



2017-18 Reading Academy

Dive into reading with our reading academy series at the South Central Service Cooperative Conference Center! Select one of the reading lists, enjoy reading through the books, submit an online review for each book you read and then convene on Nov. 9 (Fluency Skills), April 6, 2018 (Comprehension Skills for Non-Fiction Texts) and/or June 19, 2018 (Phonics and Word Analysis) for a full day of networking, best practices and literacy resources.

Benefits to Participants

- Listen to and visit with great speakers
- 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 two weeks before the workshop date. To view reading lists and submit your reviews, visit www.mnscsc.org/reading

When: Nov. 9, April 6, 2018 and/or June 19, 2018, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Where: South Central Service Cooperative Conference Center, 2075 Lookout Drive, North Mankato, MN 56003

Cost: \$150/person

Registration: www.mnscsc.org, click on “Events & Registration.”

Questions? Contact Mary Hillmann at mhillmann@mnscsc.org

*Reading lists come from the Association for Library Services for Children Notable Book Awards.
Please see the attached pages for reading list options.*

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

Read 30 of the following books or Reader's Choice and comment online about each book.

1. ***A Boy and a Jaguar.*** By Alan Rabinowitz. Illus. by Cátia Chien. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.
2. ***A Dance Like Starlight: One Ballerina's Dream.*** By Kristy Dempsey. Illus. by Floyd Cooper. Penguin/Philomel.
3. ***Beautiful Moon: A Child's Prayer.*** By Tonya Bolden. Illus. by Eric Velasquez. Abrams.
4. ***Blizzard.*** By John Rocco. Illus. by the author. Disney-Hyperion.
5. ***Dory Fantasmagory.*** By Abby Hanlon. Illus. by the author. Penguin/Dial.
6. ***Draw!*** By Raúl Colón. Illus. by the author. Simon & Schuster/Paula Wiseman.
7. ***Early Bird.*** By Toni Yuly. Illus. by the author. Feiwel and Friends/Macmillan.
8. ***Feathers: Not Just for Flying.*** By Melissa Stewart. Illus. by Sarah S. Brannen. Charlesbridge.
9. ***Firebird.*** By Misty Copeland. Illus. by Christopher Myers. Penguin/G.P. Putnam's.
10. ***Firefly July: A Year of Very Short Poems.*** Selected by Paul B. Janeczko. Illus. by Melissa Sweet. Candlewick.
11. ***Flashlight.*** By Lizi Boyd. Illus. by the author. Chronicle.
12. ***Fox's Garden.*** By Princesse Camcam. Illus. by the author. Enchanted Lion Books.
13. ***Froodle.*** By Antoinette Portis. Illus. by the author. Roaring Brook/Neal Porter.
14. ***Gaston.*** By Kelly DiPucchio. Illus. by Christian Robinson. Simon & Schuster/Atheneum.
15. ***Green Is a Chile Pepper.*** By Roseanne Greenfield Thong. Illus. by John Parra. Chronicle.
16. ***Handle with Care: An Unusual Butterfly Journey.*** By Loree Griffin Burns. Photographs by Ellen Harasimowicz. Millbrook/Lerner.
17. ***Have You Seen My Dragon?*** By Steve Light. Illus. by the author. Candlewick.
18. ***Hi, Kool!: A Year of Seasons.*** By Jon J. Muth. Illus. by the author. Scholastic.
19. ***Little Melba and Her Big Trombone.*** By Katheryn Russell-Brown. Illus. by Frank Morrison. Lee & Low.
20. ***Little Roja Riding Hood.*** By Susan Middleton Elya. Illus. by Susan Guevara. Penguin/G.P. Putnam's Sons.
21. ***Mama Built a Little Nest.*** By Jennifer Ward. Illus. by Steve Jenkins. Simon & Schuster/Beach Lane.
22. ***Mr. Putter & Tabby Turn the Page.*** By Cynthia Rylant. Illus. by Arthur Howard. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.
23. ***My Teacher is a Monster! (No, I am Not).*** By Peter Brown. Illus. by the author. Little, Brown.
24. ***Nana in the City.*** By Lauren Castillo. Illus. by the author. Clarion.
25. ***Naptime.*** By Iris De Moüy. Illus. by the author. Tr. by Shelley Tanaka. Greenwood/House of Anansi.
26. ***Queen Victoria's Bathing Machine.*** By Gloria Whelan. Illus. by Nancy Carpenter, Simon & Schuster.
27. ***Sam and Dave Dig a Hole.*** By Mac Barnett. Illus. by Jon Klassen. Candlewick.
28. ***Shh! We Have a Plan.*** By Chris Haughton. Illus. by the author. Candlewick.
29. ***Star Stuff: Carl Sagan and the Mysteries of the Cosmos.*** By Stephanie Roth Sisson. Illus. by the author. Roaring Brook.
30. ***Take Away the A: An Alphabeast of a Book!*** By Michaël Escoffier. Illus. by Kris DiGiacomo. Enchanted Lion.
31. ***Tap Tap Boom Boom.*** By Elizabeth Bluemle. Illus. by G. Brian Karas. Candlewick.
32. ***Telephone.*** By Mac Barnett. Illus. by Jen Corace. Chronicle.
33. ***The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend.*** By Dan Santat. Illus. by the author. Little Brown.

