

Literature Resources:

Choosing Rigorous, Inspiring Books For Michigan's K-12 Students



In Michigan we are reminded that ALL students need to engage in reading opportunities that will enhance thinking; meet high, rigorous English language arts standards; and provide an intellectual challenge commensurate with learning goals aimed at the 21st Century

Readers become leaders. Reading is the one skill that everyone needs to learn to stay fresh and dynamic. To succeed in life we need to understand what we read. The best way to improve understanding is to read a lot.

Below, educators will find noteworthy, recommended, and award-winning booklists that can be used in our quest for providing the best. By considering skill levels and developmental range, as well as the needs and interests of students, educators can select books that appeal to the broad spectrum. The Internet is a convenient source of online information. By checking out the online sources you will find well-organized children's sections arranged by grade level, age range, interests, and themes as well as books appropriate for the high school level. Print materials such as Book Talk in *Instructor* and magazines such as *BookLinks* are excellent resources that can provide current information about excellent book selections, as well as, the Internet-based resources below. Don't forget that your school librarian can also be an invaluable resource.

Acquiring a core of books, magazines, and reference materials is the first step in engaging students and mastering Michigan's learning requirements. In today's world, educators can reference the many free or inexpensive sources used to evaluate books for curriculum design purposes online.

There is nothing like a challenging book to lift you up or take you to another world. As text selections are reviewed, look for quality, rigor, and award-winning titles that will enhance your curriculum, inspire your students, and serve instructional purposes. Some online sites that can help educators make selections for core instructional texts upon which to center the English language arts curriculum have been assembled below. Best practice suggests that literature should be evaluated before it is used with students. Note, districts continue to set the standard when selecting literature at the local level that is most suitable for their student population.

We hope that you find these resources helpful. Since each URL and/or underlined item is hot-linked, the quickest and easiest way to use this document will be as an online resource.

*This list of Internet sites provides online access to Notable, Recommended, and Award-Winning Literature.
The list was first assembled in March of 2008. Links were updated in May of 2009.
If you have questions about the list,
please contact Lynnette at vandykel@michigan.gov or 517-241-3508.*

Classic, Contemporary and Multicultural Literature Sites For Selecting Narrative and Informational Text Resources

- **Horn Book and the Horn Book Guide Online**

Hornbook provides reviews of children's books, articles and interviews of authors and illustrators. In addition, *The Horn Book Guide* rates and concisely reviews over 2,000 titles in each semiannual issue, reviewing virtually every children's and young adult book published in the United States in a six-month period. Five indexes, including an extensive subject index, make the *Guide* a indispensable resource for librarians, classroom teachers, booksellers, and professors of children's literature. **The Horn Book Guide Online**, offers instant access to a searchable database of over 65,000 book reviews from 1989 to the present. The Guide Online is updated quarterly and available by subscription. Ask your librarian about access. The following links take you to free information from the site that will assist in the evaluation and the book selection process:

- The Boston-Globe Hornbook Book Awards, 1967 to present
<http://www.hbook.com/bghb/default.asp>
- Hornbook Fanfare, Best Books of the Year in Picture Books, Fiction, Folklore, and Poetry
<http://www.hbook.com/resources/books/fanfare/fanfare08.asp>
- A Complete Directory for National Book Awards
<http://www.hbook.com/resources/awards/national.asp>
- Hornbook State and Regional Award Winners
<http://www.hbook.com/resources/awards/state.asp>
- Newbery Medal
<http://www.hbook.com/resources/awards/ala/newbery.asp>
- Caldecott Medal
<http://www.hbook.com/resources/awards/ala/caldecott.asp>
- Belpre Award
<http://www.hbook.com/resources/awards/ala/belpre.asp>
- Coretta Scott King Award
<http://www.hbook.com/resources/awards/ala/king.asp>

