

## FAIRFAX COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### Summer 2010 Suggested Reading List

for

#### Middle School ESOL Students

(Rising 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders)

Rising 9<sup>th</sup> grade students may select from this list or refer to the HS Summer Reading Lists

### Readings for WIDA ELP Level 3 &4 Students

ESOL Level 3 & 4 students may select from the general summer reading list or choose two books from the list of readings for Level 2 students.

### Readings for WIDA ELP Level 2 Students

Level 2 students may select from the Level 2 list or from the general reading list.

Cameron, Ann. **Colibri**. Kidnapped when she was very young by a shady man, who has forced her to lie and beg to get money, a twelve-year-old Mayan girl endures an abusive life, always wishing she could return to the parents she can hardly remember. (also available in audio and Spanish-language edition). (NF)

Christopher, Matt. **On the Court with Yao Ming**. Yao Ming, one of the biggest stars in basketball today, towers over all but the tallest players. Yao's basketball career began in his native land of China, where he played for the country's national team as well as for the Shanghai Sharks. It wasn't until 2002 that the government of China and the NBA reached an agreement that allowed Yao to be drafted onto the Houston Rockets. Yao has emerged as an international superstar. His fame and popularity have re-energized the game and made him a hero in China. This exciting biography traces the life of one of basketball's newest stars. (NF)

Coerr, Eleanor. **Mieko and the Fifth Treasure**. Staying with her grandparents after the atomic bomb has been dropped on Nagasaki, ten-year-old Mieko feels that the happiness in her heart has departed forever and she will no longer be able to produce a beautiful drawing for the contest at school. (F)

Conaway, Judith. **20,000 Leagues Under the Sea** (A Random House Stepping Stone Book). A nineteenth-century science fiction tale of an electric submarine, its eccentric captain, and undersea world, which anticipated many of the scientific achievements of the twentieth century. (F-adapted)

Cooper, James Fenimore.. **Last of the Mohicans** (A Random House Book for Young Readers) Uncas and Chingachook are the last survivors of the once mighty tribe of Mohicans. Their friend, a white scout named Hawkeye, needs their help in the British fight against the French. The odds they face are overwhelming. Magua, an evil Huron, is determined to see them fail. (F-adapted)

Dubowski, Cathy. **Black Beauty**. (A Stepping Stone Book) Anna Sewell's autobiography of a horse, whose gentle beginnings don't prepare him for the hard life ahead. (F-adapted)

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Ferris, Jeri and Peter E. Hanson. **Walking the Road to Freedom** (Creative Minds Biography) Traces the life of the Black woman orator (Sojourner Truth) who spoke out against slavery throughout New England and the Midwest. (NF)

Fleming, Candace. **Lowji discovers AMERICA.** A boy from Bombay moves to a small town in Illinois at the beginning of summer vacation and is faced with no friends and nothing to do. Before long, though, he persuades his grouchy landlady to adopt a succession of animals (first a cat, then a dog, and finally a goat), rescues a pet pig that belongs to a very sweet tough guy, and wistfully watches a mysterious girl on a blue bicycle pass by his apartment. Interspersed throughout are letters to the boy's best friend in India, which show his gradual transition into his new world. (F)

Hutchet Bishop, Claire. **Twenty and Ten** During the German occupation of France, twenty French children were brought to a refuge in the mountains. One day a young man came to their school with a request: Could they take in, and hide, ten Jewish refugee children? The school has decided how to accomplish what seemed to be an impossible task. (F)

Kulling, Monica. **The Adventures of Tom Sawyer** (A Random House Stepping Stone Book). The adventures and pranks of a mischievous boy growing up in a nineteenth-century Mississippi River town as he plays hookey on an island, witnesses a crime, hunts for the pirates' treasure, and becomes lost in a cave. (F-adapted)

Kulling, Monica. **Little Women.** (A Random House Stepping Stone Book). Chronicles the joys and sorrows of the four March sisters as they grow into young ladies in nineteenth-century New England. (F-adapted)

