

**REVISED April, 2009**

**FLORENCE CITY SCHOOLS  
OUTSIDE READING LIST**

It is the goal of English teachers in Florence City Schools to promote several kinds of responses in students. Among them are: (1) Enjoyment of reading, (2) A desire for the continuation of reading throughout life, and (3) The use of critical skills to evaluate what is read.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**NOTE: Teachers may select four (or all) titles in grades 5 and 6 during the school year.**

**GRADE 5**

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| 1. | Island of the Blue Dolphins          | Scott O'Dell    |
| 2. | The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe | C. S. Lewis     |
| 3. | Tuck Everlasting                     | Natalie Babbitt |
| 4. | Where the Red Fern Grows             | Wilson Rawls    |
| 5. | Number the Stars                     | Lois Lowry      |

**SUMMER:**

Because of Winn Dixie	Kate Dicamillo
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**GRADE 6**

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| 1. | Hatchet              | Gary Paulsen         |
| 2. | Souder               | William H. Armstrong |
| 3. | Bridge to Terabithia | Katherine Paterson   |
| 4. | Maniac Magee         | Jerry Spinelli       |
| 5. | Holes                | Louis Sachar         |

**SUMMER:**

Shiloh	Phyllis Naylor
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**NOTE: Teachers may select three (or all) titles in grades 7 and 8 during the school year.**

**GRADE 7**

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| 1. | Julie of the Wolves     | Jean Craighead George |
| 2. | Anpao                   | Jamake Highwater      |
| 3. | The Giver               | Lois Lowry            |
| 4. | The House of Dies Drear | Virginia Hamilton     |

**SUMMER:**

Scorpions	Walter Dean Myers
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**GRADE 8**

1. Milkweed
2. Hope Was Here
3. Gentlehands
4. Stormbreaker
5. Soldier Boys

Jerry Spinelli  
Joan Bauer  
M. E. Kerr  
Anthony Horowitz  
Dean Hughes

**SUMMER:****GENERAL CLASSES:**

Izzy, Willy-Nilly

Cynthia Voigt

**COLLEGE-BOUND CLASSES:**

The Hobbit

J. R. R. Tolkien

**AP PREPATORY CLASSES:**

Jane Eyre

Charlotte Bronte

**HIGH SCHOOL**

**NOTE:** Teachers may select four (or all) titles during the school year.

**GRADE 9****General Classes:**

1. Downriver
2. Sweetgrass
3. Summer of My German Soldier
4. The Contender
5. The Outsiders
6. Tears of a Tiger
7. Monster

Will Hobbs  
Jan Hudson  
Bette Greene  
Robert Lipsyte  
S. E. Hinton  
Sharon M. Draper  
Walter Dean Myers

**College-Bound Classes:**

1. I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings
2. Summer of My German Soldier
3. Animal Farm
4. Great Expectations
5. Fahrenheit 451
6. Pride and Prejudice

Maya Angelou  
Bette Greene  
George Orwell  
Charles Dickens  
Ray Bradbury  
Jane Austen

**SUMMER:**

General Classes: Tiger Eyes  
College-Bound Classes: Dacey's Song  
AP Preparatory Classes: Wuthering Heights

Judy Blume  
Cynthia Voigt  
Emily Bronte

**GRADE 10****General Classes:**

1. Deathwatch
2. To Kill a Mockingbird
3. The Old Man and the Sea
4. Permanent Connections
5. The Red Badge of Courage

Rob White  
Harper Lee  
Ernest Hemingway  
Sue Ellen Bridgers  
Stephen Crane

**College-Bound Classes:**

1. A Separate Peace
2. To Kill a Mockingbird
3. Lord of the Flies
4. The Chosen
5. The Red Badge of Courage

John Knowles  
Harper Lee  
William Golding  
Chaim Potok  
Stephen Crane

**SUMMER:**

General Classes:	The Hound of the Baskervilles	Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
College-Bound Classes:	The Hound of the Baskervilles	Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
AP Classes:	An American Childhood	Annie Dillard
	Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass (Norton Edition)	

**GRADE 11****General Classes:**

1. Huckleberry Finn
2. The Great Gatsby
3. The Day They Came to Arrest the Book
4. O Pioneers
5. The Education of Little Tree

Mark Twain  
F. Scott Fitzgerald  
Nat Hentoff  
Willa Cather  
Forest Carter

**College-Bound Classes:**

1. The Great Gatsby
2. The Scarlet Letter
3. Ethan Frome
4. Huckleberry Finn
5. All the King's Men

F. Scott Fitzgerald  
Nathaniel Hawthorne  
Edith Wharton  
Mark Twain  
Robert Penn Warren

**SUMMER:**

General Classes:	Running Loose	Chris Crutcher
College-Bound Classes:	Their Eyes Were Watching God	Zora Neale Hurston
AP Classes:	Cry, the Beloved Country	Alan Peyton
	Brave New World	Aldous Huxley

**GRADE 12****General Classes:**

1. Night
2. Of Mice and Men
3. Streetcar Named Desire
4. Their Eyes Were Watching God
5. To Sir, With Love

Elie Wiesel  
John Steinbeck  
Tennessee Williams  
Zora Neale Hurston  
E. R. Braithwaite

**College-Bound Classes:**

1. Night
2. Of Mice and Men
3. Cry, The Beloved Country
4. Frankenstein
5. As I Lay Dying

Elie Wiesel  
John Steinbeck  
Alan Paton  
Mary Shelley  
William Faulkner

**NOTE:** Within fifteen (15) school days of the opening of a school year, teachers will require student responses on the previous summer's reading assignment.