

Cycle 2, Year 1
Suggested Summer Reading List
2011

The Red Rider's Hood

Neal Shusterman

Sixteen-year-old "Red Rider" gets quite a surprise when he stops by Grandma's house for a visit. Turns out there is a gang of seriously evil werewolves hunting Red's Granny. She's no ordinary Grandma though, and soon Red is spying for his werewolf-hunting Grandma by joining the wolf gang. Think Little Red Riding Hood, only much, much creepier.

The Princess Bride

William Goldman

Framed as a story within a story, it is a tale of true love and high adventure, pirates, princess, giants, miracles, fencing, and a frightening assortment of wild beasts.

An Abundance of Katherines

John Green

Two best friends set out on a road trip after one of them gets dumped by his high school sweetheart.

13 Little Blue Envelopes

Maureen Johnson

A teenager begins a rapid tour of Europe after she opens a letter from an aunt who passed away.

The Secret Life of Bees

Sue Monk Kidd

Set in South Carolina in 1964, *The Secret Life of Bees* tells the story of 14 year-old Lily Owens, whose life is shaped by her blurred memory of the afternoon of her mother's accidental death. When Lily's black "stand-in mother," Rosaleen, insults three racists in town, they are forced to escape to Tiburon, South Carolina.

The Bean Trees

Barbara Kingsolver

Feisty Marietta Greer changes her name to "Taylor" when her car runs out of gas in Taylorville, Ill. By the time she reaches Oklahoma, this strong-willed young Kentucky native with a quick tongue and an open mind is catapulted into a surprising new life.

The Pigman

Paul Zindel

The story centers around John and Lorraine, high school sophomores who, not getting what they need from their families, must surreptitiously seek love, reassurance, and meaning on the outside. In each other and Mr. Pignati (the Pigman), they find love and reassurance until tragedy strikes.