

Richland County School District One
Middle School Summer Reading List – 2003

Alexander, Lloyd. **Gypsy Rizka**

While living alone in her wagon waiting for her father to return, Rizka, a Gypsy, decides to expose the silliness of the townspeople.

Almond, David. **Kit's Wilderness**

Thirteen-year-old Kit moves to an old mining town where he learns to play a game called 'death.' As this game leads Kit through a series of suspenseful and mystical events, he finds out that his family's past and the town's past are intertwined.

Almond, David. **Secret Heart**

Joe lives in a small village with his mother and often dreams of a beautiful tiger that becomes significant only after he also befriends a trapeze artist.

Almond, David. **Skellig**

Michael discovers something hidden in his family's garage. When he and his friend Mina explore further, they discover an unusual creature that opens them to a new way of looking at the world.

Avi. **Crispin**

Crispin, known only as Asta's son, is falsely accused of theft and murder in 14th century England, and is hunted down to be killed for his crimes. The 2003 Newbery winner

Avi . **Midnight Magic**

Fabrizio, a young magician's apprentice, must discover the secrets behind the ghost who is haunting the King's daughter. Will he be able to solve the mystery in time to help save the princess?

Berry, James **Ajeemah and His Son**

Ajeemah and his son, Atu, are captured by slave traders in Africa and sent to work on different Jamaican plantations. Even through terrible loss, Ajeemah retains his dignity, demanding that others see him as a human being first.

Billingsley, Franny. **The Folk Keeper**

Disguised as a boy, Corinna keeps the evil Folk at bay in dark cellars. Dying Lord Merton knows her true identity and wants to take her to his coastal land to tend his Folk and discover who she really is.

Bloor, Edward. **Tangerine**

His football hero older brother has always overshadowed Paul, who is legally blind. But when the family moves to Tangerine, Florida, he makes the soccer team and remembers the shocking incident that damaged his eyes year ago.

Bodett, Tom **Williwaw**

Thirteen-year-old September and her younger brother, Ivan, have been spending a lot of time alone since their father is working out at sea, off the Alaskan coast. Things are going fine until they disobey their father's instructions and take their boat out—into a terrifying storm.

Buss, Fran Leeper **Journey of the Sparrows**

Maria, a fifteen-year-old El Salvadorian, learns to find strength in herself after illegally crossing the border into the United States and enduring hardships there.

Coman, Carolyn. **Tell Me Everything**

Roz talks to God and to the boy for whom her mother dies while on a snowy mountain rescue mission as she tries to come to terms with what's happened to her mother.

Conly, Jane **Crazy Lady**

Vern reluctantly befriends the neighborhood “crazy lady” and her mentally handicapped son, eventually rallying the neighborhood behind them.

Cooper, Susan. **King of Shadows**

Nat escapes the unhappiness in his life through acting, and is chosen to perform at Shakespeare’s Globe Theater. But when he arrives in London he mysteriously travels through time, waking up in 1599 with the real, live Shakespeare as his friend.

Corcoran, Barbara. **The Potato Kid**

Ellis thinks her summer is ruined when her family takes in Lilac, a child from the potato land of northern Maine.

Creech, Sharon. **Ruby Holler**

Twins Dallas and Florida experience life in a terrible orphanage but find their lives changed forever when an older couple takes them on a grand adventure to Ruby Holler.

Creech, Sharon. **The Wanderer**

Sophie finds herself the only girl in a crew full of men traveling on the sailboat Wanderer across the ocean to see her grandfather. Along the way, she discovers the truth about her past, and what it really means to be a family.

Curtis, Christopher. **Bud, Not Buddy**

Orphan Bud escapes his horrible foster home and sets out to find the man he believes to be his father, the great bandleader H.E. Calloway.

Curtis, Christopher Paul. **The Watsons Go to Birmingham**

A warm, funny story about an African-American family from Detroit set against the backdrop of the Civil Rights Movement.