- Printz Award
<http://www.hbook.com/resources/awards/ala/printz.asp>
- Sibert Award
<http://www.hbook.com/resources/awards/ala/sibert.asp>
- Batchelder Award
<http://www.hbook.com/resources/awards/ala/batchelder.asp>
- Andrew Carnegie Medal For Excellence In Children's Video
<http://www.hbook.com/resources/awards/ala/otherawards.asp>

- **YALSA Best Books for Young Adults**

<http://www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/booklistsawards/bestbooksya/08bbya.cfm>

(Click the embedded links or web addresses)

- [Alex Awards](#) Given annually to ten books written for adults that have special appeal to young adults.
- Best Books for Young Adults A compilation of the current year's books with proven or potential appeal to teens.
<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/booklistsawards/bestbooksya/bbyahome.cfm>
- [Great Graphic Novels for Teens](#) YALSA's newest list includes an annual list of recommended graphic novels and illustrated nonfiction by year, including Top 10 lists by year. Books are selected to ensure teen appeal.
- [Margaret A. Edwards Award](#) Honors an author as well as a specific body of their work for lifetime contribution in writing books of enduring popularity with teenagers.
- Michael L. Printz Award Honors excellence in literature written for young adults. It is named for a school librarian from Topeka, Kansas, who was a long-time active member of the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA). The national award is sponsored by *Booklist* magazine and administered by YALSA, a division of the American Library Association. Go to: www.ala.org/yalsa/printz/

- Odyssey Award Given to the producer of the best audio-book produced for children and/or young adults, available in English in the United States.
- Outstanding Books for the College Bound Updated every five years, this comprehensive list provides reading recommendations to students planning to continue their education beyond high school.
- Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults This list encourages young adults to read for pleasure by presenting them with popular or topical books with teen appeal.
- Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers Suggests items for recreational reading that have wide appeal to teens who, for whatever reason, do not like to read.
- Amazing Audiobooks for Young Adults Presents a list of notable audio books released between 1999 and the present that appeal to teens.
- Fabulous Films for Young Adults Presents select films especially significant to young adults from those currently available for purchase based on a chosen theme.
- Teens' Top Ten A teen choice award given to selected current publications that are of special interest to teens. Teens vote for their choices each Teen Read Week. The votes are tallied and the list is available each November.
- William C. Morris YA Debut Award Honors a book written for young adults by a first-time, previously unpublished author
- YALSA Award for Excellence in Nonfiction for Young Adults YALSA's newest award will honor the best nonfiction book for young adults; the first winner will be named in 2010.

- **IRA Links That Provide Resources To Celebrate Black History/Multiculturalism**

- **Nonprofit offers lesson plans for Black History Month**
- **Materials honor Hispanic heritage**

- **Black History Month lessons free at Thinkfinity.org**
- **African American Read-In Chain 2008**
- **Online resources offered for Black History Month**
- **Literacy Instruction for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Students**, Michael F. Opitz, editor, 1998
- **Acting Out: Literature, Drama, and Connecting With History**, John Kornfeld, Georgia Leyden, *The Reading Teacher*, November 2005
- **Teachers' Choices for 2006**, *The Reading Teacher*, November 2006
- **"The Blues Playingest Dog You Ever Heard Of": (Re)positioning Literacy Through African American Blues Rhetoric**, Carmen Kynard, *Reading Research Quarterly*, October/November/December 2008
- **ReadWriteThink Monthly Calendar**
Find classroom activities and online resources associated with events in literacy and literature
- **Building Literacy Skills Across the Curriculum: Forging Connections With the Past Through Artifacts**, Carol J. Fuhler, Pamela J. Farris, Pamela A. Nelson, *The Reading Teacher*, April 2006
- **A Pickle Barrel of Poems**, Catherine Kurkjian, Nancy Livingston, Terrell A. Young, Ralph Fletcher, *The Reading Teacher*, March 2006
- **Literacy at Calhoun Colored School 1892–1945**, Arlette Ingram Willis, *Reading Research Quarterly*, January/February/March 2002
- **Asian American Literature**
<http://www.sjsu.edu/faculty/awilliams/AsianAmResources.html>

Asian American literature is a growing field. It is considered one of the subdivisions of multicultural literature. Many resources on journals and research.

