

OUSD Summary Reading List

Primary

Title	Author	Grade	About*
Tap the Magic Tree	Christie Matheson	ALL	Interactive seasonal book easy to enjoy
Leonardo the Terrible Monster	Mo Willems	Pre-K-1	A terrible monster, Leonardo can't seem to frighten anyone
The Dark	Lemony Snicket	Pre-K-1	Laszlo, dressed in blue footie jams, his hair precisely parted, is afraid of the dark
Mr. Tiger Goes Wild	Peter Brown	Pre- K-2	Guaranteed to inspire wild giggles as Mr. Tiger goes native. This is sure to be an instant read-aloud classic
Sophie's Squash	Pat Zietlow Miller	Pre-K-2	Sophie certainly does [like vegetables] as her best friend is a yellow squash she has named Bernice
The Day the Crayons Quit	Drew Daywalt	Pre-K-2	The crayons go on strike and their personalities express themselves
Pete the Cat: I love my White Shoes	James Dean	Pre-K-3	Setbacks in the whiteness of the shoes doesn't dampen Pete's spirit
Rabbit and Robot: The Sleepover	Cece Bell	grades K-2	Meet the newest odd couple in the early reader section: fussy, compulsive Rabbit and overly logical Robot
This is the Rope: a story from the Great Migration	Jacqueline Woodson	grades K-3	Picture book follows a skip rope through a family's lineage
Mr. Wuffles	David Wiesner	grades K-4	The idea of a separate, tiny world next to ours makes a great premise; Wiesner's engaging art and lively pacing carry the day
Secret Pizza Party	Adam Rubin	grades 1-4	Clever gadgets and outrageous scenarios depicted
Geronimo and Thea Stilton books (series)	Geronimo and Thea Stilton	grades 2-5	Stories of a globe-trotting Mouse Journalist
Parrots Over Puerto Rico	Cindy Trumbore	grades 2-5	Recounts the efforts of scientists of the Puerto Rican Parrot Recovery Program
A Nest for Celeste	Henry Cole	grades 3-5	Celeste finds a friend and contributes to art history while surviving feline threats
Scary Tales	Preller, James	grades 3-5	With its hair-raising moments and a truly malicious ghost, [this] may not be for the fainthearted
Turtle in Paradise	Jennifer Holm	grades 3-5	In 1935, Turtle says goodbye without a tear and heads off to Key West, Florida to live with relatives she's never met
Flora and Ulysses the Illuminated Adventures	Kate DiCamillo	grades 3-7	A cynic meets an unlikely superhero
Inside Out and Back Again	Thanhha Lai	grades 3-7	Elemental details of Hà's struggle dramatize a foreigner's experience of alienation
P.S. Be Eleven	Rita Garcia Williams	grades 3-7	Sequel to <i>One Crazy Summer</i> the story of three young girls, their Oakland-based Mother, and their care-giver grandparents in NYC
True Blue Scouts of Sugar Man Swamp	Kathi Appelt	grades 3-7	A rollicking, ripping tall tale with ecological subtext, both human and critter characters
What Color is my World?	Kareem Abdul-Jabbar	grades 3-7	Unsung African-American inventor heroes
Year of Billy Miller	Kevin Henkes	grades 3-7	A typical 2nd grader who gets off on the wrong foot on the first day of school
Camo Girl	Kekla Magoon	grades 3-9	A bi-racial student questions her identity
Clueless McGee (series)	Jeff Mack	grades 4-5	Your average 5th grader and a detective rolled-in-one
Mockingbird	Kathryn Erskine	grades 4-6	A girl with Asperger's Syndrome struggles to make sense of her world
The Mighty Miss Malone	Christopher Paul Curtis	grades 4-7	A 12-year old girl struggles with hardships, moving to a new city, and personal setbacks
The Thing About Luck	Cynthia Kadohota	grades 4-8	Contemporary Japanese-American family struggles on a Mid-West farm
The Unwanteds (series)	Lisa McMann	grades 4-8	Dystopian novel; each year, all the thirteen-year-olds are labeled as Wanted, Necessary, or Unwanted
Three Times Lucky	Sheila Turnage	grades 4 and up	Miss Moses LoBeau is on her own in a small town
Counting By Sevens	Holly Goldberg Sloan	grades 5 and up	A gifted child struggles to find her place in the world
Dork Diaries (series)	Rachel Russell	grades 5 and up	<i>Wimpy Kid</i> fans recommend this series
Drama	Raina Telgemeier	grades 5 and up	Callie loves the theater but can't sing well enough
Explorer: the Mystery Boxes	Kazu Kibuishi	grades 5 and up	A mysterious box that changes the life of those who handle it

