

**Cycle 1, Year 1**  
**Suggested Summer Reading List**  
**2011**

***The Shakespeare Stealer***

***Gary Blackwood***

Fourteen year-old Widge has very little going for him, but he can write shorthand quickly which is a very valuable asset to a man who wants him to steal William Shakespeare's play, *Hamlet*. Along the way, Widge is faced with many obstacles and challenges and is forced to overcome some of his greatest fears.

***Runner***

***Carl Deuker***

Chance Taylor is a high school runner who runs every day after school to escape a lot of things going on in his life. When Chance's father loses yet *another* job, a marina office employee offers Chance \$200 a week to pick up and drop off mysterious packages on his daily running route. Chance knows that this task is wrong and probably dangerous, but just how far will he go to help his father?

***Girl in a Cage***

***Jane Yolen***

As English armies invade Scotland in 1306, eleven-year-old Princess Marjorie, daughter of the newly crowned Scottish king, Robert the Bruce, is captured by England's King Edward Longshanks and held in a cage on public display. Marjorie soon finds out that being a princess isn't that easy ...

***A Handful of Time***

***Kit Pearson***

When Patricia's mother sends her to her cousins' cottage for the summer, Patricia doesn't want to go. She doesn't know her cousins at all, she's never been good at camping, and making new friends has always been a challenge for her. However, Patricia's summer takes an exciting turn when she finds an old watch that takes her back in time to the summer when her very own mother was twelve years old.

***Anne of Green Gables***

***Lucy Maud Montgomery***

A Canadian classic about an orphan named Anne who is mistakenly sent to live with a lonely, middle-aged brother and sister on a Prince Edward Island farm. Anne always seems to get herself into trouble and proceeds to make quite an impression on everyone around her.

***Ella Enchanted***

***Gail Carson Levine***

In this novel based on the story of Cinderella, Ella struggles against the childhood curse that forces her to obey any order given to her