

"Reading is the heart of education. The knowledge of almost every subject in school flows from reading." Jim Trelease, Read-Aloud Handbook

The way education looks may be different in our digital age, but the importance of reading is still the same. The educational benefit of reading out aloud may be scientifically proven, but reading out aloud can also be a wonderful way of spending quality family time.

Based on a suggested reading list that was created about 25 years ago, this new list of book recommendations was compiled. The main purpose of this list is to offer families options for amazing story time experiences. This list is obviously not a complete list of all the great books that are available but does include many many that are considered great. The recommendations include mainly books of fiction, some classics and old time favorites, and many new publications.

The objective of the Innovative Education Services reading list (Innocademy Homestead Campus, iCademy Global, Innocademy Allegan Campus) is to provide students, parents, caregivers, teachers, community members with a source of quality literature to be read by and with our children.

Participants were provided with a questionnaire and asked to list what they believed to be examples of engaging and appealing literature that could be read at different times during a person's life. We hope that this resource can be used by IES families to promote the importance of reading gratifying and captivating literature throughout the lifespan.

"[Reading aloud] brings joy, engagement, and profound emotional connection for children, teens, adults-everybody. Reading out loud is probably the least expensive and most effective intervention we can make for the good of our families, and for the wider culture." ~Meghan Cox Gurdon, The Enchanted Hour.

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Kindergarten			
Author	Title		
Amery, Heather	Then and Now		
Anthony, Steve	Mr. Panda Books		
Asch, Frank	Happy Birthday Moon		
Bridwell, Norman	Clifford the Big Red Dog		
Brown, Lois	Goodnight Moon		
Brown, Margaret	Runaway Bunny		
Burton, Virginia Lee	Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel		
Carle, Eric	The Very Hungry Caterpillar		
Crews, Donald	10 Black Dots		
Dean, James	Pete the Cat Series		
dePaola, Tommie	Strega Nona; The Art Lesson		
DiCamillo, Kate	Mercy Watson Series		
Dr. Seuss	The Mice of Mr. Brice		
Eastman, P.D.	Go, Dog, Go!		
Gilman, Phoebe	Something from Nothing		
Johnson, Crockett	Harold and the Purple Crayon		
Keats, Ezra Jack	Peter's Chair; The Snowy Day		
Lionni, Leo	Frederick		
Martin Jr., Bill	Barn Dance		
McBratney, Dan	Guess How Much I Love You		
McClintock, Mike	A Fly Went By		
McCloskey, Robert	Make Way for Ducklings; Blueberries for Sale; Mary Alice Operator #9		
Merriam, Eve	You Be Good & I'll Be Night		
Milne, A.A.	Winnie the Pooh		
Minarik, Else	The Little Bear Books		
Numeroff, Laura	If You Give a Mouse a Cookie ; If You Give a Moose a Muffin		
Penn, Audrey	The Kissing Hand		
Pfister, Marcus	The Rainbow Fish		
Portis, Antoinette	Not a Box		
Potter, Beatrix	A Tale of Peter Rabbit		
Rey, H.A.	Curious George		
Reynolds, Peter H.	The Dot		
Scarry, Richard	What Do People Do All Day?		
Sendak, Maurice	Where the Wild Things Are		
Slobodkina, Esphyr	Caps for Sale		
Spier, Peter	People		
Stevenson, Robert L	A Child's Garden of Verses		
Stohner, Anu	Brave Charlotte		
Tullet, Herve	Press Here		
Viorst, Judith	Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day		
Willems, Mo	Elephant & Piggie Books		

