Required Reading Grade 5

*Wild Robot, The*

Brown, Peter

Roz the robot discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island with no memory of where she is from or why she is there, and her only hope of survival is to try to learn about her new environment from the island's hostile inhabitants. *Available in audio through DC Public Library’s Overdrive.

*Read at least one book from the list.
*Read two additional books of your choosing.

Nonfiction

*From Here to There: The Story of How We Transport Ourselves and Everything Else*

Newquist, HP

In this Smithsonian Institution book, a history of transportation from primitive technology to driverless cars is explored.

*Living Color*

Jenkins, Steve

Looks at a wide range of colorful animals, describing how their feathers, scales, shells, and skin help them survive, warn predators, signal friends, attract a mate, or hide from their enemies.

*Ultimate Oceanpedia: The Most Complete Ocean Reference Ever*

Wilsdon, Christina

In this National Geographic Kids book, travel through all parts of the ocean to learn how it affects our world. Amazing facts, photos, illustrations, and diagrams are found throughout, along with conservation tips, weird-but-true facts, and a mini ocean atlas.

*You Can Fly: The Tuskegee Airmen*

Weatherford, Carole Boston

This collection of free-verse poems offers an evocative portrait of the U.S.’ first African American military pilots, who trained at the Tuskegee Institute during WWII.

Biographies

*42 is Not Just a Number: The Odyssey of Jackie Robinson, American Hero*

Rappaport, Doreen

A look at the life and legacy of Jackie Robinson, the man who broke the color barrier in major league baseball, and became an American hero. *Available in audio through Audible.*
Martin Rising: Requiem for a King
Pinkney, Andrea
Davis
Documentary poems describe the events surrounding Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s assassination, particularly the Memphis sanitation workers’ strikes that brought him to the city where he eventually died.

Some Writer!: The Story of E.B. White
Sweet, Melissa
Biography of children’s book author E. B. White incorporates photographs, personal letters, pages from his books, and collage illustrations with engaging text.

Voice of Freedom: Fannie Lou Hamer, Spirit of the Civil Rights Movement
Weatherford, Carole Boston
The inspirational singer and Civil Rights activist comes to life in 22 brief, first person, free verse poems that seamlessly incorporate Hamer’s own words. The biography takes her from a sharecropping child to a community leader. *Available in audio through Audible.

Historical Fiction

Betty Before X
Shabazz, Iyashah
and Renée Watson
Fictional account of the early life of Betty Shabazz, late civil rights leader and widow of Malcolm X, draws on the recollections of family and friends. *Available in audio through Audible.

Night Diary, The
Hiranandani, Veera
Nisha and her twin brother, Amil, celebrate their 12th birthday in 1947 India, a month before their country receives independence from the British and splits into India and Pakistan. *Available in audio through Audible.

Planet Earth is Blue
Panteleakos, Nicole
Twelve-year-old Nova is eagerly awaiting the launch of the space shuttle Challenger and plans to watch with big sister, Bridget, but Bridget has disappeared, and Nova is in a new foster home. Bridget understands Nova's intelligence, even though adults just see an autistic and nonverbal child. Now Nova has to fend for herself but hold out hope that she will see Bridget in time for the launch.

Wolf’s Boy, The
Beckhorn, Susan
Williams
Two outcasts, a boy and a wolf, band together to survive the harsh, Ice-age winter.

Realistic Fiction

Ana Maria Reyes Does Not Live in a Castle
Burgos, Hilda
Eunice
With a new sibling (her fourth) on the way and a big piano recital on the horizon, Dominican-American Ana Maria Reyes tries to win a scholarship to a New York City private school.

Merci Suarez Changes Gears
Medina, Meg
Sixth-grader Merci Suarez navigates difficult changes with friends at a new private school, family, and her aging grandfather. *Available in audio through Audible.
**Mighty Heart of Sunny St. James, The**

When Sunny St. James receives a new heart, she decides that she'll do things she could never do before, find a new best friend, and kiss a boy for the first time. But when she meets Quinn, Sunny questions whether she really wants to kiss a boy at all. *Available in audio through Audible.

**Season of Styx Malone, The**

Cool newcomer Styx Malone takes the more-sheltered brothers Caleb and Bobby Gene on a mischievous, summer adventure in rural Indiana. *Available in audio through Audible.

### Classics

**Holes**

Stanley Yelnats begins a journey of self-discovery when he is sent to a juvenile detention center in Texas and suspects the motives of a warden who forces him and the other boys to dig five-foot-deep holes as punishment. *Available in audio through DC Public Library’s Overdrive.

**Kira Kira**

Growing up in rural Georgia during the late 1950s, Katie is cheered by the optimism of her sister and best friend Lynn, but when Lynn becomes very ill, Katie struggles to find a way to keep her hopeful spirit alive within the family. *Available in audio through DC Public Library’s Overdrive.

**Phantom Tollbooth, The**

A quirky fantasy and logic story featuring Milo, a restless and precocious ten-year-old, who learns to appreciate the ordinary things in life after he embarks on a wondrous journey.

**Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry**

Compelling tale of 9-year old Cassie and her family's experiences facing racism in 1930s Mississippi. *Available in audio through DC Public Library’s Overdrive.

### Sports & Adventure

**Ghost**

Ghost, a naturally talented runner and troublemaker, is recruited for an elite middle school track team. He must stay on track, literally and figuratively, to reach his full potential. *Available in audio through DC Public Library’s Overdrive.

**Out of Left Field**

In 1957, inspired by what she is learning about civil rights and armed with knowledge of female ball players, ten-year-old Katy Gordon fights to be allowed to play Little League baseball.

**Rebound**

In the summer of 1988, twelve-year-old Chuck Bell is sent to stay with his grandparents, where he discovers jazz and basketball and learns more about his family's past. Prequel to The Crossover. *Available in audio through
Tales2Go.

**Takedown**
Shovan, Laura
Told in alternating chapters, Takedown talks about the daily dynamics on and off the mat, of two middle school wrestlers, Mikayla and Lev.

**Fantasy & Science Fiction**

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**Charlie Hernández and the League of Shadows**
Calejo, Ryan
Steeped in Hispanic folklore since childhood, middle schooler Charlie Hernandez learns the stories are true when, shortly after his parents disappearance, he grows horns and feathers and finds himself at the heart of a battle to save the world. *Available in audio through Audible.

**Dragon's Guide (series)**
Yep, Laurence and Joanne Ryder
Feisty dragon Miss Drake's new pet human, precocious ten-year-old Winnie, not only thinks Miss Drake is her pet, she accidentally brings to life her "sketchlings" of mysterious and fantastic creatures hidden in San Francisco, causing mayhem among its residents. *Available in audio through Audible.

**Dragons in a Bag**
Elliott, Zetta
In Brooklyn, nine-year-old Jax joins a neighborhood witch on a quest to deliver three baby dragons to a magical world, and along the way discovers his true calling.

**Jaclyn Hyde**
Bondor-Stone, Annabeth
In this modern retelling of The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, a girl's quest to be perfect unleashes chaos at her middle school. *Available in audio through Audible.

**Mystery & Suspense**

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**Click Here to Start**
Markell, Denis
When Ted inherits his uncle's apartment he realizes it is set up like a real-life video game and must solve the puzzles with his friends to discover a treasure. *Available in audio through Audible.

**Lost Girl, The**
Ursu, Anne
Identical twins Iris and Lark find themselves growing apart after entering fifth grade. But when a monster appears in their neighborhood, they will need to find a way to defeat it together. *Available in audio through Audible.

**Small Spaces**
Arden, Katherine
After eleven-year-old Ollie's school bus mysteriously breaks down on a field trip, she has to take a trip through scary woods, and must use all of her wits to survive. She must stick to small spaces. *Available in audio through DC Public Library’s Overdrive.

**Truth as Told by Mason Buttle, The**
Connor, Leslie
Mason, large, sweaty and dyslexic, is a regular target of bullying. He is also grieving for his best friend who died in an accident. Hope comes in the form of a new friend, but Lieutenant Baird hounds Mason for more information...
about the accident. *Available in audio through Audible.

**Humor**

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- Twelve-year-old Ross tries to discover the formula for being funny and getting his new classmates to like him.
- Alec just wants to sit alone and read, so when her comes up with a plan to create the Losers Club he knows that no kid would ever want to join. To his dismay, the Losers Club soon becomes the most popular group in school. *Available in audio through DC Public Library’s Overdrive.*
- Joseph is far from athletic and seems to be a bully magnet. Heather, the new girl, is athletic, but also doesn't fit in. But on the newly formed track team where students try to reach their personal best, that find unexpectedly, that they belong. *Available in audio through Audible.*
- Pixie loves to help her family behind the scenes, passing out cupcakes and helping with crafts. But when Pixie’s mom leaves to help Pixie’s grandmother, who is suffering from dementia, Pixie and her dad must juggle the party-planning business together.

**Graphic Novels**

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- A diary, journal, and illustrated story all at the same time written by a father about his son, Mallko, who has Down Syndrome.
- Lucy and Andy, two Neanderthal siblings living 40,000 years ago, take on bossy teens, cave paintings, and a mammoth hunt. But what will happen when they encounter a group of humans? Includes a special section dispelling Neanderthal myths.
- Grace spent her life wishing to join the fight to keep Henry VIII’s armies from invading her homeland of Ireland — only to be told again and again that the battlefield is no place for a woman. But after English conspirators brutally murder her husband, Grace leads battles on the high seas and becomes the Pirate Queen of Ireland.
In thirteen-year-old Aster's family, all the girls are raised to be witches, while boys grow up to be shapeshifters. Anyone who dares cross those lines is exiled. Unfortunately for Aster, he still hasn't shifted . . . and he's still fascinated by witchery, no matter how forbidden it might be.

**Summer Reading Photo Challenge**
Submit a photo of yourself reading a book by August 31. All participants will get a small prize. Ask a grownup for help and get creative! Email your photo to library@stpatsdc.org.

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