

Grade 7 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>911: The Book of Help</i>	Michael Cart (Editor)	1060	Nonfiction
<i>Acorn People, The</i>	Ron Jones	720	Nonfiction
<i>Across the Grain</i>	Jean Ferris	740	Fiction
<i>Adam of the Road</i>	Elizabeth Janet Gray	1030	Fiction
<i>Amelia's War</i>	Ann Rinaldi	580	Historical Fiction
<i>Among the Hidden</i>	Margaret Peterson Haddix	800	Science Fiction
<i>Angel Experiment (Maximum Ride)</i>	James Patterson	700	Science Fiction
<i>At Her Majesty's Request: An African Princess in Victorian England</i>	Walter Dean Myers	1070	Nonfiction
<i>Attack of the Killer Video Book: Tips and Tricks for Young Directors</i>	Mark Shulman and Hazlitt Krogg	not available	Nonfiction
<i>Bearstone</i>	Will Hobbs	780	Fiction
<i>Bill Nye the Science Guy's Great Big Book of Science: Featuring Oceans and Dinosaurs</i>	Bill Nye	not available	Nonfiction
<i>Black Star, Bright Dawn</i>	Scott O'Dell	670	Realistic Fiction
<i>Blood is Thicker</i>	Paul Langan and D.M. Blackwell	730	Realistic Fiction
<i>Boy: Tales of Childhood</i>	Rohald Dahl	1020	Autobiography
<i>The Bully</i>	Paul Langan	700	Realistic Fiction
<i>Call of the Wild</i>	Jack London	1120	Historical Fiction
<i>Carl Sandburg: Adventures of a Poet</i>	Penelope Niven	990	Poetry
<i>Chinese Cinderella: True Story of an Unwanted Daughter</i>	Adeline Yen Mah	960	Memoir
<i>City</i>	David McCaulay	1100	Nonfiction
<i>Clone Codes</i>	Patricia and Frederick McKissack	680	Science Fiction
<i>Cut from the Same Cloth: American Women of Myth, Legend, and Tall Tale</i>	Robert D. SanSouci	1050	Fiction
<i>Christmas Carol, A* (for ADV only)</i>	Charles Dickens	900	Fiction
<i>Death Be Not Proud</i>	John Gunther	1060	Memoir
<i>Deadly</i>	Julie Chibbaro	930	Historical Fiction
<i>Double Identity</i>	Margaret Peterson Haddix	810	Fiction
<i>Elizabeth I and the Spanish Armada</i>	Colin Hynson	not available	Nonfiction
<i>Facing the Lion: Growing Up Maasai on the African Savanna</i>	Joseph Lemasolai Lekuton	720	Nonfiction
<i>Fever 1793</i>	Laurie Halse Anderson	580	Historical Fiction
<i>Final Cut</i>	Fred Bowen	660	Fiction

<i>Final Frontier</i>	David Owen	not available	Nonfiction
<i>Fire in Their Eyes: Wildfires and the People Who Fight Them</i>	Karen Magnuson Beil	1010	Nonfiction
<i>Flag of Childhood: Poems from the Middle East, The</i>	Naomi Shihab Nye	not available	Poetry
<i>Flush</i>	Carl Hiaasen	770	Adventure
<i>Frankenstein* (For ADV only)</i>	Mary Shelley	1000	Science Fiction
<i>Freedom Like Sunlight</i>	J. Patrick Lewis	not available	Poetry
<i>Freedom's Children</i>	Ellen Levine	760	Nonfiction
<i>Fury of Motion: Poems for Boys, A</i>	Charles Ghigna	not available	Poetry
<i>Getting Near to Baby</i>	Aubrey Coulombis	740	Realistic Fiction
<i>Greek Gods and Heroes</i>	Robert Graves	990	Mythology
<i>Happy Endings</i>	Adele Geras	not available	Fiction
<i>Heartbeat</i>	Sharon Creech	not available	Fiction
<i>How Would You Survive in the Middle Ages?</i>	Fiona MacDonald and David Salariya	910	Nonfiction
<i>I Heard the Owl Call My Name</i>	Margaret Craven	1080	Fiction
<i>Inventing the Television</i>	Joanne Richter	not available	Nonfiction
<i>Janitor's Boy, The</i>	Andrew Clements	770	Fiction
<i>Jim Thorpe: Original All-American</i>	Joseph Bruchac	950	Nonfiction
<i>Knots in My Yo-Yo String: The Autobiography of a Kid</i>	Jerry Spinelli	980	Autobiography
<i>Let the Circle Be Unbroken</i>	Mildred Taylor	850	Historical Fiction
<i>Long Road to Freedom: Journey of the Hmong</i>	Linda Barr	700	Nonfiction
<i>Long Walk to Water, A</i>	Linda Sue Park	720	Fiction
<i>Lost and Found</i>	Anne Schraff	760	Realistic Fiction
<i>Lupita Manana</i>	Patricia Beatty	760	Fiction
<i>Machu Picchu: The Story of the Amazing Inkas and Their City in the Clouds</i>	Elizabeth Mann	1070	Nonfiction
<i>Made in China: Ideas and Inventions from Ancient China</i>	Suzanne Williams	800	Nonfiction
<i>Matter of Trust</i>	Anne Schraff	750	Fiction
<i>Messenger</i>	Lois Lowry	720	Science Fiction
<i>MindBenders</i>	Neal Shusterman	not available	Fiction
<i>Miracle's Boys</i>	Jacqueline Woodson	660	Realistic Fiction
<i>Muhammad Ali: Legends in Sports</i>	Matt Christopher	990	Nonfiction
<i>Murals: Walls That Sing</i>	George Ancona	not available	Nonfiction
<i>My Louisiana Sky</i>	Kimberly Holt	770	Historical Fiction
<i>My Side of the Mountain</i>	Jean Craighead George	810	Fiction
<i>Mythology</i>	Edith Hamilton	1040	Mythology
<i>Nightingale that Shrieked, The</i>	Kevin Crossley-Holland	not available	Fiction
<i>Oliver Twist</i>	Charles Dickens	990	Fiction