	Grades 1+2		
	Author	Title	
	Brown, Marc	The "Arthur" Series	
	Cannon, Janell	Stellaluna	
	Chandler, Gertrude	The Boxcar Children	
	Cleary, Beverly	Ramona & Beatrice Series	
	Cole, Joanna	Magic School Bus Series	
	Cooney, Barbara	Miss Rumphius	
	Daywalt, Drew	The Day the Crayons Quit	
	dePaola, Tommie	The Legend of the Indian Paintbrush	
	Dr. Seuss	Cat in the Hat	
	Faruqi, Saadia	Meet Yasmin Series	
	Flack, Marjorie	The Story About Ping	
	Henkes, Kevin	Wemberly Worried	
	Lawson, Robert	Ben and Me	
	Leaf, Munro	The Story of Ferdinand	
	Lobel, Arnold	Frog and Toad are Friends (Mouse Tales ; Owl At Home)	
	Parish, Peggy	Amelia Bedelia	
	Peterson, Jeanne	I Have a Sister	
	Politi, Leo	Song of the Swallows	
	Pope-Osborne, Ma	Magic Tree House Series	
	Preussler, Otfried	The Little Witch ; The Little Ghost	
	Rath, Tom	How Full is Your Bucket	
	Ryland, Cynthia	Henry and Mudge	
	Schade, Susan	Toad on the Road	
	Selden, George	The Cricket in Times Square	
	Shannon, David	A Bad Case of Stripes	
	Shaw, Nancy	Sheep in a Jeep	
	Silverstein, Shel	The Giving Tree	
	Stan & Jan Berenst	The Berenstain Bears Series	
	Stevens, Janet	Tops & Bottoms	
	VanAllsburg, Chris	The Polar Express	
	White, E.B.	Stuart Little ; Charlotte's Web ; Trumpet of the Swan	

Grades 3+4		
Author	Title	
Atwater, Richard	Mr. Popper's Penguins	
Avi	Ragweed	
Banks, Lynn	Indian in the Cupboard	
Barrie, J.M.	Peter Pan	
Base, Graeme	Animalia	
Bell, Cece	El Deafo (Graphic Novel)	
Brink, Carol	Baby Island	
Burnett, Frances H.	The Secret Garden	
Catling, Patrick	The Chocolate Touch	
Cleary, Beverly	Muggie Maggie	
Clements, Andrew	Frindle	
Coerr, Eleanor	Sadako and the 1000 Paper Cranes	
Dadey, Debbie	Bailey School	
Dahl, Roald	James and the Giant Peach; Charlie and the Chocolate Factory	
Davidson, Margaret	Helen Keller	
DiCamillo, Kate	Because of Winn Dixie	
Dixon, F.W.	Hardy Boys Series	
Downing, Julie	Mozart Tonight	
Enright, Elizabeth	Gone Away Lake	
Fleischman, Sid	The Whipping Boy	
Fritz, Jean	And Then What Happened, Paul Revere	
Gardinel, John	Stone Fox	
George, Jean	Julie of the Wolves	
Hale, Anna	Mystery on Mackinac Island	
Hillyer, V.M.	A Child's History of the World	
Keene, Carolyn	Nancy Drew Series	
Lewis, C.S.	Chronicles of Narnia	
McCloskey, Robert	Homer Price	
Naylor, Phyllis	Shiloh	
Robinson, B.	The Best Christmas Pageant Ever	
Sawyer, Ruth	Roller Skates	
Sewell, Anna	Black Beauty	
Smith, Robert	Chocolate Fever	
Sobold, Donald J.	Encyclopedia Brown	
Spry, Johanna	Heidi	
Steig, William	Abel's Island; Brave Irene	
Stevenson, Robert Lewis	Treasure Island	
Telgemeier, Raina	Sisters (Graphic Novel)	
Wilder, Laura Ingalls	Little House on the Prairie series	
Williams, Margery	The Velveteen Rabbit	
Winterfeld, Henry	Detectives in Toga	

Grades 5+6			
Author	Title		
Alcott, Louisa May	Little Women		
Armstrong, William	Sounder		
Babbitt, Natalie	Tuck Everlasting		
Balliett, Blue	Chasing Vermeer		
Bauer, Michael	Don't Call me Ishmael		
Blume, Judy	Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret		
Boyne, John	The Terrible Thing that happened to Barnaby Rookett		
Conley, J.	Crazy Lady		
Craft, Jerry	New Kid		
Craighead George, Jean	My Side of the Mountain		
de Saint Exupry, Antoine	The Little Prince		
Draper, Sharon	Out of My Mind		
Ende, Michael	Momo		
Fenner, Carol	Yolanda's Genius		
Forbes, Esther	Johnny Tremain		
Funke, Cornelia	Inkheart Trilogy		
Gemeinhart, Dan	The Honest Truth		
Hunt, Lynda Mullaly	A Fish in a Tree		
Ibbotson, Eva	Journey to the River		
Jacques, Brian	Tales Of Redwall		
Keller, Helen	The Story of My Life		
Key, Watt	Alabama Moon		
Kipling, Rudyard	The Jungle Book		
Konigsburg, E.L.	From the Mixed up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frank		
L'Engle, Madeleine	A Wrinkle in Time		
London, Jack	Call of the Wild; White Fang		
McSwigan, Marie	Snow Treasure		
Montgomery, L.M.	Anne of Green Gables Series		
More, Jean	Julie of the Wolves		
O'Dell, Scott	Island of the Blue Dolphins		
Oppel, Kenneth	The Nest		
Palacio, R.J.	Wonder		
Paterson, Katherine	Bridge to Terabithia		
Paulson, Gary	Hatchet		
Rawls, Wilson	Where the Red Fern Grows		
Reynolds, Jason	Ghost		
Ride, Sally	To Space and Back		
Rowling, J.K.	Harry Potter series		
Sachar, Louis	Holes		
Snickett, Lemony	A Series of Unfortunate Events		
Sperry, Armstrong	Call it Courage		
Steinhofel, Andreas	The Spaghetti Detectives		
Sutherland, Tui T.	Wings of Fire		
Tolkein, J.R.R.	Hobbit		
Wilder, Laura Ingalls	Little House Series		
Wyss, David	The Swiss Family Robinson		
Yang, Kelly	Front Desk		

