

Now Cassie must choose: between trust and despair, between defiance and surrender, between life and death. To give up or to get up.

◆ ***Code Name Verity*** by Elizabeth Wein. Hyperion: 2012. A GMBA selection. Oct. 11th, 1943--A British spy plane crashes in Nazi-occupied France. When "Verity" is arrested by the Gestapo, she's sure she doesn't stand a chance. As a secret agent captured in enemy territory, she's living a spy's worst nightmare. Her Nazi interrogators give her a simple choice: reveal her mission or face a grisly execution. Verity battles for her life, confronting her views on courage, failure and her desperate hope to make it home. But will trading her secrets be enough to save her from the enemy?

◆ ***The Diviners*** by Libba Bray. Little Brown: 2012. Exiled from her hometown and shipped off to New York City--Evie is pos-i-tute-ly ecstatic. It's 1926, and New York is filled with speakeasies, Ziegfeld girls, and rakish pickpockets. The catch--she has to live with her occult-obsessed uncle. Evie worries he'll discover her darkest secret: a supernatural power that has only brought her trouble so far. But can her gift help catch a serial killer?

◆ ***I Hunt Killers*** by Barry Lyga. Little, Brown: 2013. A GMBA selection. Seventeen-year-old Jazz is a likable teenager. A charmer, some might say. But he's also the son of the world's most infamous serial killer, and for Dear Old Dad, "Take Your Son to Work Day" was year-round. Jazz has witnessed crime scenes the way cops wish they could--from the criminals' point of view. And now, even though Dad has been in jail for years, bodies are piling up in the sleepy town of Lobo's Nod. Again.

◆ ***The List*** by Siobhan Vivian. Scholastic/Push, 2012. It happens every year. A list is posted, and one girl from each grade is chosen as the prettiest, and another is chosen as the ugliest. Nobody knows who makes the list. It almost doesn't matter. The damage is done the minute it goes up. This is the story of eight girls, freshman to senior, "pretty" and "ugly." And it's also the story of how we see ourselves, and how other people see us, and the tangled connection of the two.

◆ ***The Lucy Variations*** by Sara Zarr. Little, Brown: 2013. Music, passion, and the search for identity... Lucy once had a promising future as a concert pianist. The right people knew her name, her performances

were booked months in advance, and her future seemed certain. That was all before... Confronted by But when you're used to performing for sold-out audiences and world-famous critics, can you ever learn to play just for yourself?

◆ ***Me and Earl and the Dying Girl*** by Jesse Andrews. Amulet: 2012. A GMBA selection. Greg has maintained total social invisibility, managing to become part of every social group at his high school without having any friends except Earl. Until Rachel. Rachel has leukemia, and Greg's mom gets the genius idea that Greg should befriend her. When Rachel decides to stop treatment, Greg and Earl must abandon invisibility and make a stand. Hilarious, outrageous, and truthful.

◆ ***Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children*** by Ransom Riggs. Quirk Books: 2011. A horrific family tragedy sends sixteen-year-old Jacob journeying to a remote island off the coast of Wales, where he discovers the crumbling ruins of an old orphanage that was home to children who were more than just peculiar, but possibly dangerous--and who may still be alive. Illustrated with vintage found photographs.

◆ ***Reboot*** by Amy Tintera. HarperTeen: 2013. An action-packed debut novel about seventeen-year-old Wren, shot three times in the chest. After 178 minutes, she came back as a Reboot: stronger, faster, able to heal, and less emotional. The longer Reboots are dead, the less human they are when they return. Wren 178 is the deadliest Reboot in the Republic of Texas. She's the government's top soldier--until she meets almost-human Callum 22 and is given an order she refuses to obey. The perfect soldier is done taking orders.

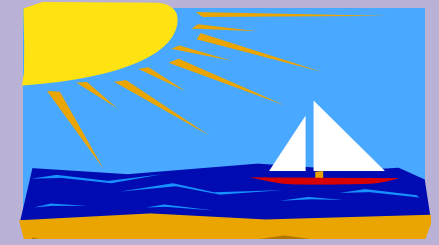
◆ ***Scorpio Races*** by Maggie Stiefvater. Scholastic: 2011. Nineteen-year-old returning champion Sean Kendrick competes against Puck Connolly, the first girl ever to ride in the annual Scorpio Races, both trying to keep hold of their dangerous water horses long enough to make it to the finish line.

◆ ***Ship Breaker*** by Paolo Bacigalupi. A gritty, high-stakes adventure set in a futuristic world where oil is scarce, but loyalty is scarcer. In America's Gulf Coast region, Nailer, a teenage boy, scavenges grounded oil tankers for copper wiring just to make quota--and hopefully live to see another day. But when he discovers a clipper ship beached during a recent hurricane, he faces the most important decision of his

life: strip the ship for all it's worth or rescue its lone survivor, a beautiful and wealthy girl who could lead him to a better life...

