

## Grade 6 Approved Novels for Wicomico County Middle Schools

Note: Teachers may select novels from previous grades but may not pick books from future grade levels			Availability varies by school
Book Title	Author	Lexile**	Text Type
<i>5,000 Year Old Puzzle, The</i>	Claudia Logan	900	Historical Fiction
<i>Accident, The</i>	Diane Hoh	650	Realistic Fiction
<i>Adventure in Space: The Flight to Fix the Hubble</i>	Elaine Scott	1020	Informational
<i>African Beginnings</i>	James Haskins	1210	Informational
<i>Aida</i>	Leontyne Price	820	Historical Fiction
<i>Al Capone Does My Shirts</i>	Gennifer Choldenko	600	Historical Fiction
<i>Anasazi: Exploring the Mysteries of Chaco Canyon</i>	Peter Lourie	not available	Informational
<i>Anastasia's Album: The Last Tsar's Youngest Daughter Tells Her Own Story</i>	Hugh Brewster	1010	Biography
<i>Ancient Cliff Dwellers of Mesa Verde, The</i>	Caroline Arnold	1100	Informational
<i>Angel Child, Dragon Child</i>	Michele Maria Surat and Vo Dinh Mai	420	Realistic Fiction
<i>Anne of Green Gables</i>	Lucy Maud Montgomery	990	Historical Fiction
<i>Baby Grand, the Moon in July, and Me, The</i>	Joyce Annette Barnes	620	Historical Fiction
<i>Baseball Saved Us</i>	Ken Mochizuki and Dom Lee	550	Historical Fiction
<i>Becoming Naomi Leon</i>	Pam Munoz Ryan	830	Realistic Fiction
<i>Best Bad Thing</i>	Yoshiko Uchida	870	Realistic Fiction
<i>Between the Dragon and the Eagle</i>	Mical Schneider	670	Historical Fiction
<i>Beyond the Western Sea, Books 1 and 2</i>	Avi	690	Historical Fiction
<i>Birchbark House, The</i>	Louise Erdich	970	Historical Fiction
<i>Black Stars in Orbit</i>	Khephra Burns and William Miles	1310	Biography
<i>Black Whiteness: Admiral Byrd Alone in the Antarctic</i>	Robert Burleigh Simon	650	Informational
<i>Booked</i>	Kwame Alexander	660	Poetry
<i>Boy Becomes a Man at Wounded Knee, A</i>	Ted Wood and Wanbli Numpa Afraid of Hawk	840	Realistic Fiction
<i>Boy in the Striped Pajamas</i>	John Boyne	1000	Historical Fiction
<i>Boys Start the War</i>	Phillis Reynolds Naylor	740	Realistic Fiction
<i>Buried City of Pompeii, The</i>	Shelley Tanaka	880	Informational
<i>Buried in Ice</i>	Owen Beattie	1010	Informational
<i>Bystander</i>	James Preller	600	Realistic Fiction
<i>Capture: Guardians of Ga'Hoole</i>	Kathryn Lasky	730	Fantasy
<i>Carry on, Mr. Bowditch</i>	Jean Latham	570	Historical Fiction
<i>Case of the Mummified Pigs, The</i>	Susan Quinlan	1000	Informational
<i>Castle in the Attic</i>	Elizabeth Winthrop	750	Fantasy
<i>Cay, The</i>	Theodore Taylor	860	Historical Fiction
<i>Chasing Vermeer</i>	Blue Balliett	770	Mystery