Cushman, Catherine. **Catherine, Called Birdy**

During medieval times, Catherine’s father is set to marry her off to a rich, old man. But she will have nothing of it, as she outwits everyone with her clever mind and sharp tongue.

DeFelice, Cynthia. **Lostman’s River**

After waking up one morning next to a dead man, Tyler’s father flees New York and moves his family to the Florida swamp where two strangers appear offering him and Tyler what seem to be questionable jobs involving a so called scientific expedition which turns into treachery and murder.

DeFelice, Cynthia. **Weasel**

During the winter of 1839 Nathan runs into the renegade killer known as Weasel, who takes him and his sister hostage.

DiCamillo, Kate. **Because of Winn Dixie**

Opal isn’t sure she’ll like Naomi, Florida, where her Dad is the new preacher. But when she meets a big, ugly, mutt, Winn-Dixie, things begin to change.

Edmonds, Walter. **Bert Breen’s Barn**

Curl up by the fire and lose yourself in one of the most lyrical, quiet and lovely stories ever written as Tom Dolan sets forth in the snow covered west of early 1900, against insurmountable odds, to secure Bert Breen’s barn and save his family.

Erdrich, Louise. **The Birchbark House**

Omahayas, a seven-year-old Native American girl of the Ojibwa tribe, lives through the joys of summer and the perils of winter on an island in Lake Superior in 1847.

Farmer, Nancy. **The Ear, the Eye, and the Arm**

In Zimbabwe in 2194, General Matsika’s three children were kidnapped and put to work in a plastic mine, while three mutant detectives use their special powers to search for them. Newbery Honor Book

Farmer, Nancy. **A Girl Named Disaster**

While journeying to Zimbabwe, eleven-year-old Nhamo struggles to escape drowning and starvation and in so doing comes close to the luminous world of the African spirits. Newbery Honor Book

Fine, Anne. **Flour Babies**

When he and the underachievers in his class are assigned to spend three tortuous weeks taking care of their own “babies” in the form of bags of flour, Simon makes amazing discoveries about himself while coming to terms with his long-absent father.

Fine, Anne. **Up On Cloud Nine**

Ian recalls some of the good and bad times as he writes a biography of his best friend Stolly who struggles to regain consciousness in a hospital bed.

Fleischman, Paul. **The Borning Room**

Lying at the end of her life in the room where she was born in 1851, Georgina remembers what it was like to grow up on the Ohio frontier.

Fleischman, Paul. **Saturnalia**

In 1681 in Boston, fourteen-year-old William, a Narragansett Indian captured in a raid six years earlier, leads a productive and contented life as a painter’s apprentice but is increasingly anxious to make some connections with his Indian past.

Fox, Paula. **The Slave Dancer**

When Jessie Bollier was thirteen, he was kidnapped and carried to the coast of Africa. Now, in 1840, he finds himself playing his life on board The Moonlight, a slave ship, with a hateful duty awaiting him. Newbery Award Winner.

Freedman, Russell **The Life and Death of Crazy Horse**

A fascinating account of the life of Crazy Horse, an Oglala Sioux who may be best known for defeating General Custer at Little Big Horn. Some of the book’s drawings were done by Crazy Horse’s cousin and are based on the recollections of Sioux witnesses.

Funke, Cornelia. **The Thief Lord**

Two brothers who run away from their aunt are chased by a hired detective, but are also protected by Venice’s “Thief Lord.” The 2003 Batchelder winner

Gantos, Jack. **Jack on the Tracks**

When Jack moves with his family to Florida, he tries to get rid of all his bad habits, but continue to find himself drawn to things that are totally disgusting.

Gantos, Jack **Joey Pigza Loses Control**

Joey is on medication for ADD and doing well, so well that he decides to spend some time getting to know his estranged father again. But when his father insists that he quit taking his medication, Joey must decide what’s important.

Gantos, Jack. **Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key**

Joey has trouble paying attention and controlling his moods, so he takes meds. But when they wear off, watch out!

Gantos, Jack. **What Would Joey Do?**

When his mother sends him to be home schooled with a hostile blind girl, Joey feels his life degenerating into total chaos.