<i>On My Honor</i>	Marion Dane Bauer	750	Realistic Fiction
<i>Opposites, More Opposites, and a Few Differences</i>	Richard Wilbur	not available	Poetry
<i>Outsiders, The</i>	S. E. Hinton	750	Realistic Fiction
<i>Phineas Gage</i>	John Fleishman	1030	Nonfiction
<i>Pride of Puerto Rico: The Life of Roberto Clemente</i>	Paul Robert Walker	800	Nonfiction
<i>Primer of Chess, A</i>	J. R. Capablanca	1180	Nonfiction
<i>Ravenmaster's Secret, The</i>	Elvira Woodruff	750	Historical Fiction
<i>Red Scarf Girl</i>	Ji-Li Jiang	780	Nonfiction
<i>Return to the Island</i>	Gloria Whelan	870	Historical fiction
<i>Satchel Paige: Don't Look Back</i>	David A. Adler and Terry Widener	840	Nonfiction
<i>Second-Hand Dog: How to Turn Yours into a First-Rate Pet</i>	Carol Lea Benjamin	not available	Nonfiction
<i>Secrets in the Shadows</i>	Anne Schraff	750	Realistic Fiction
<i>Sir Gawain and the Green Knight, Peral, and Sir Orfeo</i>	J.R.R. Tolkien	not available	Fiction
<i>Skeleton Man</i>	Joseph Bruchac	730	Mystery
<i>Snakes</i>	Zoobooks	1000	Nonfiction
<i>So B. It</i>	Sarah Weeks	860	Fiction
<i>Soldier Boy</i>	Brian Burks	820	Historical Fiction
<i>Soldier Mom</i>	Alice Mead	480	Fiction
<i>Something for Joey</i>	Richard Peck	860	Biography
<i>Somewhere in the Darkness</i>	Walter Dean Myers	640	Fiction
<i>Stormbreaker</i>	Anthony Horowitz	670	Mystery
<i>Streams to the River, River to the Sea</i>	Scott O'Dell	740	Historical Fiction
<i>Sundiata: An Epic of Old Mali</i>	D.T. Niane	not available	Fiction
<i>Sword of the Rightful King</i>	Jane Yolen	1010	Fiction
<i>Sylvia Stark: A Pioneer</i>	Victoria Scott	not available	Nonfiction
<i>Tangerine</i>	Edward Bloor	680	Fiction
<i>There's A Dead Person Following My Sister Around</i>	Vivian Vande Velde	870	Fiction
<i>Touching Spirit Bear</i>	Ben Mikaelson	730	Realistic Fiction
<i>True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle, The</i>	Avi	740	Historical Fiction
<i>User Unfriendly</i>	Vivian Vande Velde	750	Fiction
<i>Visit to a Small Planet</i>	Gore Vidal	not available	Fiction
<i>Walk through the Heavens, A</i>	Milton D. Heifetz and Wil Tirion	not available	Nonfiction
<i>Watsons Go to Birmingham</i>	Christopher Paul Curtis	920	Historical Fiction
<i>Whale Rider, The</i>	Witi Ihimaera	810	Fiction
<i>Winner, The</i>	David Baldacci	800	Fiction
<i>Words by Heart</i>	Ouida Sebestyen	750	Fiction
<i>Wreck of the Ethie, The</i>	Hilary Hyland	800	Historical Fiction
<i>Wrinkle in Time, A</i>	Madeliene L'Engle	740	Science Fiction

<i>Writing Kind Of Day: Poems for Young Poets, A</i>	Ralph Fletcher	not available	Poetry
<i>Writing Magic</i>	Gail Carson Levine	780	Nonfiction

COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS - EXEMPLAR TEXTS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL			
Book Title	Author	Lexile	Text Type
<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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