



# 2020–21 Reading Academy

Dive into reading with our reading academy series at South Central Service Cooperative Conference Center! Select one of the reading lists, enjoy reading through the books and submit an online review (2–3 sentences) for each book you read. Then convene on Dec. 11, 2020 (Phonemes and Phonics) and/or June 9, 2021 (Reading in the Content Area) for a day of networking, best practices, book discussions and literacy resources.

## Benefits to Participants:

- Read and discuss many new books
- Earn 25 continuing education credits by completing a reading list and attending the workshop
- Network with fellow colleagues – share ideas and book discussions
- Learn about literary and literacy resources
- Enjoy a fun-packed day of activities

To receive appropriate credit hours and certificate of completion, participants are required to fulfill the requirements on their selected reading list and provide their reaction to the book and how it could be used in the library or classroom setting or incorporated into an activity. All reading reviews must be submitted no later than one week before the workshop date. To view reading lists and submit your reviews, visit [www.mnscsc.org/reading](http://www.mnscsc.org/reading).

**When:** Dec. 11, 2020 and/or June 9, 2021, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

**Where:** SCSC Conference Center, 2075 Lookout Drive, North Mankato, MN 56003\*

**Cost:** \$150/person

**Registration:** [www.mnscsc.org](http://www.mnscsc.org), click on “Events & Registration.”

**Questions?** Contact Mary Hillmann at [mhillmann@mnscsc.org](mailto:mhillmann@mnscsc.org)

*Reading lists come from the ALSC Notable Children’s Books.*

*\* Sessions may be offered virtually dependent on local COVID-19 conditions*

# Younger Readers (Pre-K–2nd Grade) Book List

Read 22 of the following books or Reader's Choice and comment online about each book.

1. ***Ada Lovelace, Poet of Science: The First Computer Programmer.*** Diane Stanley.
2. ***Ada Twist, Scientist.*** Andrea Beaty.
3. ***Before Morning.*** Joyce Sidman.
4. ***Best Prints in the Whole Universe.*** Antoinette Portis.
5. ***Counting.*** Fleur Star.
6. ***Coyote Moon.*** Maria Gianferrari.
7. ***Fabulous Frogs.*** Martin Jenkins.
8. ***Go, Otto, Go!*** David Milgrim.
9. ***Good Night Owl.*** Greg Pizzoli.
10. ***The Great Pet Escape.*** Victoria Jamieson.
11. ***Horrible Bear!*** Ame Dyckman.
12. ***A Hungry Lion; or, A Dwindling Assortment of Animals.*** Lucy Ruth Cummins.
13. ***The Infamous Ratsos.*** Kara LaReau.
14. ***Leave Me Alone!*** Vera Brosgol.
15. ***The Night Gardener.*** Terry Fan.
16. ***Old Dog BaBaby.*** Julie Fogliano.
17. ***Oops, Pounce, Quick, Run! An Alphabet Caper.*** Mike Twohy.
18. ***Over the Ocean.*** Taro Gomi.
19. ***A Piece of Home.*** Jeri Watts.
20. ***Puddle.*** Hyewon Yum.
21. ***Rudas: Niño's Horrendous Hermanitas.*** Yuyi Morales.
22. ***School's First Day of School.*** Adam Rex.
23. ***Thunder Boy Jr.*** Sherman Alexie.
24. ***We Are Growing! A Mo Willems' Elephant and Piggie Like Reading! Book.*** Laurie Keller.
25. ***We Found a Hat.*** Jon Klassen.
26. ***Weekends with Max and His Dad.*** Linda Urban.
27. ***When Andy Met Sandy.*** Tomie dePaola and Jim Lewis.
28. ***Where Are You Going, BaLincoln?*** Kate DiCamillo.

## Reader's Choice:

You may substitute up to five of the titles with your choice. The choice or choices must meet the following criteria:

- You have not read it before.
- Original copyright is newer than 2017.
- It is usable in the classroom or for free reading in the classroom.

# Middle Readers (Grades 3–5) Book List

Read 10 of the following books or Reader's Choice and comment online about each book.