<i>Ch'I-Lin Purse, The</i>	Linda Fang	790	Folktale
<i>City of Ember</i>	Jeanne Duprau	680	Science Fiction
<i>City of the Gods</i>	Caroline Arnold	1110	Informational
<i>Cleopatra</i>	Diane Stanley	1000	Biography
<i>Climb, The (Everest Book 2)</i>	Gordon Korman	770	Realistic Fiction
<i>Comets, Asteroids, and Meteorites</i>	Cynthia Pratt Nixon	800	Informational
<i>Contest, The (Everest Book 1)</i>	Gordon Korman	750	Realistic Fiction
<i>Courage at Indian Deep</i>	Jane Resh Thomas	930	Historical Fiction
<i>Crocodiles, Camels, and Dugout Canoes</i>	Bo Zaunders	1110	Informational
<i>Crossover, The</i>	Kwame Alexander	750	Poetry
<i>Cryptid Hunters</i>	Roland Smith	750	Science Fiction
<i>Dead Sea Scrolls, The</i>	Ilene Cooper	not available	Informational
<i>Dear Mrs. Parks</i>	Rosa Parks and Gregory Reed	850	Autobiography
<i>Deep Sea Explorer</i>	Robert Ballard	860	Biography
<i>Deep Sea Floor, The</i>	Sneed B. Collard III	1070	Informational
<i>Destination: Jupiter</i>	Seymour Simon	960	Informational
<i>Destination: Mars</i>	Seymour Simon	1090	Informational
<i>Dicey's Song</i>	Cynthia Voigt	710	Realistic Fiction
<i>Disappearing Lake</i>	Debbie Miller	810	Informational
<i>Dolphins: What They Can Teach Us</i>	Mary M. Cerullo	1150	Informational
<i>Down, Down, Down in the Ocean</i>	Sandra Markle	990	Informational
<i>Dual of the Ironclads: The Monitor vs. The Virginia</i>	Patrick O'Brian	970	Informational
<i>Easter Island</i>	Caroline Arnold	1140	Informational
<i>Egypt Game, The</i>	Zilpha Keatley Snyder and Alton Raible	1010	Mystery
<i>Emperor's Silent Army: the Terra Cotta Warriors of Ancient China, The</i>	Jane O'Connor	1040	Informational
<i>Eugenie Clark: Adventures of a Shark Scientist</i>	Ellen Butts	1030	Informational
<i>Everything on a Waffle</i>	Polly Horvath	950	Realistic Fiction
<i>Exploring the Deep, Dark, Sea</i>	Gail Gibbons	860	Informational
<i>Exploring the Titanic</i>	Robert D. Ballard and Ken Marschall	980	Informational
<i>Facts and Fictions of Minna Pratt, The</i>	Patricia McLachlan	650	Realistic Fiction
<i>Felita</i>	Nicholasa Mohr	580	Realistic Fiction
<i>Finding the Titanic</i>	Robert D. Ballard	650	Informational
<i>Fire Bug Connection: An Ecological Mystery</i>	Jean Craighead George	710	Mystery
<i>Fireboat: The Heroic Adventures of the John J. Harvey</i>	Maira Kalman	600	Informational
<i>First on the Moon</i>	Barbara Hehner	1040	Informational
<i>Five Pages a Day: A Writer's Journey</i>	Peg Kehret	960	Autobiography
<i>Fossil Fish Found Alive</i>	Sally M. Walker	1000	Informational
<i>Frozen Man</i>	David Getz and Peter McCarty	860	Informational