- **Multicultural Children's Literature**
<http://www.lib.msu.edu/corby/education/multicultural.htm>

- The MSU Libraries continuously update their collection of materials which offer suggestions for maintaining a welcoming classroom for all children. They showcase best practices in presenting different cultures to children. This page highlights the Libraries' Resources and provides links to some of the best sites on the Web.
- **Multicultural Materials for Children and Young Adults**
<http://www.cas.usf.edu/~lalexand/multicultural.htm>
 - This page provides online Multicultural Materials for Children based upon a course at the University of South Florida. Use the links to browse the site by category or find the categories listed alphabetically. The site also provides links to general information about multicultural literature and children's literature, as well as links to instructional and professional tools.
- **Gender and Culture Background Readings**
<http://www.scils.rutgers.edu/~kvander/Culture/model3.html>
 - The recent proliferation of material about gender and culture is evident to all, and readers should be alert to new and significant works as they appear. This highly selected list of readings includes monographs, articles, curriculum guides, and reference tools representing various standpoints from which to consider these topics. Most represent some of the latest thinking on issues of critical concern to our society. Many take a broad scope while others focus on much narrower topics related to youth literature.
- **ALA 2008 Notable Children's Booklist**
<http://www.hbook.com/resources/awards/ala/default.asp>
 - The most prestigious honors in children's literature, the Newbery and Caldecott Medals, were awarded to *Good Masters! Sweet Ladies!* and *The Invention of Hugo Cabaret* at the American Library Association's midwinter meeting. Also announced were the winners of the Coretta Scott King, Belpre, Printz, Sibert, and Batchelder awards, and several other major honors. Follow the links for more information about all the winning titles, including in most cases, their reviews.

Also see: **ALA Past Years' Notable Children's Booklists**
<http://www.hbook.com/resources/awards/ala/default.asp>
- **The ALAN Review**
<http://scholar.lib.vt.edu/ejournals/ALAN/>

- *The ALAN Review*, published by the Assembly on Literature for Adolescents of the National Council of Teachers of English, is now available on line. Back issues from 1994 to the present are posted at this site. This is one of only a handful of scholarly journals devoted to YA literature.
 - The 2008 list of Best Books for Young Adults can be found here. The list of 85 books are recommended for ages 12-18, and meet the criteria of quality literature and appealing reading for teens. The list comprises a wide range of genres and styles, including contemporary realistic fiction that reflects the diversity of the teen experience, nonfiction that brings to teens an awareness of the world they live in and its history, and fantastical stories told in both narrative and graphic formats.
- **ALA Booklist**
<http://www.ala.org/booklist/index.html>
 - Reviews of both adult and children's books are available in this online rendering of the American Library Association's *Booklist* magazine. A cumulative index to all reviews published in the magazine is provided, along with an "editors' choice" list of top books and videos. Also included are special features such as interviews with authors and a variety of essays. The reviews are in-depth and detailed.
- **Carol Hurst's Children's Literature Site**
<http://www.carolhurst.com/index.html>
 - This website is the creation of a language arts consultant and author, and features reviews of books for children and adolescents, with a slant toward the elementary grades. Some reviews include teaching ideas and suggestions.
- **The Children's Literature Web Guide**
<http://www.acs.ucalgary.ca/~dkbrown/>
 - This website is the creation of a librarian in the Faculty of Education, University of Calgary (Alberta, Canada). It provides detailed book information and Internet resources for children and young adults. Although it is primarily a collection of links to other locations on the web, the site has such useful features as listings of award winners and bestsellers. Also included is the Doucette Index, a searchable resource that links books to teaching ideas. Discussion boards allow site visitors to post questions or comments about lessons or books.
- **Teachers @ Random**
<http://www.randomhouse.com/teachers/index.html>