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Secondary

Title	Author	Genre	About*
Bang!	Sharon Flake	FIC	Following the death of his six-year-old son in a ghetto shooting, Mann's father made every effort to toughen up his surviving son
Darius and Twig	Walter Dean Meyers	FIC	Myers has written another gritty, suspenseful, street-smart novel
Eleanor and Park	Rainbow Rowell	FIC	Friendship and then romance develops between two outsider-type students
Hollow City	Ranson Riggs	FIC	Sequel to <i>Ms. Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children</i> Threaded with geek teen culture, economic problems, election strategy, corporate greed, government conspiracies, and privacy issues
Homeland	Cory Doctorow	FIC	Personal ambition before commitment and responsibility to loved ones?
I Even Funnier: A Middle School Story	Chris Grabenstein	FIC	After being caught with her best friend's boyfriend at a summer party, Annabel is starting her junior year alone and ostracized
Just Listen	Sarah Dessen	FIC	Seventh-grader Lafayette fears that he will become separated from his two brothers after the death of their mother.
Miracle's Boys	Jacqueline Woodson	FIC	Darren is a whole teen living a half life; urban fiction
Takedown	Allison Van Diepan	FIC	A time travel adventure through major periods of Oakland's history; a school and community read
Oakland Tales	Summer Brennan	FIC	Two students with very different disabilities connect and ultimately support each other
Pinned	Sharon Flake	FIC	A young Chicago youth gets wrapped up with the Black Panther movement in 1968
The Rock and the River	Kekla Magoon	FIC	Urban fiction with heart, a meditation on the meaning of family, the power of friendship, and the value of loyalty
When I Was the Greatest	Jason Reynolds	FIC	A Latina teen is targeted by a bully at her new school — and must discover resources she never knew she had
Yaqui Delgado Wants to Kick Your Ass	Meg Medina	FIC	Masterful works of historical fiction...from a complicated moment in Chinese history (graphic novel)
Boxers, Saints	Gene Yang	GN	Depiction of the famous Civil Rights leader, John Lewis (graphic novel)
March: Book One	John Lewis	GN	Autobiographical vignettes, a comic artist recalls growing up surrounded by a love of food (graphic novel)
Relish: My Life in the Kitchen	Lucy Knicely	GN	To survive as zombies, Jake and Amanda try to retain their humanity while searching for answers or a possible cure
Eat Brains Love	Jeff Hart	HOR	The complex, clever plot keeps the pages turning
Confessions: The Private School Murders	James Patterson	MYS	Witness Protection Program thriller
Fake ID	Lamar Giles	MYS	Delivers romance and menace in equal parts; set in New Orleans
Out of the Easy	Ruta Sepetys	MYS	Brilliant depiction of the complexity of human relationships in a story that's at once contemplative and suspenseful
Picture Me Gone	Meg Rosoff	MYS	Sure to appeal to readers interested in hip-hop, black studies, and American pop culture in general
Buck: A Memoir	MK Asante	NF	Born in Egypt and sold into slavery at the age of eight... her captors brought her to the United States when she was ten
Hidden Girl: The True Story of a Modern-day Child Slave	Shyima Hall	NF	Remarkable true story of a family uprooted by global terrorism...and of brave parents who have a fierce love for their daughter in a society that prizes sons
I am Malala	Malala Yousafzai	NF	Voices of ten authors recounting their stories of growing up between cultures
Open Mic	Mitali Perkins	NF	Stories of the cost of war and survival in Afghanistan
The Breadwinner (Trilogy)	Deborah Ellis	NF	Keeping readers engaged in a wide cast of characters while unfolding a layered plot that involves enemy governments and a fast-spreading plague
Cress (Lunar Chronicles # 3)	Marissa Meyer	SF/FAN	A love story about a young man who every day wakes up in a different body and a different life
Every Day	David Levithan	SF/FAN	Ghostly Jacob Grimm, of the famous Brothers, narrates this tale of Jeremy and Ginger and their near-tragic encounter with [the] town baker
Far Far Away	Tom McNeal	SF/FAN	A gripping thriller in dystopic future Los Angeles
Legend	Marie Lu	SF/FAN	A modern day teen finds a human connection to the dark days of the French Revolution in a young woman who is struggling to save the child king
Revolution	Jennifer Donnelly	SF/FAN	

The 5th Wave	Rick Yancey	SF/FAN	Sixteen year-old Cassie is one of the very few people left on earth
The Giver (series)	Lois Lowry	SF/FAN	The Giver, Gathering Blue, Messenger, and Son--futuristic characters to remember; favorite books for early teens
The Here and Now	Ann Brashares	SF/FAN	Epic romantic thriller about a girl from the future who might be able to save the world

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