<i>Galen: My Life in Imperial Rome</i>	Marissa Moss	not available	Historical Fiction
<i>Gathering Blue</i>	Lois Lowry	680	Science Fiction
<i>Ghost Liners</i>	Robert Ballard	1100	Informational
<i>Gift for Ampato, A</i>	Susan Vande Griek	840	Historical Fiction
<i>Giver, The</i>	Lois Lowry	760	Science Fiction
<i>Gods and Goddesses of Ancient China, The</i>	Leonard Everett Fisher	960	Mythology
<i>Gospel According to Larry, The</i>	Janet Tashjian	800	Realistic Fiction
<i>Graveyards of the Dinosaurs</i>	Shelley Tanaka	1050	Informational
<i>Great Gilly Hopkins, The</i>	Katherine Patterson	800	Realistic Fiction
<i>Great Green Notebook of Katie Roberts, The</i>	Amy Hest	670	Realistic Fiction
<i>Growing Up in Coal Country</i>	Susan Bartoletti	1110	Memoir
<i>Hannah, Divided</i>	Adele Griffin	790	Realistic Fiction
<i>Hatchet</i>	Gary Paulsen	1020	Realistic Fiction
<i>Hercules</i>	Robert Burleigh Simon	580	Mythology
<i>Heros and Villains</i>	Rudyard Kipling and Kenneth Grahame	not available	Fantasy
<i>Hidden Talents</i>	David Lubar	630	Science Fiction
<i>Holes</i>	Louis Sachar	660	Realistic Fiction
<i>Home by the Sea: Protecting Coastal Wildlife, A</i>	Kenneth Mallory	1270	Informational
<i>Homecoming</i>	Cynthia Voigt	630	Realistic Fiction
<i>Hoot</i>	Carl Hiaasen	760	Mystery
<i>House of Dies Drear, The</i>	Virginia Hamilton	670	Mystery
<i>How Whales Walked into the Sea</i>	Faith McNulty	620	Informational
<i>The Hunchback of Notre Dame* (for ADV only)</i>	Victor Hugo	1120	Fiction
<i>I am Lavina Cumming</i>	Susan Lowell	750	Historical Fiction
<i>I Want to be an Astronaut</i>	Stephanie Maze	1070	Informational
<i>Ice Story: Shackleton's Lost Expedition</i>	Elizabeth Kimmel	1130	Informational
<i>Island of the Blue Dolphins</i>	Scott O'Dell	1000	Historical Fiction
<i>Jacob Have I Loved</i>	Katherine Patterson	880	Historical Fiction
<i>Jaime Escalante: Sensational Teacher</i>	Ann Byers	980	Biography
<i>Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key</i>	Jack Gantos	890	Realistic Fiction
<i>Journey Home</i>	Yoshiko Uchida	890	Historical Fiction
<i>Later Gator</i>	Laurence Yep	590	Realistic Fiction
<i>Letter to Mrs. Roosevelt</i>	C. Coco De Young	750	Historical Fiction
<i>Librarian Who Measured the Earth</i>	Kathryn Lasky	940	Biography
<i>Lightning Thief, The</i>	Rick Riordan	740	Fantasy
<i>Like Jake and Me</i>	Mavis Jukes	400	Realistic Fiction
<i>Lily's Crossing</i>	Patricia Rielly Giff	720	Historical Fiction
<i>Lincoln: A Photobiography</i>	Russell Freedman	1040	Biography
<i>Linnea in Monet's Garden</i>	Cristina Bjork, Lena Anderson and Joan Sandin	710	Historical Fiction

<i>Little Ships: The Heroic Rescue at Dunkirk in WWII</i>	Louise Borden	780	Historical Fiction
<i>Locomotion</i>	Jacqueline Woodson	not available	Poetry
<i>Long Claws: An Arctic Adventure</i>	James M. Houston	900	Realistic Fiction
<i>Looking for Life in the Universe: The Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence</i>	Ellen Jackson	1060	Informational
<i>Lost Hero</i>	Rick Riordan	660	Fantasy
<i>Lost Treasure of the Inca</i>	Peter Lourie	1010	Informational
<i>Love that Dog</i>	Sharon Creech	1010	Poetry
<i>Maniac Magee</i>	Jerry Spinelli	820	Realistic Fiction
<i>Maniac Monkeys on Magnolia Street</i>	Angela Johnson	650	Realistic Fiction
<i>Mary Celeste, The</i>	Jane Yolen	840	Informational Mystery
<i>Mary McLeod Bethune: A Great Teacher</i>	Patricia and Frederick McKissack	580	Biography
<i>Matched</i>	Allie Condie	680	Science Fiction
<i>Mop, Moondance and Nagasaki Knights</i>	Walter Dean Myers	640	Realistic Fiction
<i>Mummies and Their Mysteries</i>	Charlotte Wilcox	990	Informational
<i>Mummies Made in Egypt</i>	Aliki	810	Informational
<i>Mummies, Tombs, and Treasures</i>	Lila Pearl	1090	Informational
<i>Mystery</i>	Agatha Christie, Dorothy Sayers, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle	not available	Mystery
<i>Mystery of Mars, The</i>	Sally Ride and Tam O'Shaughnessy	1020	Informational
<i>Mystery of the Mammoth Bones, The</i>	James Cross	1120	Informational
<i>Mythological Monsters of Ancient Greece</i>	Sara Fanelli	not available	Mythology
<i>NERDS</i>	Michael Buckley	760	Science Fiction
<i>New York's Bravest</i>	Mary Pope Osborne	590	Informational
<i>Night Journeys</i>	Avi	730	Historical Fiction
<i>Night Swimmers, The</i>	Betsy Byars	790	Realistic Fiction
<i>Now</i>	Morris Gleitzman	610	Realistic Fiction
<i>Number the Stars</i>	Lois Lowry	670	Historical Fiction
<i>On Board the Titanic</i>	Shelly Tanaka	800	Informational
<i>On the Trail of the Komodo Dragon</i>	Jack Myers	920	Informational
<i>Once</i>	Morris Gleitzman	640	Historical Fiction
<i>One Giant Leap</i>	Mary Ann Fraser	950	Informational
<i>Oracle Bones, Stars, and Wheelbarrows</i>	Frank Ross	1110	Informational
<i>Orphan of Ellis Island, The</i>	Elvira Woodruff	810	Historical Fiction
<i>Over the Edge: Flying with Arctic Heroes</i>	K.C. Tessendorf	1150	Informational
<i>Painters of the Caves</i>	Patricia Lauber	920	Informational
<i>Park's Quest</i>	Katherine Patterson	710	Historical Fiction
<i>Picture Book of Anne Frank, A</i>	David A. Adler and Karen Ritz	800	Biography

