

# 40 BOOK CHALLENGE

## Recommended Reading List

Books that Children's staff recommends for readers doing the PCSC 40 Book Challenge. Most books are in the Children's Room.

### Realistic Fiction

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- 1) Abby Spencer Goes to Bollywood by Varsha Bajaj
- 2) The Penderwicks by Jeanne Birdsall
- 3) Lola Levine is Not Mean by Monica Brown
- 4) George by Alex Gino
- 5) Blackbird Fly by Erin Entrada Kelly
- 6) The Grand Plan to Fix Everything by Uma Krishnaswami
- 7) Binny For Short by Hilary McKay
- 8) The Turtle of Oman by Naomi Shihab Nye
- 9) Wonder by RJ Palacio
- 10) Dork Diaries by Rachel Renee Russell
- 11) The Great Wall of Lucy Wu by Wendy Wan-Long Shang

### Newberry Winner

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- 1) The Crossover by Kwame Alexander
- 2) El Deafo by Cece Bell
- 3) The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo
- 4) The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman
- 5) The Year of Billy Miller by Kevin Henkes
- 6) Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse
- 7) The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate by Jacqueline Kelly
- 8) Inside Out & Back Again by Thanhha Lai
- 9) When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead
- 10) Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred Taylor



## Biography

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- 1) Terrible Typhoid Mary by Susan Bartoletti Campbell
- 2) Amelia Lost by Candace Fleming
- 3) Wilma Unlimited by Kathleen Krull
- 4) Barbed Wire Baseball by Marissa Moss
- 5) Nurse, Soldier, Spy by Marissa Moss
- 6) Malcolm X: A Fire Burning Brightly by Walter Dean Myers
- 7) Ida B. Wells: Let the Truth Be Told by Walter Dean Myers
- 8) Bad News for Outlaws by Vonda Micheaux Nelson
- 9) It Came From Ohio by R.L. Stine
- 10) Who Was series (various authors)

## Fantasy

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- 1) A Pocket Full of Murder by RJ Anderson
- 2) Doll Bones by Holly Black
- 3) The Iron Trial by Holly Black & Cassandra Clare
- 4) Jinx by Sage Blackwood
- 5) Cuckoo Song by Frances Hardinge
- 6) Greenglass House by Kate Milford
- 7) The False Prince by Jennifer Nielsen
- 8) Bayou Magic by Jewell Parker Rhodes
- 9) Araminta Spookie by Angie Sage
- 10) Castle Hangnail by Ursula Vernon

## Poetry

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- 1) Borrowed Names by Jeannine Atkins
- 2) Love That Dog by Sharon Creech
- 3) The Lightning Dreamer by Margarita Engle
- 4) Beastly Feasts by Robert L. Forbes
- 5) I Lay My Stitches Down by Cynthia Grady
- 6) Blackbeard the Pirate King by Patrick J. Lewis
- 7) Flutter and Hum / Aleteo y Zumbido: Animal Poems / Poemas de Animales by Julie Paschkis
- 8) Dark Emperor by Joyce Sidman
- 9) Where the Sidewalk Ends by Shel Silverstein
- 10) Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson



## Historical Fiction

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- 1) The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate by Jacqueline Kelly
- 2) Hattie Big Sky by Kirby Larson
- 3) Family Tree series by Ann M. Martin
- 4) The Teacher's Funeral by Richard Peck
- 5) The Blackthorn Key by Kevin Sands
- 6) Splendors and Glooms by Laura Amy Schlitz
- 7) Between Shades of Gray by Ruta Sepetys
- 8) Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred Taylor
- 9) One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia
- 10) Breaking Stalin's Nose by Eugene Yelchin

## Mystery

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- 1) Malcolm at Midnight by W.H. Beck
- 2) The Scandalous Sisterhood of Prickwillow Place by Julie Berry
- 3) The London Eye Mystery by Siobhan Dowd
- 4) The Clubhouse Mysteries by Sharon Draper
- 5) The Unstoppable Octobia May by Sharon G Flake
- 6) The Detective's Assistant by Kate Hannigan
- 7) The Great Greene Heist by Varian Johnson
- 8) Enola Holmes by Nancy Springer
- 9) Murder is Bad Manners by Robin Stevens
- 10) Lockwood & Co: The Screaming Staircase by Jonathan Stroud

## Informational

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- 1) Poop Happened by Sarah Albee
- 2) I Feel Better with a Frog in my Throat by Carlyn Beccia
- 3) Emancipation Proclamation by Tonya Bolden
- 4) Spies of Mississippi by Rick Bowers
- 5) Titanic: Voices from the Disaster by Deborah Hopkinson
- 6) The Secret of the Yellow Death by Suzanne Jurmain
- 7) We've Got a Job by Cynthia Levinson
- 8) Beyond Courage by Doreen Rappaport
- 9) Neighborhood Sharks by Katherine Roy
- 10) Guts & Glory: The Vikings by Ben Thompson



## Graphic Novel

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- 1) Anya's Ghost by Vera Brosgol
- 2) Hidden: A Child's Story of the Holocaust by Loic Dauvillier
- 3) Hereville: How Mirka Got Her Sword by Barry Deutsch
- 4) Pablo and Jane and the Hot Air Contraption by José Domingo
- 5) Little Robot by Ben Hatke
- 6) Sunny Side Up by Jennifer L. Holm
- 7) Roller Girl by Victoria Jamieson
- 8) Amulet by Kazu Kibuishi
- 9) Baba Yaga's Assistant by Marika McCoola and Emily Carroll
- 10) Smile by Raina Telgemeier
- 11) American Born Chinese by Gene Luen Yang

## Science Fiction

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- 1) Sidekicked by John David Anderson
- 2) City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau
- 3) The Jupiter Pirates by Jason Fry
- 4) Space Case by Stuart Gibbs
- 5) The Fourteenth Goldfish by Jennifer Holm
- 6) The Mark of the Dragonfly by Jaleigh Johnson
- 7) Geeks, Girls, & Secret Identities by Mike Jung
- 8) The Arctic Code by Matthew Kirby
- 9) Shadows of Sherwood by Kekla Magoon
- 10) The Fog Diver by Joel Ross
- 11) When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead
- 12) Tesla's Attic by Neal Shusterman