Early Readers Book List (continued)

34. ***The Baby Tree***. By Sophie Blackall. Illus. by the author. Penguin/Nancy Paulsen.
35. ***The Chicken Squad: The First Misadventure***. By Doreen Cronin. Illus. by Kevin Cornell. Simon & Schuster/Atheneum.
36. ***The Farmer and the Clown***. By Marla Frazee. Illus. by the author. Simon & Schuster/Beach Lane.
37. ***The Farmer's Away! Baa! Neigh!*** By Anne Vittur Kennedy. Illus. by the author. Candlewick.
38. ***The Iridescence of Birds: A Book about Henri Matisse***. By Patricia MacLachlan. Illus. by Hadley Hooper. Roaring Brook/Neal Porter.
39. ***The Most Magnificent Thing***. By Ashley Spires. Illus. by the author. Kids Can.
40. ***The Noisy Paint Box: The Colors and Sounds of Kandinsky's Abstract Art***. By Barb Rosenstock, Illus. by Mary Grandpré. Knopf/Random House.
41. ***The Pigeon Needs a Bath!*** By Mo Willems. Illus. by the author. Disney-Hyperion.
42. ***The Right Word: Roget and His Thesaurus***. By Jen Bryant. Illus. by Melissa Sweet. Eerdmans.
43. ***The Scraps Book: Notes from a Colorful Life***. By Lois Ehlert. Illus. by the author. Simon & Schuster/Beach Lane.
44. ***Tiny Creatures: The World of Microbes***. By Nicola Davies, Illus. by Emily Sutton. Candlewick.
45. ***Viva Frida***. By Yuyi Morales. Illus. by the author. Roaring Brook/Neal Porter.
46. ***Waiting Is Not Easy!*** By Mo Willems. Illus. by the author. Disney-Hyperion.
47. ***Water Rolls, Water Rises: El agua rueda, el agua sube***. By Pat Mora. Illus. by Meilo So. Tr. by Adriana Domínguez & Pat Mora. Lee & Low/Children's Book Press.
48. ***Weeds Find a Way***. By Cindy Jenson-Elliott. Illus. by Carolyn Fisher. Simon & Schuster/Beach Lane.
49. ***Winter Bees & Other Poems of the Cold***. By Joyce Sidman. Illus. by Rick Allen. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.
50. ***Work, An Occupational ABC***. By Kellen Hatanaka. Illus. by the author. House of Anansi/Groundwood
51. ***You Are (Not) Small***. By Anna Kang. Illus. by Christopher Weyant. Two Lions.

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 2013.
- It is usable in the classroom or for free reading in the classroom.

Young Readers (Grades 3-5) Book List

Read 12 of the following books or Reader's Choice and comment online about each book.