Griffin, Adele. **Dive**

Ben gets along better with his stepfather Lyle than Lyle’s son Dustin, who can’t wait to get out of the house. When Dustin leaves and is in a terrible accident, Ben begins the long journey of finding and confronting him about his elusive, uncaring attitude and finds out more than he bargained for.

Griffin, Peni. **Switching Well**

Two twelve year old girls, one living in 1891 and one in 1991, switch places via a magic well and then are desperate to return to their own times.

Grove, Vikki. **Rimwalkers**

Victoria emerges out from under the shadow of her showy younger sister while spending the summer with two cousins on her grandparent's farm.

Haddix, Margaret Peterson. **Among the Hidden**

It's a different society—families are only permitted to have two children. When third child Luke, a “shadow” child, discovers another, he overcomes his fears to face the government's oppressive policies. Sequel: *Among the Imposters*

Haddix, Margaret Peterson. **Running Out of Time**

Jessie believes that it is 1840 and lives without plumbing, lights, or penicillin. When people start dying of diphtheria, her mother tells her it's really 1996 and Jessie must escape the village to find help.

Hart, Philip S. **Up in the Air: The Story of Bessie Coleman**

The inspiring story of Bessie Coleman, the first African-American woman to become an airplane pilot.

Hayes, Daniel. **No Effect**

Tyler tries out for the wrestling team and falls hopelessly in love with his new science teacher with hilarious results.

Hess, Karen. **Witness**

In simple, evocative poems, Hess tells the story of a small Vermont town in the 1920s dealing with the Ku Klux Klan through the voices of eleven townspeople.

Hiaasen, Carl. **Hoot**

A wild funny story about the new kid Roy who joins forces with Beatrice and Mullet Fingers to defeat a bully and save some owls. A rollicking adventure.

Hirsch, Karen. **Ellen Anders on Her Own**

Ellen begins to understand herself and her friendships more deeply after she reads her deceased mother's girlhood diary.

Hoeye, Michael. **Time Stops for No Mouse**

When Linka Perflinger, an adventurous mouse, brings her broken watch to Hermux Tantamoq, the watchmaker Hermux falls immediately in love with her, and tries to save her from the deadly rat kidnappers who abduct her.

Holm, Jennifer. **Our Only May Amelia**

May Amelia has seven brother and she resents her grandmother's insistence that she act like a lady. Now Mama's pregnant yet again, and May Amelia can't bear the thought of another brother. But who knows? Could a sister be on the way?

Holman, Felice. **Secret City, U.S.A.**

Benno and his friends decide to turn an abandoned house into a shelter for the homeless in the middle of the ghetto.

Hoose, Phillip. **We Were There, Too!: Young People in U.S. History**

Well-chosen photographs and illustrations accompany profound portraits of the many young people who played pivotal roles in the history of the United States.

Holt, Kimberly Willis. **My Louisiana Sky**

Growing up in Saittler, Louisiana, in the 1950's, twelve-year-old Tiger Ann struggles with her feelings about her stern but loving grandmother, her mentally slow parents, and her good friend and neighbor, Jesse.

Holt, Kimberly. **When Zachary Beaver Came to Town**

For Toby, living in Antler, Texas never offered much excitement. And this summer seems no different. Until the likes of Zachary Beaver, the fattest boy in the world arrives and turns the town upside-down.

Hopkins, Lee Bennett **Been to Yesterdays**

Hopkins, author of many poetry books, shares the story of his growing up experiences through free verse poetry.

Horvath, Polly. **Everything on a Waffle**

When 11-year-old Primrose Squarp's parents disappear at sea, her faith in their return defies all adult logic. Set in British Columbia, this book combines quirky characters, recipes, and amazing twists of plot. 2002 Newbery Honor Book

Johnson, Angela **Toning the Sweep**

Emily and her mother journey to help Grandmother Ola, ill with cancer, pack up her belongings and move in with them. As Emily videotapes friends of her grandmother, she begins to learn a lot about her family.