- This website features young adult literature. Young adult books that appear here are accompanied by excellent and detailed descriptions, are illustrated with pictures of books' covers, and provide excerpts from independent reviews, as well as, extensive teaching ideas. A search engine enables users to find a specific book without scanning the entire web page. Title, author, and illustrator indexes, along with such specialized indexes as awards received, grade level, and "interdisciplinary," allow easy searching. It's quite easy, for example, to locate Newbery Award books, books for reluctant readers, or books on a common theme.
- **Web-Traveller's Toolkit: Essential Kid Lit Websites**
<http://www.acs.ucalgary.ca/~dkbrown/general.html>
 - Includes authors, publishers, and weblinks and directs the reader to a wealth of information on Reader's Theatre.
- **African American Read-In**
<http://www.ncte.org/search?q=African+American+Read+In+%22booklist%22>
 - The link above provides search results from the National Council Teachers of English on the African American Read-In. A wealth of information including children's and young adult's booklists can be found for the African American Read-in. The Read-In has also been endorsed by the International Reading Association. Over a million readers of all ethnic groups from 49 states, the West Indies, and African countries have participated. The goal is to make the celebration of African American literacy a traditional part of Black History Month activities.
- **American Booksellers Children's Book of the Year**
<http://www.bookweb.org/btw/awards/BSBY.html>
 - Book Sense picks the books that they most enjoyed hand-selling to their customers. The books on each list represent a combined national and local staff pick selection of booksellers' favorites from more than 1,200 independent bookstores. The website includes the Children's Literature Honor Book, Children's Illustrated Winner, Children's Illustrated Honor Books, and Children's Honor Books for the years 2000-2008. Prior to 2000, the award was called the ABBY award (American Booksellers Book of the Year).
- **Caldecott Medal Homepage**
<http://www.ala.org/alsc/caldecott.html>
 - The Caldecott Medal was named in honor of nineteenth-century English illustrator Randolph Caldecott. It is awarded annually by the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association, to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children.

- **Charlotte Zolotow Award from the Cooperative Children’s Book Center, University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Education**
<http://www.education.wisc.edu/ccbc/books/zolotow.asp>
 - Cooperative Children's Book Center, a children's literature library of the School of Education, convenes a committee of children's literature experts to select the winner from the books published in the preceding year. Charlotte Zolotow was a distinguished children's book editor for 38 years with Harper Junior Books, and author of more than 70 picture books, including such classic works as *Mr. Rabbit and the Lovely Present* (Harper, 1962) and *William's Doll* (Harper, 1972). The winner is announced in January each year.

- **IRA Lee Bennett Hopkins Promising Poet Award**
http://www.reading.org/Resources/AwardsandGrants/childrens_hopkins.aspx
 - The IRA Lee Bennett Hopkins Promising Poet Award is given every three years to a promising new poet of children’s poetry (for children and young adults up to grade 12) who has published no more than two books of children’s poetry. This site provides names of the winners along with the name of the award-winning poetry produced by the poet.

- **IRA’s Paul A. Witty Short Story Award**
http://www.reading.org/Resources/AwardsandGrants/sig_witty.aspx
 - Administered by IRA's Special Interest Group, Reading for Gifted and Creative Students. This award is given to the author of an original short story published for the first time. The short story selected sets a literary standard that encourages young readers to read periodicals. Winners and their pieces are listed for years 1986 to the present.

- **IRA’s Children’s and Young Adult’s Book Awards**
http://www.reading.org/Resources/AwardsandGrants/childrens_ira.aspx
 - Children’s and Young Adult’s Book Awards are given for an author’s first or second published book written for children or young adults (ages birth to 17 years). Awards are given for fiction and nonfiction in each of three categories: primary, intermediate, and young adult.