Montgomery, L.M. **Anne of Green Gables** (A Stepping Stone Book). Anne, an eleven-year-old orphan, is sent by mistake to live with a lonely, middle-aged brother and sister on a Prince Edward Island farm and proceeds to make an indelible impression on everyone around her. (F-adapted)

Myers, Laurie. **Surviving Brick Johnson.** Afraid of getting maimed for making fun of Brick, the husky new kid in his fifth-grade class, Nick decides that even his baseball collection will not protect him so he signs up for karate class, despite his little brother's reassurances that Brick is not a bully. (F)

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds. **Shiloh.** An eleven year old boy tries to save a dog from its cruel owner. (F)

Nhuong Huynh, Quang. **The Land I Lost.** A collection of personal reminiscences of the author's youth in a hamlet on the central highlands of Vietnam. (F)

Paterson, Katherine. **Flip-Flop Girl.** A young girl comes to terms with death and shattered dreams after her father's illness. (F)

Peterson Haddix, Margaret. **Among the Hidden.** Luke has never been to school or gone to a friend's house. Luke has never had a friend. Luke is one of the shadow children, a third child forbidden by the Population Police. He's lived his entire life in hiding, and now, with a new housing development replacing the woods next to his family's farm, he is no longer even allowed to go outside. Finally, he's met a shadow child like himself. Jen is willing to risk everything to come out of the shadows — does Luke dare to become

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involved in her dangerous plan? Can he afford not to? (F)

Shipton, Paul. **Bug Muldoon**. Something strange is going on in the garden and Bug Muldoon, beetle private investigator, tries to figure out how the ants and the wasps are involved. (F)

Spinelli, Jerry. **Loser**. Even though his classmates from first grade on have considered him strange and a loser, Daniel Zinkoff's optimism and exuberance and the support of his loving family do not allow him to feel that way about himself. (F)

Willis Holt, Kimberly. **When Zachary Beaver Came to Town**. Toby Wilson is having the toughest summer of his life. It's the summer his mother leaves for good; the summer his best friend's brother returns from Vietnam in a coffin. And the summer that Zachary Beaver, the fattest boy in the world, arrives in their sleepy Texas town. While it's a summer filled with heartache of every kind, it's also a summer of new friendships gained and old friendships renewed. And it's Zachary Beaver who turns the town of Antler upside down and leaves everyone, especially Toby, changed forever. (F)

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**Readings for WIDA ELP Level 1 Students**

Level 1 students may select from this list, from the Level 2 list or from the general reading list.

Backstein, Karen. **The Blind Man and the Elephant.** (Hello Reader) A classic folk tale about six men who don't agree on what an elephant is like. (F)

Bokoske, Sharon. **Dolphins!** (Step Into Reading) About dolphins and their talents. (NF)

Bruchac, Joseph. **Trail of Tears.** (Step Into Reading) Story of the Cherokee people leaving the land they love. (NF)

Coerr, Eleanor. **Buffalo Bill and the Pony Express.** This story tells about young Bill Cody's adventures as he delivers mail for the Pony Express in the 1860's. (Historical Fiction)

Cole, Joanna. **Hungry, Hungry Sharks.** (Step Into Reading) Interesting facts about sharks. (NF)

Donnelly, Judy. **True-Life Treasure Hunts.** (Step Into Reading) A diver risks everything to find treasure and lost cities. (NF)

Donnelly, Judy. **Moonwalk.** (Step Into Reading) Story of the first trip to the moon. (NF)

Hopkins, Lee Bennett. **Blast Off! Poems About Space.** (I Can Read Book) Some simple and silly poems tell about the moon, stars, planets and astronauts. (Poetry)

Hopkins, Lee Bennett. **Questions.** (Step Into Reading) This is a collection of poems by American poets. Each asks a question. (Poetry)