Karr, Kathleen, **The Great Turkey Walk**

Simon has finished third grade for the fourth time when he comes up with a plan to walk a huge flock of bronze turkeys from Missouri to Denver in 1860 to make his fortune. Hilarity abounds along the way, as he meets some malicious and benevolent characters.

Konigsburg, E.L. **The View From Saturday**

Just how did Mrs. Oliphant choose the Epiphany Middle School sixth-grade Academic Bowl team? Find out what makes the team special—special enough that they beat both the seventh and eighth grade teams.

Levin, Betty. **Shadow-Catcher**

In 1892, Jonathan and his photographer grandfather travel and come upon a river where they witness what seems like a logging accident. But when a stranger asks them for the negatives, Jonathan sets out to solve the mystery of what really happened that day.

Levine, Gail **Dave at Night**

How would you like to be sent to HHB, Hebrew Home for Boys? Dave does not like it one bit, until he sneaks out and encounters the nighttime world of the Harlem Renaissance.

Levine, Gail Carson. **Ella Enchanted**

A superbly plotted and thoroughly enjoyable retelling of the Cinderella story that neatly incorporates elements of the original yet mightily expands them. South Carolina Book Award Nominee

Leviten, Sonia. **Adam's War**

When Adam and his friends start a war with a rival club over a clubhouse, the conflict ends in violence.

Leviten, Sonia. **The Return**

Desta and other members of her Falasha family, Jews suffering from discrimination in Ethiopia, finally flee the country and attempt the dangerous journey to Israel.

Lewin, Ted. **I Was a Teenage Professional Wrestler**

A well-known illustrator of children's books shares his growing-up experiences, before there was a "smackdown."

Lisle, Janet Taylor **The Art of Keeping Cool**

It's 1942, and Robert's father is away at war. Robert and his mom move from their farm to their grandparents' home, on the coast. Will Robert and his mom survive life with his grandfather, of whom his father never spoke?

Lobel, Anita. **No Pretty Pictures: A Child of War**

Known for her award winning picture books, Lobel recounts the gripping story of growing up in Poland during World War II as a Jew when the Nazis invade. A remarkable memoir, unsentimental and bold in language and memories.

Lubar, David. **Hidden Talents**

Most people have hidden talents, but Martin and his buddies at Edgeview Alternative School have talents that cause them to be sent there to begin with: destructive, supernatural ones which bring them together to save the school and each other.

Macy, Sue **Winning Ways: A Photohistory of American Women in Sports**

Macy traces the history of women's sports in America, from the 1930s, when women in sports endured comments regarding their femininity to the passage of Title IX and beyond.

Marcus, Leonard S. **A Caldecott Celebration**

Learn about some of the artists who illustrated your favorite childhood books—what motivated them to draw? How do they get their ideas?

McKinley, Robin. **Beauty**

A well-educated and honorable young woman accepts responsibility for her father's act and leaves her family to enter the enchanted world of castle and the Beast. The ultimate love story.

Mack, Tracy. **Drawing Lessons**

While learning the skills she needs to be an artist like her father, Rory is forced to apply her father's drawing lessons to her life, and to find the inner strength she needs to solve her problems.

Morgenstern, Susie. **Secret Letters from 0 to 10**

Ernest Morlaisse has never had an exciting day in his life until the impetuous, irreverent, vivacious Victoria deMontardent pushed her way into his sheltered world, turning it upside-down and awakening something important in Ernest.

Naidoo, Beverley **Chain of Fire**

Naledi tries to cope when the South African government's apartheid policy means her family has to move to barren land.

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds. **The Keeper**

Nick must come to terms with his father's mental illness as day by day he begins to feel less safe living in the same house with him.

Nelson, Marilyn Carver: **A Life in Poems**

Told from multiple perspectives, this breathtaking collection of 59 poems reveals little-known facets of the remarkable scientist who is too often dismissed as the "peanut" man. 2002 Newbery Honor book; 2002 Coretta Scott King Honor book

O'Dell, Scott, and Elizabeth Hall. **Thunder Rolling in the Mountains**

A young Nez Perce girl tells the story of how, in the late 1800's, her people were driven off their land by the U.S. Army.

