

St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School
2019 Summer Reading for Students Entering Grade 5*

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.

<i>Martin Rising: Requiem for a King</i>	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.
<i>Some Writer!: The Story of E.B. White</i>	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.
<i>Voice of Freedom: Fannie Lou Hamer, Spirit of the Civil Rights Movement</i>	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



<i>Betty Before X</i>	Shabazz, Iyazah 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.
<i>Night Diary, The</i>	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.
<i>Planet Earth is Blue</i>	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.
<i>Wolf's Boy, The</i>	Beckhorn, Susan Williams	Two outcasts, a boy and a wolf, band together to survive the harsh, Ice-age winter.

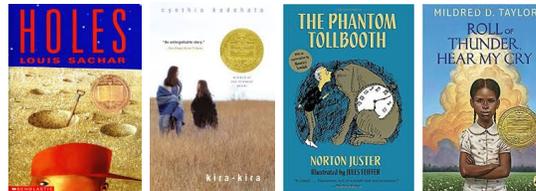
Realistic Fiction



<i>Ana Maria Reyes Does Not Live in a Castle</i>	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.
<i>Merci Suarez Changes Gears</i>	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.

<i>Mighty Heart of Sunny St. James, The</i>	Blake, Ashley Herring	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.
<i>Season of Styx Malone, The</i>	Magoon, Kekla	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



<i>Holes</i>	Sachar, Louis	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.
<i>Kira Kira</i>	Kadohata, Cynthia	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.
<i>Phantom Tollbooth, The</i>	Juster, Norton	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.
<i>Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry</i>	Taylor, Mildred D.	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



<i>Ghost (Track series)</i>	Reynolds, Jason	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.
<i>Out of Left Field</i>	Klages, Ellen	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.
<i>Rebound</i>	Alexander, Kwame	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 <i>The Crossover</i> . *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



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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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.

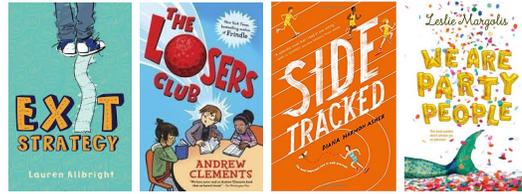
Truth as Told by Mason Buttle, The

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



Exit Strategy

Allbright, Lauren

Twelve-year-old Ross tries to discover the formula for being funny and getting his new classmates to like him.

Losers Club

Clement,
Andrew

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.

Sidetracked

Asher, Diana
Harmon

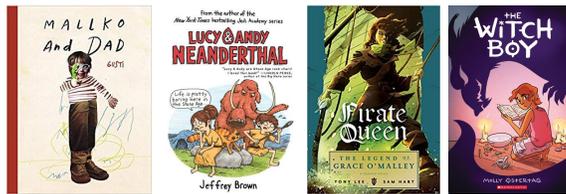
Joseph is far from athletic and seems to be a bully magnet. Heather, the new girl, is athletic, but also doesn't fit in. But on the newly formed track team where students try to reach their personal best, that find unexpectedly, that they belong. *Available in audio through Audible.

We Are Party People

Margolis, Leslie

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



Mallko and Dad

Gusti

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 Neanderthal (series)

Brown, Jeffrey

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.

Pirate Queen: The Legend of Grace O'Malley

Lee, Tony

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.

Witch Boy, The

Ostertag, Molly

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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