◆ ***Something Like Normal*** by Trish Doller. Bloomsbury: 2012. When Travis returns home from a stint in Afghanistan, his parents are splitting up, his brother's stolen his girlfriend and his car, and he's haunted by nightmares of his best friend's death. It's not until Travis runs into Harper, a girl he's had a rocky relationship with since middle school, that life actually starts looking up. And as he and Harper see more of each other, he begins to pick his way through the minefield of family problems and post-traumatic stress to the possibility of a life that might resemble normal again.

*Books recommended by Shannon Walters, Teacher Librarian, Integrated Arts Academy, Burlington*



## Summer Reading for Kids 2013

These books have been selected by public school librarian members of the Vermont School Library Association, and are recommended for summer reading for children and young adults. For more recommendations, see your school or public librarian.

### 2013 Award Winners

Caldecott Award: ***This is Not My Hat*** by Jon Klassen. Candlewick.

Newbery Award: ***The One and Only Ivan*** by Katherine Applegate. HarperCollins.

Robert F. Sibert Award: ***Bomb: The Race to Build-and Steal-the World's Most Dangerous Weapon*** by Steve Sheinkin. Roaring Brook Press.

Coretta Scott King Author Award: ***Hand in Hand: Ten Black Men Who Changed America*** by Andrea Davis Pinkney. Disney/Jump at the Sun Book.

Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award: ***I, Too, Am America*** by Langston Hughes, illustrated by Bryan Collier. Simon & Schuster.

Geisel Award: ***Up, Tall and High!*** by Ethan Long. Penguin.

Michael L. Printz Award: ***In Darkness*** by Nick Lake. Bloomsbury.

**Vermont Red Clover Award Books:** The Red Clover Award promotes the reading and discussion of the best of contemporary picture books in nearly all of Vermont's elementary schools. 2013-2014 Master list available at: <http://tinyurl.com/redcloveraward>

**Vermont Dorothy Canfield Fisher (DCF) Award:** The Dorothy Canfield Children's Book Award, first given in 1957, honors excellence in children's literature targeted for readers grades 4-8. 2013-2014 Master list available at: <http://tinyurl.com/defaward>

**Green Mountain Book Award:** A Vermont reader's choice award for students in grades 9-12. 2013-2014 Master list available at: <http://tinyurl.com/gmbaaward>



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## Kindergarten - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Picture Books

◆ ***A Leaf Can Be*** by Laura Purdie Salas; Lerner: 2012. This beautifully illustrated, imaginative non-fiction book is a great discussion starter to use with children. An added bonus is the author's terrific explanations and glossary at the end of the book.

◆ ***The Dark*** by Lemony Snicket; Little, Brown Books: 2013. Expect the unexpected in this powerfully simple story of Laszlo, a young boy who is afraid of the dark. This book is brilliantly illustrated by Caldecott medalist, Jon Klassen.

◆ ***Otis and the Puppy*** by Loren Long; Philomel: 2013. Otis, the tractor, befriends a new puppy on the farm. When his new friend gets lost one evening after playing hide-and-seek, will Otis be able to face his fear of the dark to save him?

◆ ***Plant a Little Seed*** by Bonnie Christensen; Macmillan: 2012. Two young friends discover the joys of gardening, carefully tending their plants throughout the growing season, and then reaping the rewards with their families when harvest time comes. Woodcut illustrations help to introduce the wonderment of gardening to children.

◆ ***Same, Same But Different*** by Jenny Sue Kostecki-Shaw; Henry Holt: 2011. This is an inspiring true story of two pen pals, Elliot who lives in America, and Kailash who lives in India. Through their letters, they discover ways in which they are the same, and yet different. Could they become friends?

◆ ***Scaredy Squirrel Goes Camping*** by Melanie Watt; Kids Can Press: 2013. Scaredy Squirrel is quite uncomfortable with the idea of camping. He'd much rather watch the great outdoors from the comfort of his tree with his new TV set, but there is a problem. Scaredy Squirrel comes up with a plan for bringing electricity to his home in a manner that is sure to delight.

◆ ***Shark vs. Train*** by Chris Barton; Little, Brown: 2010. Two boys with shark and train toys have a series of contests to see which toy is better. Readers may use their imagination to compare wacky ideas related to each character's traits in a hilarious series of competitions.

## Emergent Readers

◆ ***The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*** by William Kamkwamba and Brian Mealer; Penguin: 2012. In this inspiring true story, the author details how he built a makeshift windmill out of scrap metal and spare parts to help bring electricity and water to his starving Malawi village.

◆ ***Henry and Mudge and the Tall Tree House*** by Cynthia Rylant; Simon Spotlight: 2003. Henry's Uncle Jake has built him a tree house in his backyard, but there is a huge problem – Henry's beloved dog, Mudge, can't climb the tree. The resolution to this situation is sure to delight.

◆ ***Ling & Ting: Not Exactly the Same!*** by Grace Lin; Little, Brown: 2010. This book celebrates the quirky differences in personalities, abilities and preferences between identical twins in six short, interconnected, lively tales.