- **Jefferson Cup**
<http://www.co.fairfax.va.us/library/reading/ya/jeffcup.htm>

- The Jefferson Cup honors a distinguished biography, historical fiction or American history book for young people. The Virginia Library Association's Children's and Young Adult Round Table has presented the award annually since 1983. The award seeks to promote reading about America's past, the writing of U.S. history, biography and historical fiction for young people, and the recognition of authors in these disciplines. The site offers titles and descriptions of winners including ethnic and multi-cultural texts produced from 1983 to the present.
- **National Book Award for Young People's Literature**
www.ucalgary.ca/~dKbrown/nba.html
 - This National Book foundation award recognizes outstanding contributions to children's literature. The National Book Award for Young People's Literature considers books of all genres written for children and young adults by U.S. writers with an emphasis on literary merit. The Young People's category was added to the National Book Awards in 1996.
- **Phoenix Award**
<http://www.ucalgary.ca/~dKbrown/phoenix.html>
 - Awarded since 1985 by the **Children's Literature Association** to a book originally published in English 20 years previously that did not receive a major award at the time of its publication.
- **IRA's Teacher's Choices Booklist**
<http://www.reading.org/Resources/Booklists/TeachersChoices.aspx>
 - This website provides Teacher's Choice booklists for years 1998 to the present.
- **IRA's Young Adults' Choices from the Journal of Adolescent & Adult Literacy**
http://education.byu.edu/news/file_bin/jaal.pdf
 - This website connects educators with information about Young Adult Reading booklists that have been selected by young adults. It provides annual lists of award winners from 1998 to the present.
- **IRA's Children's Choice Awards**
<http://www.librarything.com/bookaward/IRA%20Children's%20Choice>
 - This website links to Children's Choice Award winners by cover.
- **Circle of Stories**
<http://www.pbs.org/circleofstories/>

- Circle of Stories uses documentary film, photography, artwork and music to honor and explore Native American storytelling.
- **Children's Literature Web Guide**
<http://www.acs.ucalgary.ca/~dkbrown/awards.html>
 - This is the most comprehensive guide to English-language children's book awards on the Internet. Click the embedded links below, or go online to the site above for the online menu:
 - **International Awards**
[H.C.Andersen Medal](#) | [Phoenix Award](#) | [Complete List](#)
 - **Canadian Awards**
[CLA Book of the Year](#) | [Governor General's Awards](#) | [Complete List](#)
 - **United States Awards**
[Newbery Medal](#) | [Caldecott Medal](#) | [Complete List](#)
 - **British Awards**
[Carnegie Medal](#) | [Greenaway Medal](#) | [Complete List](#)
 - **Australian Awards**
[Book of the Year \(Older Readers\)](#) | [Picture Book of the Year](#) | [Complete List](#)
 - **New Zealand Awards**
[Esther Glen Award](#) | [NZ Post Children's Book Awards](#) | [Complete List](#)
 - **Children's Choice Awards**
[Young Reader's Choice Award](#) | [I. & J. Black Award](#) | [Complete List](#)
 - **Best Books of the Year Lists**
[Best Books of 1996](#) | [Best Books of 1995](#) | [Best Books of 1994](#)
 - **Other Award Sites**
 Other Internet information about Juvenile & Adult Literary Awards.
- **Orbis Pictus Non-fiction Awards & Overview**
<http://www.ncte.org/about/awards/sect/elem/106877.htm>

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- The world of children's literature contains a variety of genres, all of which have appeal to the diverse interests of children as well as potential for classroom teaching. However, nonfiction or information books have recently emerged as a very attractive, exciting, and popular genre. NCTE has established an annual award for promoting and recognizing excellence in the writing of nonfiction for children.

- **The Hugo Awards**

<http://www.lincolnlibraries.org/deptsguide/aw/hugowinners.htm> or

<http://dpsinfo.com/awardweb/hugos/>

- The Hugo Awards are the most prominent award given for science fiction and fantasy literature each year. The first Hugos were given out in 1953, with the award becoming an annual event beginning in 1958.

- **Nebula Award Winners**

<http://www.lincolnlibraries.org/depts/bookguide/aw/nebulawinners.htm>

- These awards are given for the best Science Fiction/Fantasy pieces as determined by the authors themselves.