1. ***A Moose Boosh: A Few Choice Words about Food.*** By Eric-Shabazz Larkin. Readers to Eaters.
2. ***A Snicker of Magic.*** By Natalie Lloyd. Scholastic.
3. ***Absolutely Almost.*** By Lisa Graff. Penguin/Philomel.
4. ***Angel Island: Gateway to Gold Mountain.*** By Russell Freedman. Illus. Chinese poems Tr. by Evans Chan. Clarion.
5. ***Arcady's Goal.*** By Eugene Yelchin. Illus. by the author. Holt.
6. ***Before After.*** By Anne-Margot Ramstein & Matthias Arégui. Illus. by the authors. Candlewick.
7. ***Brown Girl Dreaming.*** By Jacqueline Woodson. Penguin/Nancy Paulsen.
8. ***Chasing Cheetahs: The Race to Save Africa's Fastest Cats.*** By Sy Montgomery. Photographs by Nic Bishop. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.
9. ***Dare the Wind: The Record-Breaking Voyage of Eleanor Prentiss and the Flying Cloud.*** By Tracey Fern. Illus. by Emily Arnold McCully. Farrar/Margaret Ferguson.
10. ***El Deafo.*** By Cece Bell. Color by David Lasky. Abrams/Amulet.
11. ***Eye to Eye: How Animals See the World.*** By Steve Jenkins. Illus. by the author. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.
12. ***Freedom Summer: The 1964 Struggle for Civil Rights in Mississippi.*** By Susan Goldman Rubin. Illus. Holiday.
13. ***Half a Chance.*** By Cynthia Lord. Scholastic.
14. ***Harlem Hellfighters.*** By J. Patrick Lewis. Illus. by Gary Kelley. Creative Editions.
15. ***Hello, I'm Johnny Cash.*** By G. Neri. Illus. by A. G. Ford. Candlewick.
16. ***Hidden: A Child's Story of the Holocaust.*** By Loïc Dauvillier. Illus. by Marc Lizano. Color by Greg Salsedo. Tr. by Alexis Siegel. First Second.
17. ***Hope Is a Ferris Wheel.*** By Robin Herrera. Abrams/Amulet.
18. ***I Lived on Butterfly Hill.*** By Marjorie Agosín. Illus. by Lee White. Simon & Schuster/Atheneum.
19. ***Josephine: The Dazzling Life of Josephine Baker.*** By Patricia Hruby Powell. Illus. by Christian Robinson. Chronicle.
20. ***Kinda Like Brothers.*** By Coe Booth. Scholastic.
21. ***Lowriders in Space.*** By Cathy Camper. Illus. by Raúl the Third. Chronicle.
22. ***Mikis and the Donkey.*** By Bibi Dumon Tak. Illus. by Philip Hopman. Tr. by Laura Watkinson. Eerdmans.
23. ***Mysterious Patterns: Finding Fractals in Nature.*** By Sarah C. Campbell. Photographs by the author and Richard P. Campbell. Boyds Mills.
24. ***Neighborhood Sharks: Hunting with the Great Whites of California's Farallon Islands.*** By Katherine Roy. Illus. by the author. Roaring Brook/David Macaulay.
25. ***Nest.*** By Esther Ehrlich. Random House/Wendy Lamb.
26. ***Once Upon an Alphabet.*** By Oliver Jeffers. Illus. by the author. Penguin/Philomel.
27. ***Rain Reign.*** By Ann M. Martin. Feiwel and Friends/Macmillan.
28. ***Separate Is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez & Her Family's Fight for Desegregation.*** By Duncan Tonatiuh. Illus. by the author. Abrams.
29. ***Sisters.*** By Raina Telgemeier. Illus. by the author. Scholastic/Graphix.

