



## For students entering grades 3 and 4:

Students entering grades 3 and 4 do not have a specific required summer reading list. We would, however, like to encourage students to participate in the wonderful statewide summer reading programs at local public libraries. This year's theme is **Libraries Rock**. Students are asked to keep a log of books they read. The libraries offer incentives, raffles, prizes, awesome activities, and entertainment!!! This is a terrific way to practice reading skills during the long, hot summer! It's fun to escape into the pages of a good book!!

Some libraries even offer an Adult Summer Reading Program! Check it out!!

For information about Southwick's program, you may call the Southwick Public Library at 413-569-1221 and Granville Public Library at 413-357-8531. If you will be away for the summer, visit the local library to sign up for their program!

## For students entering grade 5:

All students entering fifth grade are expected to read at least TWO books over the summer. ONE of these can be any book of their choice, as long as it has an Accelerated Reader test. Students can check if a book has a test by going to the website <http://www.arbookfind.com> and typing in the title of their selected book.

The SECOND book must come from the Massachusetts Children's Book Awards (MCBA) list provided. Titles range in reading level from early fourth grade to advanced sixth grade, and students are encouraged to read ANY book from the list (regardless of reading level) that they think they would enjoy most and understand. For more information on the MCBA titles and contest, please visit the Salem State website at <https://www.salemstate.edu/academics/school-education/community>.

We believe reading should be fun, and we would like our upcoming fifth graders to enjoy their summer reading. We hope that some students will read more than one book off the MCBA list, as these books are selected for "literary quality, genres variety, representation of diverse cultural groups, and reader appeal," and reading multiple books will enable students to vote for their favorite in March. Happy reading!

## For students entering grade 6:

Students must read at least one book from the Salem State's Massachusetts Children's Book Award List and at least one additional book of their choice. Students must take notes to track their thinking and to keep the story fresh in their mind as they will be completing an assignment and taking AR quizzes. Elements to track include major conflicts, major characters, important symbols, themes, quotes, and the title and author of the text.

# Massachusetts Children's Book Award Nominees 2018-2019

Massachusetts Children's Book Award  
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Master List 2018-2019 Nominees



*All Rise for the Honorable Perry T. Cook* by Leslie Connor

*The Bad Guys (Episode #1)* by Aaron Blabey

*A Boy Called Bat* by Elana Arnold

*The Curious World of Calpurnia Tate* by Jacqueline Kelly

*The Doldrums* by Nicholas Gannon

*Framed: A T.O.A.S.T. Mystery* by James Ponti

*Ghost* by Jason Reynolds

*Growing Up Pedro: How the Martinez Brothers Made It from the Dominican Republic All the Way to the Major Leagues* by Matt Tavares

*A Handful of Stars* by Cynthia Lord

*The Inquisitor's Tale: Or, The Three Magical Children and Their Holy Dog*

by Adam Gidwitz

*It Ain't So Awful, Falafel* by Firoozeh Dumas

*The Last Fifth Grade of Emerson Elementary* by Laura Shovan

*Ms. Bixby's Last Day* by John David Anderson

*A Night Divided* by Jennifer A. Nielsen

*One Last Word* by Nikki Grimes

*Rain Reign* by Ann M. Martin

*Raymie Nightingale* by Kate DiCamillo

*Science Comics: Volcanoes: Fire and Life* by Jon Chad

*The Terrible Two* by Mac Barnett

*Took: A Ghost Story* by Mary Downing Hahn

*Towers Falling* by Jewell Parker Rhodes

*The Underground Abductor* by Nathan Hale

*Waylon! One Awesome Thing* by Sara Pennypacker

*What Elephants Know* by Eric Dinerstein

*Wolf Hollow* by Lauren Wolk

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## MCBA 2018-2019 Nominated Book List by Grade Level

<b>MCBA 2018 Book List by Grade Level</b>				
<b>Grade</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>F&amp;P</b>	<b>Lexile</b>
<b>Early Grade 4</b>	A Boy Called Bat	Arnold, Elana	R	760
	The Bad Guys (Episode #1)	Blabey, Aaron	P	GN
	The Underground Abductor	Hale, Nathan	S	370L
	Waylon! One Awesome Thing	Pennypacker, Sara	Q	680
	Growing Up Pedro: How the Martinez Brothers Made It from the Dominican Republic All the Way to the Major Leagues	Tavares, Matt	N	730
<b>Grade 4</b>	The Terrible Two	Barnett, Mac	R	620
	All Rise for the Honorable Perry T. Cook	Connor, Leslie	W	540
	Raymie Nightingale	DiCamillo, Kate	V	550
	A Handful of Stars	Lord, Cynthia	S	690
	The Last Fifth Grade of Emerson Elementary	Shovan, Laura	T	NP
<b>Grade 5</b>	Science Comics: Volcanoes	Chad, Jon	n/a	n/a
	The Doldrums	Gannon, Nicholas	V	680
	Rain Reign	Martin, Ann M.	T	720
	Framed: A T.O.A.S.T. Mystery	Ponti, James	n/a	680
	Wolf Hollow	Wolk, Lauren	X	800
<b>Grade 6</b>	What Elephants Know	Dinerstein, Eric	n/a	790
	It Ain't So Awful, Falafel	Dumas, Firoozeh	n/a	730
	Took: A Ghost Story	Hahn, Mary Downing	n/a	690
	Ghost	Reynolds, Jason	Z	730
	Towers Falling	Rhodes, Jewell Parker	W	410
<b>Grade 6+</b>	Ms. Bixby's Last Day	Anderson, John David	Z	800
	The Inquisitor's Tale: Or, The Three Magical Children and Their Holy Dog	Gidwitz, Adam	n/a	620
	One Last Word	Grimes, Nikki	n/a	n/a
	The Curious World of Calpurnia Tate	Kelly, Jacqueline	Z	860
	A Night Divided	Nielsen, Jennifer A.	Y	810