Hopping, Lorraine. **Wild Weather - Hurricanes.** (Hello Reader) Tells about this violent kind of storm and its effects on land and people. (NF)

Hopping, Lorraine. **Wild Weather - Tornadoes.** (Hello Reader) Explains about "twisters" and their effects on communities. (NF)

Hudson, Wade. **Five Notable Inventors. Great Black Heroes** (Step Into Reading) Tells about the lives of C.J. Walker, Elijah McCoy, Garrett Morgan, Granville Woods and Jan Matzeliger and their inventions. (Biography)

Hudson, Wade. **Five Brave Explorers -Great Black Heroes.** (Step Into Reading) Tells about the lives and adventures of Jean DuSable, Matthew Henson, Mae Jemison, James Beckwourth and Esteban. (Biography)

Hurwitz, Johanna. **Helen Keller : Courage in the Dark.** (Step Into Reading) Story of how Annie changed Helen Keller's life. (Biography)

Kramer, S.A. **To the Top! Climbing the World's Highest Mountain.** (Step Into Reading) Tells about how Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay became the first people ever to reach the top of Mt. Everest. (NF)

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Krensky, Stephen. **Witch Hunt.** (Step Into Reading) Story of the witch hunts in Salem. (NF)

Kulling, Monica. **Escape North! The Story of Harriet Tubman.** (Step Into Reading) Tells the story of Harriet Tubman's journey and life helping slaves. (Biography)

Lewis, Thomas P. **Clipper Ship.** (I Can Read History Book) This is the story of how Captain Murdock's wife and children help pilot the ship *Rainbird* on its dangerous journey from New York to California during the 1850's Gold Rush. (F)

Little, Emily. **The Trojan Horse.** (Step Into Reading) The story of the Greeks battle to win the Trojan War. (NF)

Marshall, Edward. **Four on the Shore.** Puffin Three kids try to scare away Willie by telling him scary stories. (F)

Marshall, Edward. **Three By the Sea.** Puffin Three friends at a picnic tell their best stories to each other. (F)

McMullan, Kate. **Dinosaur Hunters.** (Step Into Reading). How scientists learned about dinosaurs. (NF)

Milton, Joyce. **Wild, Wild Wolves.** (Step Into Reading) Tells about the history of wolves and what kind of animals they really are. (NF)

Milton, Joyce. **Gorillas.** (Step Into Reading) Learn amazing facts about gorillas. (NF)

Milton, Joyce. **Dinosaur Days.** (Step Into Reading) Interesting facts about dinosaurs. (NF)

Monjo, F.N. **The One Bad Thing About Father.** (I Can Read) Archie and Quentin tell about life with their famous father, President Theodore Roosevelt. (Historical Fiction)

Murphy, Frank. **George Washington and the General's Dog.** (Step Into Reading) True story of George Washington and one of his pets. (NF)

O'Connor, Jim. **Jackie Robinson and the Story of All-Black Baseball.** (Step Into Reading) This gives the history of black baseball in the United States and tells the story of the first African-American baseball player to play in the major leagues. (NF)

O'Neal, Zibby. **A Long Way to Go: A Story of Women's Right to Vote.** A young girl deals with the women's suffrage movement during World War I. (Historical Fiction)

Paterson, Katherine. **The Smallest Cow in the World.** (I Can Read) Rosie is the meanest cow on the farm, but Marvin still loves her. (F)

Penner, Lucille R. **The Statue of Liberty.** (Step Into Reading) This is the story of immigration to the United States and the creation of the Statue of Liberty as a gift from France to the United States. (NF)

Pomerantz, Charlotte. **The Outside Dog.** (I Can Read) In this story, which includes a few Spanish words, Marisol and her grandfather come to a good agreement on how to have a dog for a pet. (F)

Sandin, Joan. **Pioneer Bear.**(Step Into Reading) A pioneer boy finds a bear cub and keeps him for a pet. (F)

Wetterer, Margaret K. **Kate Shelley and the Midnight Express.** This is the true story of a

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