Grades 7+8		
	Author	Title
	Adams, D.	The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy
	Alexander, Kwame	The Crossover
	Auel, Jean	Clan of the Cave Bear
	Avi	Crispin
	Boyne, John	The Boy in the Striped Pajamas
	Burnett, Frances Hogston	The Little Princess
	Burnford, Sheila	The Incredible Journey
	Doye, Artur Conan	Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes
	Farmer, N.	A Girl Name Disaster
	Frank, Anne	Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl
	Freedman, Russell	Lincoln
	Gantos, Jack	Dead End in Norvett
	Golding William	Lord of the Flies
	Grant, Cynthia D.	Mary Wolf
	Green, Bette	The Summer of My German Soldier
	Green, John	The Fault in Our Stars
	Hamilton, Virginia	The House of Dies Drear
	Herriot, James	All Creatures Great & Small
	Jacques, Brian	Redwall series
	Poznanski, Ursula	Erebos
	Riordan Rick	Percy Jackson
	Spinelli, Jerry	Stargirl

	High School			
	Author	Title		
	Adams, Douglas	The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy		
	Arnold, David	Mosquitoland		
	Baker, Christina	The Orphan Train		
	Bauer, Joan	Squashed		
	Bennett, William	The Book of Virtues		
	Bradbury, Ray	Dandelion Wine		
	Buck, Pearl	The Good Earth		
	Card, Orson Scot	Ender's Game		
	Farmer, N.	The Ear, The Eye, & The Arm		
	Fitzgerald, F. Sco	The Great Gatsby		
	Furlong, Monica	Wise Child		
	Green, John	Looking for Alaska		
	Haddon, Mark	The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time		
	Hesse, Hermann	Siddhartha		
	Hunt, Irene	Up a Road Slowly		
	Jackson, Shirley	The Lottery		
	Jacques, Brian	Redwail Series		
	Keller, Helen	The Story of My Life		
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	McCormick, Patri	Sold		
	Menon, Sandhya	When Dimple Met Rishi		
	Mitchell, Margar	Gone With the Wind		
	Neale Hurston, Z	Their Eyes Were Watching God		
	Orwell, George	Animal Farm		
	Sevela, Ephraim	We Were Not Like Other People		
	Sherman, Alexie	The Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian		
	Stone, Irving	The Agony and the Ecstasy		
	Strosser, Todd	The Wave		
	Thomas, Angie	The Hate U Give		
	Thoreau, Henry D	Walden		
	Tolkien, J.R.R.	The Trilogy of the Ring		
	Walker, Alice	The Color Purple		
	Westerfeld, Scot	Uglies		
	Yousafzai, Malala	I Am Malala		
	Zusak, Markus	The Book Thief		
	Zweig, Stefan	Chess Story		

Books About Reading					
Gurdon, Megan Cox		The Enchanted Hour			
Bennett-Amistead, Duke & Moses		Beyond Bedtime Stories			
Trelease, Jim		The Read Aloud Handbook			
Russell, William R.		Classics to Read Aloud to Your Children			
Hunt, Gladys		Honey for a Child's Heart			
Paul, Pamela		How to Raise a Reader			
Collections of Stories					
Grimm		Grimm's Fairy Tales			
Koh, Becky		An Illustrated Treasury of Read-a-loud Classics for Young People			
Schulman, Janet		The 20th Century Children's Book Treasury			
Bennett, William		The Book of Virtues			
Websites					
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