Park, Linda Sue **A Single Shard**

Tree-ear, an orphan who lives under a bridge with his wise friend Crane-man, becomes fascinated with a nearby community of potters. Drawn by their exquisite craftsmanship, the adolescent boy begins to assist the master potter, Min. The 2002 Newbery winner

Pullman, Philip. **Clockwork**

The town waits to see what new figurine Karl the clockmaker will add to the old clock---he has no ideas. Meanwhile, as Fritz reads his new ghost story to the town, it begins to come true. As he reads, "A stranger knocks at the door," a stranger knocks at the door. . .

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds. **Sang Spell**

When Josh's mother is killed in a car accident, he runs away and finds himself trapped in a mysterious village in the Appalachian Mountains among people who call themselves the Melungeons and wonders if he will ever escape. For ages 12-15

Park, Linda Sue. **When My Name Was Keoko**

A brother and sister living in Japan occupied Korea during WWII face oppression and great fear as they watch their culture begin to vanish.

Paterson, Katherine. **Read anything by this author**

Paulsen, Gary. **The Tent**

When Steven goes on the road to preach the word of God with his father, he is embarrassed, but then he quickly gets caught up in the money they earn and the things that that money buys.

Peck, Richard. **Arly**

Although Arly Poole seems bound to follow in his father's footsteps as a field worker in Jailtown, Florida in 1972 in the shadow of a cruel boss, his world suddenly seems larger when a stranger comes to town. Sequel: *Arly's Run*.

Peck, Richard. **Blossom Culp and the Sleep of Death**

Blossom becomes haunted by an Egyptian princess who she helps restore to her rightful tomb.

Peck, Richard. **A Long Way from Chicago**

Winner of the 1999 National Book Award for Young People, this hilarious series of vignettes follows Joey and Mary Alice for seven summer trips to Grandma's, each one funnier and more surprising than the year before.

Peck, Richard. **Lost in Cyberspace**

Sixth-grader Josh and his friend, Aaron, use the computer at their New York prep school to travel through time.

Peck, Richard. **A Year Down Yonder**

The sequel to *A Long Way from Chicago* finds Mary Alice back at Grandma's.

Peck, Robert Newton. **A Day No Pigs Would Die**

The haunting novel of a boy becoming a man in the Shaker tradition and his awakening to others not like them. An ALA Notable book.

Philbrick, Rodman. **Freak the Mighty**

Everyone at school thinks Max isn't very smart. But when physically small and highly intelligent Kevin moves in next-door, he and Max become friends, and together they are Freak the Mighty.

Perkins, Lynne Rae. **All Alone in the Universe**

Debbie and Maureen have been best friends for years. Over the course of this year, Maureen becomes too busy with her new friend Glenna, so Debbie discovers friendships with others, who convince her she's not all alone in the universe.

Rawls, Wilson. **Summer of the Monkeys**

The last thing Jay Berry Lee expects to find in a trek through the Cherokee Ozarks is a tree full of live monkeys.

Rawls, Wilson. **Where the Red Fern Grows**

This modern classic, read the world over, is the story of Billy Colman, his coonhound pups, and the struggles of life and death in the Ozark Mountains.

Reit, Seymour. **Behind Rebel Lines**

Did you know that more than four hundred women fought in the Civil War by posing as men? Read about one of those women—Emma Edmonds, who not only disguised herself as a man, but also went behind enemy lines as a spy for the Union army.

Sachar, Louis. **Holes**

In this 1999 Newbery award winner, Stanley Yelnats is sent to a hellish correctional camp in the Texas desert where finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a sense of self.

Salisbury, Graham. **Under the Blood-Red Sun**

Tomi, whose family is Japanese, must deal with the suspicions of his neighbors on the Hawaiian island where they live after Pearl Harbor is bombed during World War II.