1. ***The Best Man***. Richard Peck.
2. ***Dory Fantasmagory: Dory Dory Black Sheep***. AbHanlon.
3. ***Full of Beans***. Jennifer L. Holm.
4. ***Frank and Lucky Get Schooled***. Lynne Rae Perkins.
5. ***The Girl Who Drank the Moon***. Kelly Barnhill.
6. ***I Am Not a Number***. Jenny Kay Dupuis and Kathy Kacer.
7. ***I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark***. Debbie Levy.
8. ***Juana & Lucas***. Juana Medina.
9. ***Ms. Bixby's Last Day***. John David Anderson.
10. ***Pax***. Sara Pennypacker.
11. ***A Poem for Peter: The Story of Ezra Jack Keats and the Creation of The Snowy Day***. Andrea Davis Pinkney.
12. ***Preaching to the Chickens: The Story of Young John Lewis***. Jabari Asim.
13. ***The Princess and the Warrior***. Duncan Tonatiuh.
14. ***Raymie Nightingale***. Kate DiCamillo.
15. ***The Secret Keepers***. Trenton Lee Stewart.
16. ***The Sound of Silence***. Katrina Goldsaito.
17. ***Steamboat School***. Deborah Hopkinson.
18. ***Step Right Up: How Doc and Jim Key Taught the World about Kindness***. Donna Janell Bowman.
19. ***The Storyteller***. Evan Turk.
20. ***The Tragic Tale of the Great Auk***. Jan Thornhill.
21. ***A Voyage in the Clouds: The (Mostly) True Story of the First International Flight Balloon in 1785***. Matthew Olshan.
22. ***Wet Cement***. Bob Raczka.
23. ***When MischieF Came to Town***. Katrina Nannestad.
24. ***When the Sea Turned to Silver***. Grace Lin.
25. ***The Wild Robot***. Peter Brown.

## Reader's Choice:

You may substitute up to three of the titles with your choice. The choice or choices must meet the following criteria:

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# Older Readers (Grades 6–8) Book List

Read 6 of the following books or Reader's Choice and write a comment online about each book.

1. ***As Brave as You***. Jason Reynolds.
2. ***The Ballad of a Broken Nose***. Arne Svingen.
3. ***The Bitter Side of Sweet***. Tara Sullivan.
4. ***Blood Brother: Jonathan Daniels and His Sacrifice for Civil Rights***. Rich Wallace and Sandra Neil Wallace.
5. ***Booked***. Kwame Alexander.
6. ***Brown v. Board of Education: A Fight for Simple Justice***. Susan Goldman Rubin.
7. ***Cloud and Wallfish***. Anne Nesbet.
8. ***Cry, Heart, but Never Break***. Glenn Ringtved.
9. ***Garvey's Choice***. Nikki Grimes.
10. ***Ghost***. Jason Reynolds.
11. ***In the Shadow of Liberty: The Hidden History of Slavery, Four Presidents, and Five Black Lives***. Kenneth C. Davis.
12. ***The Inquisitor's Tale; or, The Three Magical Children and Their Holy Dog***. Adam Gidwitz.
13. ***The Lie Tree***. Frances Hardinge.
14. ***Lowriders to the Center of the Earth***. Cathy Camper.
15. ***March: Book Three***. John Lewis and Andrew Aydin.
16. ***The Only Road***. Alexandra Diaz.
17. ***Presenting Buffalo Bill: The Man Who Invented the Wild West***. Candace Fleming.
18. ***Sachiko: A Nagasaki Bomb Survivor's Story***. Caren Stelson.
19. ***Samurai Rising: The Epic Life of Minamoto Yoshitsune***. Pamela S. Turner.
20. ***To Stay Alive: Mary Ann Graves and the Tragic Journey of the Donner Party***. Skila Brown.
21. ***Uprooted: The Japanese American Experience during World War II***. Albert Marrin.
22. ***We Will Not Be Silent: The White Rose Student Resistance Movement That Defied Adolf Hitler***. Russell Freedman.
23. ***What Elephants Know***. Eric Dinerstein.
24. ***Wolf Hollow***. Lauren Wolk.
25. ***The Wolf's Boy***. Susan Williams Beckhorn.
26. ***You Can Fly: The Tuskegee Airmen***. Carole Boston Weatherford.

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# Young Adult (Grades 9–12) Book List

Read 5 of the following books or Reader's Choice and write a comment online about each book.

1. ***Burn Baby Burn***. Meg Medina.
2. ***The Female of the Species***. Mindy McGinnis.
3. ***Ghost***. Jason Reynolds.
4. ***The Lie Tree***. Frances Hardinge.
5. ***The Passion of Dolssa***. Julie Berry.
6. ***The Reader***. Traci Chee.
7. ***Salt to the Sea***. Ruta Sepetys.
8. ***Scythe***. Neal Shusterman.
9. ***The Serpent King***. Jeff Zentner.
10. ***The Sun is Also a Star***. Nicola Yoon.

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