- **Minnesota Book Awards 2007**

http://www.thefriends.org/mba_winners_2007.html

- Book awards within the cultural category includes a specialized list of children's titles.

- **Best Books from SBF Online (Science K-12)**

<http://www.sbsonline.com/bestlists.htm>

- Materials from this site are published by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), SB&F is the only critical review journal devoted exclusively to print and nonprint materials in all of the sciences and for all age groups.
- SB&F believes that many of the same components that make a good children's book make a good children's science book: the presentation, the organization, the language, and the quality of illustrations. In addition, high-quality science books must also be accurate and present scientific processes in a way that can be understood by a child without misleading oversimplification. Finally, good children's science books should encourage an interest in science by prompting young readers to know more.

- **Parents' Choice Award Winners : Books**

http://www.parents-choice.org/get_direct.cfm?cat=p_boo

- Offers award-winning booklists from 1983 to the present in the categories of: Doing and Learning; Fiction; Non-fiction; Paperback; Picture Book; Reference Book Story Book; Poetry, Homework Helpers; and Historical Fiction.

- **NSTA: Outstanding Science Trade Books for Students K-12**

<http://www.nsta.org/publications/ostb/>

- These trade books have been selected by a book review panel appointed by the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) and assembled in cooperation with the Children's Book Council (CBC). From 1973 through 2001, when the list was known as Outstanding Science Trade Books for Children, the books selected were primarily targeted at grades K through 8. Beginning in 2002, the list has been expanded to include high school.

- **Social Studies Trade Books**

<http://www.socialstudies.org/resources/notable/>

- The books that appear in these annotated book lists were evaluated and selected by a Book Review Committee appointed by the National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS) and assembled in cooperation with the Children's Book Council (CBC). Books selected for this bibliography are for grades K-8. The criteria for book selection emphasizes human relations, represents a diversity of groups and is sensitive to a broad range of cultural experiences. Books must present an original theme or a fresh slant on a traditional topic, be easily readable and of high literary quality, and have a pleasing format and, when appropriate, illustrations that enrich the text.

- **ESIP : A Selection of Literacy Websites**

<http://www.esiponline.org/resources/literacy.html>

- 100 Picture Books Everyone Should Know
<http://www.nypl.org/branch/kids/gloria.html>

Have you read *Tuesday* by David Wiesner or *Millions of Cats* by Wanda Gag? Are you familiar with Say's *Grandfather's Journey*? Have you laughed along with *Officer Buckle and Gloria* by Peggy Rathman? If these titles don't ring a bell, you might want to go to this New York Public Library list to find out what else you've been missing in the world of children's picture books!

- **ALA's Great Sites for Children: Literature and Language**

<http://www.ala.org/parentspage/greatsites/lit.html>

Are you too busy to hunt down your own websites? Are you having trouble finding websites that match your children's literature needs? If so, why not start your literature search on the American Library Association's "Literature and Language-Sites for Children"? Categories include: Favorite Children's Stories, Expanding the Classics, Authors and Illustrators, Look It Up!, Writing by Children, and Children's Book Awards. Each link has a short description for that particular site to help guide you in your selections.

- **Children's Literature Web Guide**

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/~dkbrown/index.html>

The Children's Literature Web Guide is devoted entirely to "Internet Resources Related to Books for Children and Young Adults." The information is organized in several main categories, which are then further categorized. For example, one section, "More Links", has categories which include "Authors on the Web", "Readers' Theatre", "Digging Deeper: Research Guides and Indexes" and "Resources for Storytellers". Don't be fooled by the inclusion of a special "Resources for Teachers" section, as everything on this site is a resource for teachers.

- **Cyberguides**

<http://www.sdcoe.k12.ca.us/score/cyberguide.html>

What is a Cyberguide? Cyberguides are "supplementary, standards-based, web-delivered units of instruction centered on core works of literature. Each Cyberguide contains a student and teacher edition, standards, a task and a process by which it may be completed, teacher-selected web sites and a rubric, based on California Language Arts Content Standards." There are plenty cyberguides to choose from, and your selection is made simpler because the guides are divided by grade levels. There are even some teacher and student activity banks for you to check out. If you are looking for ways to further integrate technology into your classroom, these guides are perfect examples of one possibility.