Schnur, Steven. **The Shadow Children**

While spending the summer in the French countryside, Etienne encounters ghosts of Jewish children persecuted during the Holocaust.

Sleator, William **Rewind**

Peter is dead—or is he? He's been given a chance to go back to any moment before his death and make changes. If Peter does, can he prevent his own death?

Snicket, Lemony **Any of the 'Series of Unfortunate Events'**

The Baudelaires—Klaus, Violet, and baby Sunny, have encountered one awful thing after another ever since their parents were killed in a mysterious fire. Will their guardian, Mr. Poe, be able to protect them from the evil Count Olaf, who's trying to steal their fortune?

Snyder, Zipha Keatley. **Gib and the Gray Ghost**

Gibson, an orphan, returns to live with the Thornton family where he cares for the beautiful horse Black Silk. One night, another horse, seemingly beaten and starved, appears, and Gib sets out to find a way to save this frightened and forgotten animal. Sequel: *Gib Rides Home*

Snyder, Zipha Keatley. **Gib Rides Home**

After surviving the harsh treatment he receives at the Lowell House orphanage, Gib finds a hopeful life as a horse-helper of a wealthy banker in 1908.

Soto, Gary **Taking Sides**

Lincoln, who's Mexican-American, is not sure how he feels about moving from a barrio neighborhood to a white suburban neighborhood. His loyalties become even more divided after his new basketball team has to play his former team from the barrio.

Spinelli, Jerry. **Stargirl**

When Stargirl, an unconventional home-schooler, hits the halls of a public school with her ukulele and pet rat, everyone is entranced. But, when her eccentric ways cause controversy, she must decide between individuality and conformity.

Spinelli, Jerry. **Wringer**

Palmer dreads turning ten, which, in his town, means automatically becoming a 'wringer,' one who kills wayward pigeons at the town's annual Pigeon Day celebration. Will Palmer have the courage to stand up for his beliefs?

Stolz, Mary. **The Edge of Next Year**

When Orin's mother is killed in a car accident, he and his brother have little time to deal with the loss as they take care of their alcoholic father who can't face life without her. A moving portrayal of human emotion by a very gifted writer.

Strom, Yale **Quilted Landscapes: Conversations with Young Immigrants**

Children from different parts of the world share their experiences living in cities and towns across the United States.

Strommen, Judith. **Grady the Great**

Grady plans to run away to join his best friend in California but gets sidetracked by the pest next door.

Taylor, Mildred. **Let the Circle Be Unbroken**

In this sequel to **Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry**, the four Logan children face hard times growing up during the Depression with old racial antagonisms and new conflicts stirring.

Taylor, Mildred. **Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry**

The famous saga of the Logan family as they face racial strife and discrimination in the 1930's. The 1977 Newbery winner.

Thomas, Rob. **Green Thumb**

While spending the summer in the Amazon rain forest doing research, 13-year-old Grady makes an odd discovery and falls afoul of Dr. Carter, whose motives seem questionable.

Tillage, Leon. **Leon's Story**

The simple, yet moving, story of Leon Tillage, whose family worked as sharecroppers in the rural South during the time just before the Civil Rights movement.

Tolan, Stephanie. **Surviving the Applewhites**

Jake, a juvenile delinquent, is sent to live with the home schooling, eccentric Applewhite family where he discovers his true hidden talents.

Tolan, Stephanie **Welcome to the Ark**

Set in the future and told from the different characters' points of view, the story of misfit kids Elijah, Taryn, Doug and Miranda, who become part of an experimental program in which they reach out to others through the Internet. Will they be able to focus their efforts on ending global violence?

Turner, Megan Whelan. **The Thief**

When Gen advertises himself as the greatest thief in the world, he is kidnapped and taken on an adventure to steal a precious stone from a temple of the Gods.

Voigt, Cynthia. **Dicey's Song**

In this sequel to *Homecoming*, Dicey and her three abandoned siblings are settled in with their grandmother, and finding that their new beginnings require love, trust, humor, and courage. A Newbery Honor book.

