

**The RCS Library List of
Recommended Books for Preteens and Early Teens
(Grades 6-8)**

1. The Adventures of Tom Sawyer – Twain
2. The Alchemyst – Scott
3. Belle Prater’s Boy – White
4. The Book Thief – Zusak
5. The Boy in the Striped Pajamas – Boyne
6. Bridge to Terabithia – Paterson
7. Brown Girl Dreaming – Woodson
8. A Christmas Carol – Dickens
9. The Crossover – Alexander
10. Dead End in Norvelt – Gantos
11. The Diary of a Young Girl – Frank
12. Dovey Coe – Dowell
13. Ender’s Game – Card
14. Esperanza Rising – Ryan
15. Flipped – Van Draanen
16. Freak the Mighty – Philbrick
17. The Girl Who Drank the Moon – Barnhill
18. The Giver – Lowry
19. The Golden Compass – Pullman
20. The Graveyard Book – Gaiman
21. Grimm’s Complete Fairy Tales – Grimm
22. Hatchet – Paulsen
23. Heart of a Samurai – Preus
24. The Hobbit – Tolkien
25. Holes – Sachar
26. The House of the Scorpion – Farmer
27. The Hunger Games – Collins
28. Inkheart – Funke
29. Island of the Blue Dolphins – O’Dell
30. Leviathan – Westerfeld
31. The London Eye Mystery – Dowd
32. A Long Walk to Water – Park
33. Maniac McGee – Spinelli
34. The Maze Runner – Dashner
35. Merlin: The Lost Years – Barron
36. Millions – Boyce
37. Moon Over Manifest – Vanderpool
38. Mortal Engines – Reeve
39. My Side of the Mountain – George
40. The Neverending Story – Ende
41. Number the Stars – Lowry
42. Out of My Mind – Draper
43. Out of the Dust – Hesse
44. Over Sea, Under Stone – Cooper
45. The Outsiders – Hinton
46. Peak – Smith
47. Princess Academy – Hale
48. The Princess and the Goblin – MacDonald
49. Private Peaceful – Morpurgo
50. Redwall – Jacques
51. Revenge of the Witch – Delaney
52. Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry – Taylor
53. The Ruins of Gorlan – Flanagan
54. The Secret Garden – Burnett
55. Seeing Red – Erskine
56. The Schwa Was Here – Shusterman
57. Skellig – Almond
58. Souder – Armstrong
59. Summer of My German Soldier – Greene
60. The Swiss Family Robinson – Wyss
61. Tales from Shakespeare – Lamb
62. Tangerine – Bloor
63. To Kill a Mockingbird – Lee
64. Treasure Island – Stevenson
65. The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle – Avi
66. Tuck Everlasting – Babbitt
67. Un Lun Dun – Miéville
68. Under the Blood-Red Sun – Salisbury
69. Walk Two Moons – Creech
70. The Watsons Go to Birmingham – 1963 – Curtis
71. The Wednesday Wars – Schmidt
72. The Westing Game – Raskin
73. The Witch of Blackbird Pond – Spere
74. Wonder – Palacio
75. A Wrinkle in Time – L’Engle