<i>Pictures of Hollis Woods</i>	Patricia Reilly Giff	650	Realistic Fiction
<i>Pompeii: Nightmare at Midday</i>	Kathryn Long Humphrey	830	Informational
<i>Pushcart War</i>	Jean Merrill	1020	Realistic Fiction
<i>Pyramid</i>	David Macaulay	1110	Informational
<i>Red-Dirt Jesse</i>	Anna Myers	720	Historical Fiction
<i>Rediscovering Easter Island</i>	Kathy Pelta	not available	Informational
<i>Red-Tail Angels</i>	Patricia and Frederick McKissack	1170	Informational
<i>Regular Guy</i>	Sarah Weeks	860	Realistic fiction
<i>Remember the Lusitania</i>	Diana Preston	1030	Informational
<i>Responsibilities</i>	Mary O'Hara, Dorothy Canfield, Jesse Stewart	not available	Historical Fiction
<i>Roanoke, the Lost Colony</i>	Jane Yolen	850	Informational Mystery
<i>Roman News, The</i>	Andrew Stanley, Philip de Souza	940	Informational
<i>Run with Me, Nike!</i>	Cassandra Case	700	Historical Fiction
<i>Schooled</i>	Gordon Korman	740	Realistic Fiction
<i>Sea Turtles: Ocean Nomads</i>	Mary Cerullo	1270	Informational
<i>Secret Life of Amanda K. Woods, The</i>	Ann Cameron	790	Realistic Fiction
<i>Secrets of Sounds</i>	April Pulley Sayre	1060	Informational
<i>Seeker of Knowledge: The Man Who Deciphered Egyptian Hieroglyphs</i>	James Rumford	830	Informational
<i>Seven Seas, The: Exploring the World Ocean</i>	Linda Vieira	not available	Informational
<i>Shannon Lucid: Space Ambassador</i>	Carmen Bredeson	1000	Biography
<i>Shannon: An Ojibway Dancer</i>	Sandra King	880	Informational
<i>Sharks:Challengers of the Deep</i>	Mary M. Cerullo	1150	Informational
<i>Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World: The Extraordinary True Story Shackleton and the Endurance</i>	Jennifer Armstrong	1090	Informational
<i>Shipwreck Season</i>	Donna Hill	670	Realistic Fiction
<i>Sirens and Sea Monsters: Tales from the Odyssey</i>	Mary Pope Osborne	760	Mythology
<i>Sixth Grade Can Really Kill You</i>	Barthe DeClements	700	Realistic Fiction
<i>Small Steps: The Year I Got Polio</i>	Peg Kehret	830	Biography
<i>Encyclopedia of Space</i>	Heather Couper and Nigel Henbest	1120	Informational
<i>Spirit of the Maya</i>	Guy Garcia	not available	Realistic Fiction
<i>Stars, The: A New Way to See Them</i>	H.A. Rey	1140	Informational
<i>Stone Age Farmers Beside the Sea</i>	Caroline Arnold	1130	Informational
<i>Stone Girl, Bone Girl</i>	Laurence Anholt	760	Informational
<i>Stowaway</i>	Karen Hesse	830	Historical Fiction
<i>Summer of the Swans</i>	Betsy Byars	830	Realistic Fiction
<i>Sundiata: Lion King of Mali</i>	David Wisniewski	890	Historical Fiction
<i>Surtsey: The Newest Place on Earth</i>	Kathryn Lasky	1110	Informational