- **Cynthia Leitich Smith**

<http://www.cynthialeitichsmith.com>

There are featured books and links of the month, eighteen categories of bibliographies, teacher/reading guides, and quotes from authors. There's a section of "Readers' Resources" and information related to "Race, Culture, Religion, Gender, and Sexual Orientation in Children's and Young Adult Books", and much, much more on this excellent website.

- **Fairrosa Cyber Library of Children's Literature**

<http://www.fairrosa.info/>

Take the Newbery Honor books survey. Linger a while in the "Reading Room" where you'll find classics, fairy and folk tales, stories and rhymes, magazines and professional journals. Browse the "Reference Shelf" for information about authors, illustrators, book reviews and articles. Take a slight turn into the ChildLit archived discussion topics section for some lively and informed reading.

- **ISLMC Children's Literature & Language Arts Resources**

<http://falcon.jmu.edu/~ramseyil/childlit.htm>

"Want to Talk" about children's literature? Then check out the section on newspapers, chat rooms listservs and discussion groups. Need some "Literary Enrichment Activities"? You'll find some related to storytelling, drama, creative dramatics, reader's theatre, puppetry, music and songs. Preparing for an author study? Check out the authors and illustrators pages. While you're there, you can also access information about book awards, book reviews, genre, web links and more.

- **Kay E. Vandergrift's Special Interest Page**

<http://www.scils.rutgers.edu/~kvander/>

"This website is a means of sharing ideas and information with all those interested in literature for children and young adults." Comprehensive sections are devoted to: children's literature, authors & illustration, the history of children's literature, gender & culture in picture books, young adult literature and more. This is an excellent resource for those new to the world of children's literature as well as those who are well read in this area.

- **Kidsreads.com**

<http://www.kidsreads.com/>

Need answers for your book club questions? Are you looking for recently published books with "the potential to become classics?" Are you scrambling for titles in particular series? If you have answered yes to any of these questions, you should definitely head to this site geared toward books for young readers.

- **Nancy J. Keane's Children's Literature Webpage**

<http://www.nancykeane.com>

This site features lists of Keane's publications, her virtual library, a list of workshops, reading lists, and literature links. But the don't miss feature on this site is the section titled "Booktalks-Quick and Simple". In this section, over 1,200 K-12 booktalks are available through author, title, subject, and interest level searches. Keane also provides

booktalking tips.

- **National Council of Teachers of English**

<http://www.ncte.org/>

The website is designed so that elementary, middle, secondary, and college instructors have their own particular section. This allows easier access to specific interests in reading.

- **Project Gutenberg**

<http://gutenberg.net/>

Since 1971, the idea behind Project Gutenberg has been to make books available online. This site contains the full text of "classic books from the start of this century and previous centuries, from authors like Shakespeare, Poe, Dante, as well as well-loved favorites like the Sherlock Holmes stories by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, the Tarzan and Mars books of Edgar Rice Burroughs, *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* as told by Lewis Carroll, and thousands of others."

- **The Reading Corner**

<http://www.carr.lib.md.us/read/>

The purpose of the site is "to give book reviews for readers in grades 2-8 that give a little more information than what you find in the library catalog." This searchable site does this and more. The book reviews can be found by searching by author's last name, book title, or subject. However, they can also be accessed through categories such as Young Adult, Nonfiction, and Picture Books. The site provides additional information related to state awards and the Author Corner, "a place to meet authors and illustrators of children's and young adult books." This site certainly is "a place to find good books to read."

- **The Reading Rainbow**

<http://pbskids.org/readingrainbow/>

Find out how your students can enter the "Young Writers & Illustrators Contest." Listen to book reviews and descriptions. Read and evaluate the books on LeVar's Booklist. There's even a section of games and activities.