Young Readers Book List (continued)

30. ***Take Away the A: An Alphabeast of a Book!*** By Michaël Escoffier. Illus. by Kris DiGiacomo. Enchanted Lion.
31. ***The Boundless.*** By Kenneth Oppel. Simon & Schuster.
32. ***The Case of the Vanishing Little Brown Bats: A Scientific Mystery.*** By Sandra Markle. Illus. Millbrook.
33. ***The Fourteenth Goldfish.*** By Jennifer L. Holm. Random House.
34. ***The Great Greene Heist.*** By Varian Johnson. Scholastic/Arthur A. Levine.
35. ***The Luck Uglies.*** By Paul Durham. Illus. by Pétur Antonsson. HarperCollins.
36. ***The Misadventures of the Family Fletcher.*** By Dana Alison Levy. Random House/ Delacorte.
37. ***The Red Pencil.*** By Andrea Davis Pinkney. Illus. by Shane W. Evans. Little, Brown.
38. ***The Right Word: Roget and His Thesaurus.*** By Jen Bryant. Illus. by Melissa Sweet. Eerdmans.
39. ***The Scraps Book: Notes from a Colorful Life.*** By Lois Ehlert. Illus. by the author. Simon & Schuster/Beach Lane.
40. ***The Turtle of Oman.*** By Naomi Shihab Nye. HarperCollins/Greenwillow.
41. ***The Whispering Town.*** By Jennifer Elvgren. Illus. by Fabio Santomauro. Kar-Ben.
42. ***The Witch's Boy.*** By Kelly Barnhill. Algonquin/Workman.
43. ***Three Bird Summer.*** By Sara St. Antoine. Candlewick.
44. ***Under the Egg.*** By Laura Marx Fitzgerald. Penguin/Dial.
45. ***West of the Moon.*** By Margi Preus. Abrams/Amulet.

Reader's Choice:

You may substitute up to four 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 2013.
- It is usable in the classroom or for free reading in the classroom.

Middle Readers (Grades 6-8) Book List

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

1. ***A Time to Dance.*** By Padma Venkatraman. Penguin/Nancy Paulsen.
2. ***Because They Marched: The People's Campaign for Voting Rights That Changed America.*** By Russell Freedman. Illus. Holiday.
3. ***Caminar.*** By Skila Brown. Candlewick.
4. ***How I Discovered Poetry.*** By Marilyn Nelson. Illus. by Hadley Hooper. Penguin/Dial.
5. ***Nine Open Arms.*** By Benny Lindelauf. Illus. by Dasha Tolstikova, Tr. by John Nieuwenhuizen. Enchanted Lion.
6. ***Portraits of Hispanic American Heroes.*** By Juan Felipe Herrera. Illus. by Raúl Colón. Penguin/Dial.
7. ***Revolution: The Sixties Trilogy, Book Two.*** By Deborah Wiles. Scholastic.
8. ***Take Away the A: An Alphabeast of a Book!*** By Michaël Escoffier. Illus. by Kris DiGiacomo. Enchanted Lion.
9. ***The Crossover.*** By Kwame Alexander. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.
10. ***The Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion & the Fall of Imperial Russia.*** By Candace Fleming. Illus. Schwartz & Wade/Random House.
11. ***The Night Gardener.*** By Jonathan Auxier. Abrams/Amulet.
12. ***The Port Chicago 50: Disaster, Mutiny, and the Fight for Civil Rights.*** By Steve Sheinkin. Illus. Roaring Brook.
13. ***The Right Word: Roget and His Thesaurus.*** By Jen Bryant. Illus. by Melissa Sweet. Eerdmans.
14. ***The Scraps Book: Notes from a Colorful Life.*** By Lois Ehlert. Illus. by the author. Simon & Schuster/Beach Lane.
15. ***This One Summer.*** By Mariko Tamaki. Illus. by Jillian Tamaki. First Second.

Reader's Choice:

You may substitute up to three 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 2013.
- It is usable in the classroom or for free reading in the classroom.

Young Adult Book List

Read 8 of the following books or Reader's Choice and write a comment online about each book.