<b>Survival</b>	Jack London, Arthur Gordon, Carl Stephenson	not available	Realisitic Fiction
<b>Sylvia Earle: Guardian of the Sea</b>	Beth Baker	1040	Biography
<b>Taking Sides</b>	Gary Soto	750	Realistic Fiction
<b>Tales of Terror</b>	W. W. Jacobs, Rod Serling	not available	Fantasy
<b>Talkin' About Bessie</b>	Nikki Grimes	1030	Historical Fiction
<b>Tall Tales</b>	not available	not available	Fantasy
<b>Teammates</b>	Peter Golenbrock	930	Informational
<b>Technology</b>	Isaac Asimov, Ray Bradbury, Arthur C. Clarke	not available	Science Fiction
<b>Thief of Hearts</b>	Lawrence Yep	700	Realistic Fiction
<b>Through My Eyes</b>	Ruby Bridges	860	Autobiography
<b>Time Pieces: the Book of Times</b>	Virginia Hamilton	500	Historical Fiction
<b>Titanic Crossing</b>	Barbara Williams	690	Historical Fiction
<b>Top of the World, The: Climbing Mount Everest</b>	Steve Jenkins	1070	Informational
<b>Touch Blue</b>	Cynthia Lord	750	Realistic Fiction
<b>Tripping Over the Lunch Lady and Other School Stories</b>	Nancy Mercado	790	Realistic Fiction
<b>Tuck Everlasting</b>	Natalie Babbitt	770	Fiction
<b>Tut's Mummy</b>	Judy Donnelly	540	Informational
<b>Upstairs Room, The</b>	Johanna Reiss	380	Autobiography
<b>Values</b>	Guy de Maupassant, O. Henry, Jesse Stewart, B. Traven, Jack Bennett	not available	Fiction
<b>Waiting for Anya</b>	Michael Morpurgo	770	Historical Fiction
<b>Wednesday Wars, The</b>	Gary D. Schmidt	990	Realistic Fiction
<b>Westing Game, The</b>	Ellen Raskin	750	Mystery
<b>Where the Red Fern Grows</b>	Wilson Rawls	700	Historical Fiction
<b>Wild Colorado, The</b>	Richard Mauer	1050	Historical Fiction
<b>Wings and Rockets: The Story of Women in Air and Space</b>	Jeannine Atkins	not available	Biography
<b>Wish Giver, The</b>	Bill Brittain and Andrew Glass	720	Science Fiction
<b>Witch of Blackbird Pond, The</b>	Elizabeth George Speare	850	Historical Fiction
<b>Wizard of Oz</b>	L. Frank Baum	1030	Fantasy
<b>Wonder</b>	R. J. Palacio	790	Realistic Fiction
<b>Year Down Yonder, A</b>	Richard Peck	670	Historical Fiction
<b>Youn Hee &amp; Me</b>	C.S. Adler	760	Realistic Fiction
<b>Young Painter: The Life and Paintings of Wang Yani-- China's Extraordinary Young Artist</b>	Zheng Zhensun and Alice Low	1000	Biography
<b>Zach's Lie</b>	Roland Smith	650	Realistic Fiction
<b>Zeely</b>	Virginia Hamilton	690	Realistic Fiction
<b>Zekmet the Stone Carver</b>	Mary Stolz	not available	Historical Fiction

## COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS - EXEMPLAR TEXTS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL

<b>Book Title</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Lexile</b>	<b>Text Type</b>
<i>Black Ships Before Troy: The Story of the Iliad</i>	Sutcliff, Rosemary	1240	Fiction
<i>Dark is Rising, The</i>	Cooper, Susan	920	Fiction
<i>Dragonwings</i>	Yep, Lawrence	870	Fiction
<i>Harriet Tubman: Conductor on the Underground Railroad</i>	Petry, Ann	1000	Informational
<i>Little Women</i>	Alcott, Louisa May	790	Fiction
<i>Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass an American Slave, Written by Himself</i>	Douglass, Frederick	1040	Informational
<i>People Could Fly, The</i>	Hamilton, Virginia	669	Fiction
<i>Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry</i>	Taylor, Mildred	920	Fiction
<i>Sorry, Wrong Number</i>	Fletcher, Louise	not available	Drama
<i>Tale of the Mandarin Ducks, The</i>	Patterson, Katherine	930	Fiction

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