

Hilton Central Schools Summer Reading List Intermediate Level (grades 5-6)



***11 Birthdays.* By Wendy Mass. Scholastic Press. 2009.** After celebrating their first nine same-day birthdays together, Amanda and Leo, having fallen out on their tenth and not speaking to each other for the last year, prepare to celebrate their eleventh birthday separately but peculiar things begin to happen. The day of their birthday begins to repeat itself over and over again.

***Alchemy and Meggy Swann.* Karen Cushman. Clarion Books. 2010.** Meggy Swann has newly come to London with her only friend, a goose named Louise. Meggy's mother was glad to be rid of her; her father, who sent for her, doesn't want her after all. Meggy is appalled by London--dirty and noisy, full of rogues and thieves, and difficult to get around in--not that getting around is ever easy for someone who walks with the help of two sticks.

***Anne of Green Gables.* L.M. Montgomery. Bantam Books. 1987.** When Marilla and Matthew Cuthbert of Green Gables, Prince Edward Island, send for a boy orphan to help them out at the farm, they are in no way prepared for the error that will change their lives. The mistake takes the shape of Anne Shirley, a redheaded 11-year-old girl who can talk anyone under the table. Fortunately, her sunny nature and quirky imagination quickly win over her reluctant foster parents. Anne's feisty spirit soon draws many friends--and much trouble--her way.

***Baseball Great.* Tim Green. Harpers Collins Publishers. 2009.** Josh's father, a former minor league baseball pitcher, signs Josh up to play on a travel baseball team. But a lot more than baseball is being pitched, and it's up to Josh to decide how to deal with a coach who will stop at nothing to win.

***Flipped.* Wendelin Van Draanen (Movie release: September). Knopf. 2001.** FLIPPED does just what the title says; the story is told from two alternating viewpoints: the boy and the girl. It begins when they are 7 years old and ends when they are 13. And boy do they have a lot to learn about relationships and love! Juli learns that to-die-for blue eyes are not the best reason in the world to fall in love. Bryce learns that people who live in houses with dumpy yards might be cool people.

***George's Secret Key to the Universe.* By Lucy Hawking. Simon and Schuster Books for Young Readers. 2007.** George's best friend Annie needs help. Her scientist father, Eric, is working on a space project - and it's all going wrong. A robot has landed on Mars, but is behaving very oddly. And now Annie has discovered something weird on her dad's super-computer...

***Two-Minute Drill.* By Mike Lupica. Philomel Books. 2007.** Chris Conlan is the coolest kid in sixth grade—the golden-armed quarterback of the football team and the boy all the others look up to. Scott Parry is the new kid, the boy with the huge brain, but with feet that trip over themselves. These two boys may seem like an odd couple, but each has a secret that draws them together, and proves that the will to succeed is even more important than raw talent.

***The Unfinished Angel.* By Sharon Creech. Joanna Cotler Books. 2009.** In the ancient stone tower of the Casa Rosa, in a tiny village high in the Swiss Alps, life for one angel has been the same, well, for as long as she (or he?) can remember, until Zola arrives, a determined and unusual American girl. For neighbors who have been longtime enemies, children who have been lost, and villagers who have been sleepily living their lives: hold on. Zola and the angel are about to collide. Figs start flying, dogs start arfing, and the whole village begins to wake up. Zola is a girl with a mission. And our angel has been without one—till now.

***Football Champ.* Tim Green. HarperCollins Children's Books. 2009.** Sequel to *Football Genius*, the story of Troy White continues. Troy has a gift for being able to predict football game outcomes, and loves his new job working for the Atlanta Falcons. But someone isn't enjoying Troy's success nor the success of the Falcons and is determined to bring it all to a crashing end.

***Guardians of Ga'Hoole.* Katherine Lasky (Movie release: September). Scholastic. 2003.** This is a series of 15 titles set in a post-human world. The stories focus on a world of owls who struggle to survive. There are many characters and events that parallel lives and events from human history. The owl characters come to life and the stories are full of adventure!

***The Night Tourist.* By Katherine Marsh. Hyperion Books for Children. 2007.** After fourteen-year-old prodigy Jack Perdu has a near fatal accident he meets Euri, a young ghost who introduces him to New York's Underworld where those who died in New York live until they are ready to move on. Jack vows to find his dead mother.

***Thirteenth Child.* Patricia C. Wrede. Scholastic Press. 2009.** Although this story is set in the days of the wild, wild West, there's something quite different here. It's a world of magic and Eff (short for Francine) is the thirteenth child in her family—an unlucky position to hold. And bad luck is not something you want when you live in a place where mystical creatures like mammoths and dire wolves are a constant threat. Will her special abilities allow her to prove her worth to the resident doubters?

***Ways To Live Forever.* Sally Nicholls. Arthur A. Levine Books. 2008.** Eleven-year-old Sam knows that he is dying from leukemia. He has decided to write a book that includes his thoughts on the matter as well as his lists and his questions, particularly those that no one ever answers like, "Why does God let kids get ill?"