

2009 Connecticut Nutmeg Intermediate Nominees

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| Carbone, Elisa | <i>Blood on the River</i> |
| Jennifer, Stewart | <i>Close Encounters of a Third World Kind</i> |
| Fox, Helen | <i>Eager</i> |
| Corbett, Sue | <i>Free Baseball</i> |
| Arnold, Louise | <i>Golden and Grey</i> |
| Lowry, Lois | <i>Gossamer</i> |
| Gutman, Dan | <i>The Homework Machine</i> |
| Evans, Douglas | <i>MVP</i> |
| Broach, Elise | <i>Shakespeare's Secret</i> |
| VandeVelde, Vivian | <i>Three Good Deeds</i> |

Estimating your Child's Reading Level

Books for Summer Reading should be on or just above the student's reading level. A simple test is called the *Five Finger Rule*.

- Find a page of text in the middle of the book. For most older students, the fiction book should be one with few or no pictures.
- Have the student begin to read the page aloud.
- Each time the student comes to a word they don't know, they hold up a finger. If they have all five fingers up before they get to the end of the page, it is probably too difficult for them right now. If there are fewer than five, but more than one finger, up by the end of the page, the book may be at the right level.

Finding Books for Summer Reading

Books on the K-12 lists may be found in the Connecticut public library system. You may use your Hamden library card at any public library in the state. Bookstores that will have our lists are Barnes & Noble in North Haven and Milford, Books & Company in Whitneyville, and Borders in Milford and Meriden.

Miller Public Library

Call 287-2680 for hours or www.hamdenlibrary.org

We want to thank the Miller Library staff for their continued support. We hope your family has an opportunity to participate in some of the reading programs offered this summer at Miller.

Branches also have summer programs.



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Summer Reading List



Grade 4

2008

Hamden Summer Reading Program

- All elementary students are required to read a minimum of two books during the summer - one fiction and one non-fiction book.
- Students must use the list of authors, titles or subjects in this brochure to assist them in making appropriate selections. Books must be written on or above the student's reading level. Parents should review the selections for content and reading level. Reading level guidance is given later in this brochure.
- Students are required to complete two activities -- one for each of the two books read. Activities must be turned in **by September 3**.

Choose from these activities:

- Design a game or puzzle that will teach others about the book.
- Create a montage, collage, diorama, mobile or comic strip about events or information from your book.
- Write a dramatization (play) of a scene from your fiction book.
- Create a poster or commercial to sell your book.
- Create a song or rap to tell others about your book.
- Create a two-sided color postcard telling about your favorite part (Fiction) or the most interesting facts (Non-fiction) in your book.
- An A-to-Z poem (see the website for details)

A district-wide *Celebration of Summer Reading* will be held in September during school.

Governor's Summer Reading Challenge 2008

Hamden Public Schools participates in the annual *Governor's Summer Reading Challenge*. Students can become part of a larger initiative to be the Connecticut school with the largest number of books read over the summer. Starting with the two books read for Hamden's program, students record the titles of all the books they read over the entire summer. School totals are sent to the Governor in the fall.

Students - here's what to do:

- Write your name in your "Summer Reading Challenge" journal.
- Start reading June 14th. Each time you complete a book, record the title in your journal.
- If you need more space, attach a sheet of paper. If you lose the journal, use another sheet of paper.
- Give your journal or list to your teacher **by September 3**.
- The school will announce the total number of books read by students at your school. The count will be sent to the Governor.
- Last year, Hamden elementary students read 22,730 books. Let's break our own record and aim for **24,000!**

Fiction for Fourth Grade

Choose a book on the student's reading level from the following authors, *series*, or nominees:

Abbott, Tony
Baglio, Ben and
Daniels, Lucy - *Animal Ark*
Cleary, Beverly
Conford, Ellen -
Jenny Archer
Dahl, Roald
Danziger, Paula
DiTerlizzi, Tony -
Spiderwick Chronicles
Gantos, Jack -
Joey Pigza
Hurwitz, Johanna
Maddox, Jake
McDonald, Megan -
Judy Moody or Stink Moody
Montes, Marisa -
Get Ready For Gabi!
Osborne, Mary Pope -
Magic Tree House

Park, Barbara
(not *Junie B. Jones*)
Preller, James -
Jigsaw Jones Mysteries
Roy, Ron -
A to Z Mysteries
Sachar, Louis -
Marvin Redpost
Scieszka, Jon -
Time Warp Trio
Sobol, Donald
Van Leeuwen, Jean -
Pioneer Daughters
Various authors -
American Girl
Various authors -
My America
Wallace, Bill
Warner, Gertrude Chandler

Any Nutmeg Award Nominee – see the back of this flier

Non-Fiction for Fourth Grade

Choose a book on the student's reading level from the following subjects:

Biographies of historical figures
Earth science
Electricity
Nutrition
Poetry
Sports, exercise
and physical activities guides
U. S. States