1. ***All the Truth That's in Me***. By Julie Berry. Penguin/Viking Juvenile.
2. ***Better Nate Than Ever***. By Tim Federle. Simon & Schuster/Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers.
3. ***Eleanor & Park***. By Rainbow Rowell. Macmillan/St. Martin's Griffin.
4. ***Far Far Away***. By Tom McNeal. Random House/Knopf Books for Young Readers.
5. ***Freakboy***. By Kristin Elizabeth Clark. Macmillan/Farrar, Straus, and Giroux.
6. ***Golden Boy***. By Tara Sullivan. Penguin/Putnam Juvenile.
7. ***Midwinterblood***. By Marcus Segwick. Macmillan/Roaring Brook Press.
8. ***Out of the Easy***. By Ruta Sepetys. Penguin/Philomel.
9. ***Rose Under Fire***. By Elizabeth Wein. Disney-Hyperion.
10. ***Take Away the A: An Alphabeast of a Book!*** By Michaël Escoffier. Illus. by Kris DiGiacomo. Enchanted Lion.
11. ***The Right Word: Roget and His Thesaurus***. By Jen Bryant. Illus. by Melissa Sweet. Eerdmans.
12. ***The Scraps Book: Notes from a Colorful Life***. By Lois Ehlert. Illus. by the author. Simon & Schuster/Beach Lane.
13. ***Winger***. By Andrew Smith. Illus. by Sam Bosma. Simon & Schuster/Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers.
14. ***17 and Gone***. By Nova Ren Suma. Dutton Books.
15. ***All Our Pretty Songs***. By Sarah McCarry. St. Martin's Griffin.

Reader's Choice:

You may substitute up to three 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 2013.
- It is usable in the classroom or for free reading in the classroom.

Non-Fiction Book List

Read 8 of the following books or Reader's Choice and write a comment online about each book.

1. ***Art That Changed the World.*** By Ian Chilvers, Iain Zacek, and others. DK.
2. ***Brilliant Blunders: From Darwin to Einstein—Colossal Mistakes from Great Scientists that Changed Our Understanding of Life and the Universe.*** By Mario Livio. Simon and Schuster.
3. ***Five Days at Memorial: Life and Death at a Storm-Ravaged Hospital.*** By Sheri Fink. Crown Publishers.
4. ***Lawrence in Arabia: War, Deceit, Imperial Folly and the Making of the Modern Middle East.*** By Scott Anderson. Doubleday.
5. ***League of Denial: the NFL, Concussions, and the Battle for the Truth.*** By Mark Fainaru-Wada and Steve Fainaru. Crown Archetype.
6. ***Little Fish: A Memoir from a Different Kind of Year.*** By Ramsey Beyer. Zest.
7. ***March: Book 1.*** By John Lewis, Andrew Aydin and Nate Powell. Top Shelf.
8. ***My Beloved Brontosaurus: On the Road with Old Bones, New Science, and Our Favorite Dinosaurs.*** By Brian Switek. Scientific American/Farrar, Straus and Giroux.
9. ***Rapture Practice.*** By Aaron Hartzler. Little, Brown and Co.
10. ***Ready for a Brand New Beat: How "Dancing in the Street" Became an Anthem for a Changing America.*** By Mark Kurlansky. Riverhead Books.
11. ***Relish: My Life in the Kitchen.*** By Lucy Knisley. First Second.
12. ***Smarter Than You Think: How Technology is Changing Our Minds for the Better.*** By Clive Thompson. Penguin.
13. ***Sticks and Stones: Defeating the Culture of Bullying and Rediscovering the Power of Character and Empathy.*** By Emily Bazelon. Random House.
14. ***The Boys in the Boat: 9 Americans and their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics.*** By Daniel James Brown. Viking.
15. ***The Lucy Variations.*** By Sara Zarr. Little, Brown and Co.
16. ***The Smartest Kids in the World: and How They Got that Way.*** By Amanda Ripley. Simon and Schuster.
17. ***Turn Me Loose: The Unghosting of Medgar Evers.*** By Frank X. Walker. University of Georgia Press.
18. ***War Brothers: The Graphic Novel.*** By Sharon E. McKay and Daniel Lafrance. Annick Press.
19. ***We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves.*** By Karen Joy Fowler. G.P. Putnam's Sons.
20. ***Yoko Ono: Collector of Skies.*** By Nell Beram and Carolyn Boriss-Krimsky. Abrams/Amulet.

Reader's Choice:

You may substitute up to three 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 2013.
- A non-fiction topic that is of interest to you and/or others