

# SOUTH BRUNSWICK CROSSROADS NORTH & SOUTH SUMMER READING LIST 2011

*For guidance in making your choice, please see your teacher or librarian.*

Dear Parent or Guardian:

We hope that you will encourage your child to begin the Crossroads Summer Reading assignment early in the summer. South Brunswick Library, Barnes & Noble at Princeton Market Fair and North Brunswick have copies of the list and will make every effort to have these titles available. You may also order through the school; look for order forms on the district web site as well as coming home with your child in mid-May.

Thank you! *Crossroads Language Arts Department*

## DIRECTIONS

1. Choose **one** of the books listed below.
2. As you read, write a total of **ten open-ended questions\*** from the **beginning, middle, and end** of your book. You are **not** required to write the answers, but be prepared to discuss them.
3. Submit your written questions to your homeroom teacher in September.

### *\*What are open-ended questions?*

Open-ended questions cannot be answered with a simple “yes” or “no”.

They cannot be answered with one or two words.

They do not simply check facts from the book.

They do require **thought, explanations, opinions, insight, and support from the text.**

They may have more than one correct answer.

For example:

*What do the character's actions show you about his personality?*

*Why is the setting so important to the story?*

*How would I have behaved/felt in this situation?*

### ***BUD, NOT BUDDY***

**Christopher Paul Curtis**

When his mother dies in 1936, Bud hits the road convinced that a poster of a jazz band will help him find his father.

### ***CITY OF THE BEASTS***

**Isabel Allende**

Fifteen-year-old Alexander Cold has the chance to take the trip of a lifetime. Parting from his family, Alexander joins his fearless grandmother on an expedition to the dangerous, remote world of the Amazon.

### ***THE CITY OF EMBER***

**Jeanne DuPrau**

The city of Ember was built as a last refuge for the human race. Now the lights of the city are beginning to flicker. Lina and her friend Doon must decipher the message she finds before the lights go out forever!

### ***CRISPIN: THE CROSS OF LEAD***

**Avi**

This story, set in 14<sup>th</sup> Century England, centers on the frantic flight of an orphaned outcast who gets pegged for murder.

### ***DON'T JUDGE A GIRL BY HER COVER***

**Ally Carter**

The Gallagher girls must use their spy training at every turn as the stakes are raised, and Cammie gets closer and closer to the shocking truth in a kidnapping plot.

### ***DUNK***

**David Lubar**

While hoping to work in an amusement park dunk tank on the New Jersey shore, Chad faces his best friend's serious illness, hassles with police, and must also deal with the girl that got away.

### ***FORBIDDEN CITY***

**William Bell**

Seventeen-year-old Alex Jackson accompanies his father, a TV cameraman, to China in 1989 where he is caught up in the Tiananmen Square student revolt.

**FOUND**

**Margaret Peterson Haddix**

A smuggling operation creates a battle between two opposing forces, plunging three teens into a mystery that involves the FBI.

**HOLE IN MY LIFE**

**Jack Gantos**

The memoir of an aspiring author in search of adventure, cash for college, and a way out of a dead-end job.

**MAZE OF BONES**

**Rick Riordan**

Two siblings follow 39 clues that take them around the world to find the secret of their family's power.

**MY SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN**

**Jean Craighead George**

Written as a diary, the story of a boy who runs away to live in the Catskill Mountains becomes one of survival.

**NO MORE DEAD DOGS**

**Gordon Korman**

Eighth grade football hero, Wallace Wallace, is sentenced to a detention of attending rehearsals of the school play where, in spite of himself, he becomes wrapped up in a production that changes his life.

**REDWALL**

**Brian Jacques**

When Redwall Abbey is challenged by the arrival of an evil rat and his villainous hordes, the inhabitants of Redwall are determined to destroy the enemy.

**TAKING SIDES**

**Gary Soto**

Being the only Hispanic-American on the basketball team is hard enough, but Lincoln faces a racist coach and a game against the team from his old neighborhood.

**THE THIEF LORD**

**Cornelia Funke**

Two runaway brothers find shelter with Venice's Thief Lord, while a detective hired by their aunt pursues them. An exciting tale follows.

**TRAVEL TEAM**

**Mike Lupica**

Danny Walker may be the smallest kid on the basketball court, but no one plays with more heart or court sense. A group of never-say-die kids prove that the heart simply cannot be measured.

**UNWIND**

**Neil Schusterman**

In this thriller, three teens try to escape and survive in a world in which parents can have their child "unwound" between the ages of thirteen and eighteen

**THE VIEW FROM SATURDAY**

**E. L. Konigsberg**

This is a tale about a team, a class, a school, and a series of contests that asks important questions about life.

**THE WANDERER**

**Sharon Creech**

Thirteen-year-old Sophie crosses the Atlantic as a member of the crew of a sailing boat to visit her grandfather in England. This is the story of her adventure.