Voigt, Cynthia. **A Solitary Blue**

Jeff's mother, who deserted the family years before, reenters his life and widens the gap between Jeff and his father. Part of a series beginning with *Homecoming*. A Newbery Honor book.

Walter, Virginia. **Making Up Megaboy**

This illustrated novel uses computer graphics and multiple perspectives to tell the story of a random murder committed by a 13-year-old boy in suburban Los Angeles.

Whelan, Gloria. **Homeless Bird**

Koly is thirteen-year-old and her husband is dead. In India this means that she must live with other widows and beg for food, but she uses her wits and talents to create a new future for herself.

White, Ruth. **Belle Prater's Boy**

Gypsy is puzzled by Woodrow's calm acceptance of his mother's disappearance. When Woodrow finally reveals he's been keeping a secret about his mother, Gypsy begins to find strength to face the truth. A Newbery Honor book.

Wyeth, Sharon Dennis. **The World of Daughter McGuire**

Daughter is half black and half white and the kids tease her at school, call her zebra. Facing this taunting, she tries to come to terms with who she really is.

Woodruff, Elvira. **Dear Napoleon, I know You're Dead, But....**

When given a letter writing assignment in class, Marty decides to write to Napoleon and is flabbergasted when he actually receives responses.

Woodson, Jacqueline. **Lena**

Lena and her younger sister escape from their abusive father by running away, only to find life on the road hard and lonely until they meet Miz Lily who offers them comfort and hope.

Woodson, Jacqueline. **Maizon at Blue Hill**

After winning a scholarship to an academically challenging boarding school, Maizon finds herself one of the only five blacks there and wonders if she will ever fit in. Sequel to **Last Summer with Maizon**.

Wrede, Patricia **Dealing With Dragons**

Princess Cimorene is no ordinary princess. She doesn't want to learn prissy stuff like embroidery, or dancing, she wants to go where the action is—with dragons!

Yolen, Jane. **Dragon's Blood**

Jakkin, a young keeper of the dragon nursery on planet Austar IV trains a dragon to fight in the pits.

Young, Ronder Thomas. **Moving Mama to Town**.

When Freddy James Johnson's father, Big Kenny, deserts the family, it's up to Freddy to move Mama and his little brother Kenneth Lee to town, and to try to make something of himself in this world.

South Carolina Junior Book Award Nominee List 2003 – 2004

Alphin, Elaine Marie. **Ghost Soldier** (J)

Colfer, Eoin. **Artemis Fowl** (J) Cooney, Caroline. **The Ransom of Mercy Carter** (F)

Elliott, Laura. **Under a War-Torn Sky** (F)

Hite, Sid. **A Hole in the World** (F)

Isaacs, Anne. **Torn Thread** (F)

Konigsburg, E.L. **Silent to the Bone** (F)

LeMieux, Anne. **All the Answers** (F)

Mills, Claudia. **Lizzie At Last** (J)

Naidoo, Beverley. **The Other Side of Truth** (F)

Park, Barbara. **The Graduation of Jake Moon** (J)

Pattison, Darcy. **The Wayfinder** (J)

Peck, Richard. **Fair Weather: A Novel** (J)

Rees, Celia. **Witch Child** (F)

Rinaldi, Ann. **Girl in Blue** (J)

Taylor, Mildred. **The Land** (J and F)

Tingle, Rebecca. **The Edge on the Sword** (F)

Vande Velde, Vivian. **Being Dead: Stories** (F)

Van Draanen, Wendelin. **Flipped** (J)

Yolen, Jane. **Odysseus in the Serpent Maze** (J)

Additional Categories of Titles

In addition to these suggested titles, please consult the library staff for assistance in selecting titles from the following categories. They can also recommend fiction and non-fiction titles in various genres to give students a broad range of reading experiences.

- ALA Top of the List Winners
- ALA Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers
- Newberry Medal Nominees and Winners
- Any previously nominated SC Junior Book Award Titles