◆ ***Penny and Her Marble*** by Kevin Henkes; Greenwillow Books: 2013. After taking a beautiful, blue marble from her neighbor's yard, Penny is filled with anxiety. Should she have taken it in the first place? What should Penny do?

◆ ***Pete the Cat: Pete at the Beach*** by James Dean; HarperCollins: 2013. On a hot summer day, Pete's brother, Bob, offers to teach Pete how to surf. Will Pete's fear of the water keep him trying something new?

◆ ***Should I Share My Ice Cream? (An Elephant and Piggie Book)*** by Mo Willems; Hyperion: 2011. After buying an ice cream cone, Gerald must decide whether to share his treat with his friend Piggy. What happens next illustrates the joy of true friendship between these two excitable, enthusiastic, lovable characters.

◆ ***There's a Fly Guy in My Soup (Fly Guy #12)*** by Tedd Arnold; Cartwheel Books; 2012. While on a family trip, Fly Guy ends up in a restaurant kitchen. Wanting to wash up before dinner, Fly Guy lands in a lovely bathtub of brown liquid, which just happens to be an unsuspecting diner's soup. The result is thoroughly entertaining.

## Early Chapter Books

◆ ***Hide and Seek*** by Kate Messner; Scholastic: 2013. Follow junior Jaguar Society members on a great adventure in tropical Costa Rica as they search for a stolen golden chalice. Along the way learn about the rainforest and many of its interesting creatures.

◆ ***Ivy and Bean Make the Rules*** by Annie Barrows; Chronicle Books: 2012. Bean thinks it's not fair that her sister gets to go to Girl Power 4-Ever summer camp, so she and Ivy decide to make their own camp of fun at the park. Events are wonderfully silly as the friends have the time of their lives.

◆ ***Love That Dog*** by Sharon Creech; HarperCollins: 2011. In this emotionally moving story told in free verse and journal format, Jack learns to love poetry with the help of his teacher. Along the way, he comes to terms with a significant event in his young life.

◆ ***Lunch Lady and the Video Game Villain*** by Jarrett J. Krosocska; Alfred A. Knopf; 2013. In this quick-paced graphic novel, high-tech items are disappearing but the school is so absorbed with a race for student council president that the thief gets away. Can Lunch Lady save the day?

◆ ***Marty McGuire Digs Worms*** by Kate Messner; Scholastic: 2012. The students in Marty's school are charged with designing earth-saving projects, so Marty and her friend Annie settle on a worm compost bin for the cafeteria that will turn leftovers into fertilizer. Of course, things don't quite go as planned in this amusing adventure.

◆ ***Stallion by Starlight (Magic Tree House #49)*** by Mary Pope Osborne; Scholastic: 2013. In this adventure with Merlin the Magician, Jack and Annie travel back in time to meet Alexander the Great in an attempt to uncover the secret of greatness. Will they be brave and clever enough to complete the mission?

◆ ***Stink and the Freaky Frog Freakout*** by Megan McDonald; Candlewick: 2013. Stink is afraid of putting his face in the water in the Polliwog swim class. Suddenly he starts seeing frogs everywhere and even starts acting like a frog! What will become of him?

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## Grades 5-8

◆ ***Benjamin Franklin Lives!*** by Matthew McElligott and Larry Tuxbury. G.P. Putnam's Sons: 2010. While working on a science fair project, Victor Godwin discovers both a secret laboratory in his basement and Benjamin Franklin, who comes to life after receiving a reviving jolt of electricity. Ben has one slight flaw--when he runs low on energy, he turns into a rampaging monster desperately hungry for electricity!

◆ ***House of Secrets*** by Chris Columbus. Balzer + Bray: 2013. A secret history... A mysterious family legacy... Dark magic of untold power... And three kids who will risk everything to bring a family back together. J. K. Rowling calls this "a jam-packed roller coaster of an adventure about the secret power of books."

◆ ***My Life as a Book*** by Janet Tashjian. Square Fish: 2011. Summer's here, and Derek has a plan: pelting the UPS truck with water balloons, climbing onto the garage roof, and conducting silly investigations. When his parents decide to send him to Learning Camp, Derek's dreams of fun come to an end. As Derek forges unexpected friendships and uncovers a family secret, he realizes that adventures and surprises are just around the corner, complete with curve balls. Fans of Kinney's **Wimpy Kid** series will eat this up.

◆ ***Titanic: Voices from the Disaster*** by Deborah Hopkinson. Scholastic: 2012. Packed with heartstopping action, devastating drama, and fascinating historical details, Hopkinson pieces together the gripping story of the ill-fated ship. Drawing upon the voices of survivors and witnesses, as well as historical photographs, letters, telegrams, maps and menus, she portrays the events that continue to haunt us.

## Grades 9-12

◆ ***The 5th Wave*** by Rick Yancey. Putnam: 2013. After the 1st wave, only darkness remains. After the 2nd, only the lucky escape. And after the 3rd, only the unlucky survive. After the 4th wave, only one rule applies: trust no one. Now, at the dawn of the 5th wave, Cassie runs from Them. To stay alone is to stay alive... until she meets mysterious Evan Walker.