- **Teenreads.com**

<http://www.teenreads.com/>

"Book Clubs and Reading Guides for Teens," author profiles, and book reviews are just a few of the fine features on this site that is devoted to young adult literature. While visiting the site you can also subscribe to the monthly newsletter.

- **Building a Home Library Bibliographies**

<http://www.ala.org/ala/alsc/alscresources/alacbcbuildingahomelibrary/alacbcbuildinghomelbry.cfm>

The ALA-CBC Joint Committee, with cooperation from the ALSC's Quicklists Consulting Committee, has created four bibliographies about Building a Home Library to provide guidance to parents, grandparents, and others interested in assembling a high-quality library for their children at home.

- **Outstanding International Books 2007**

<http://www.schoollibraryjournal.com/article/CA6410489.html>

This is the home page for *School library journal*. The booklists for 2007 are included.

- **Outstanding International Books 2006**

<http://www.schoollibraryjournal.com/article/CA6302985.html>

2006 was the inaugural year of the Outstanding International Books project, a bibliography intended to highlight excellence in books originally published outside of the U.S. Nine children's literature experts comprise the book selection committee.

- **Top Ten Out-of-Print Books: The Short List**

<http://www.schoollibraryjournal.com/article/CA6302985.html>

These are the top ten books that readers would like reissued.

- **Capitol Choices - Noteworthy Titles for Children and Teens**

<http://capitolchoices.communitypoint.org/>

- Capitol Choices includes librarians, teachers, booksellers, children's literature specialists, and magazine editors who work in cities, in suburbs, and in rural areas in and around Washington, D.C. Members work directly with young people and share a commitment to bringing children and books together. The 2008 Capitol Choices Booklist is available in abbreviated form on the homepage.

- **100 Best Books from NEA**
<http://www.teachersfirst.com/100books.cfm>
 - This is the National Education Association's list of titles for students in elementary and secondary education.
- **Recommended Reading From the New York Public Library**
<http://kids.nypl.org/reading/recommended2.cfm?ListID=60>
 - Offers the top 100 Favorite Children's books with annotations about the contents.
- **Reading Rockets : Recommended Kids Books by Theme**
<http://www.readingrockets.org/books/booksbytheme>
 - Reading Rockets offers booklists organized by theme for ages 0-9. They were selected by a children's literature expert of the American Library Association's Notable Children's Books committee. They focus on new titles and emphasize quality.
- **Amazon's Best Books of 20__**
http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/tg/feature/-/1000021621/ref=amb_link_3907372_6/105-8050836-7669269
 - Amazon's site provides a free list of the top ten children's books of the year as judged by editors. Search by year.
- **YRCA**
<http://www.pnla.org/yrca/index.htm>
 - This Pacific Northwest Library site provides lists of notable books for young readers across many years.
- **National Book Foundation**
<http://www.nationalbook.org/nba2003.html>
 - The website provides booklists from 2000 to the present focusing on American Literature.
- **Hans Christian Andersen Awards from the International Board on Books for Young People**
<http://www.ibby.org/index.php?id=273>

- Every other year IBBY presents the Hans Christian Andersen Awards to a living author and illustrator whose complete works have made a lasting contribution to children's literature.
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- **Bank Street College of Education: Awards**
<http://www.bankstreet.edu/bookcom/awards.html>
 - This award, sponsored by The Florence L. Miller Memorial Fund, is given each year to honor a book or books of outstanding literary merit in which children or young people deal in a positive and realistic way with difficulties in their world which lead to their growth emotionally and morally.
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Free books:

<http://www.e-book.com.au/freebooks.htm>

This list of Internet sites provides online access to Notable, Recommended, and Award-Winning Literature. The list was assembled in March 2008 by Lynnette Van Dyke, English Language Arts Consultant. Links were updated in May of 2009. If you have questions about the list, please contact Lynnette at vandykel@michigan.gov or 517-241-3508.