

GRADE 6 ELA Resources at the TRC

Growing Up (Personal and Philosophical; multigenre thematic)

Class Sets (20+ copies)

- Aram's Choice (*Skrypuch*)
- Bridge to Terabitha (*Paterson*) & DVD
- Boy's Own: An anthology of Canadian Fiction for Young Readers
- Full steam to Canada: A Barr Colony adventure (*Patton*)
- Girl's Own: An anthology of Canadian Fiction for Young Readers
- Listening tree, The (*Lotteridge*)

Individual Resources

- Lucy Maud Montgomery: a writer's life (*MacLeod*) x 2 copies

Lit Sets (7 copies)

- Wings to fly (*Lottridge*) – LIT FIC LOT

Novels

- Dragon in the clouds
Looking for answers, supplement – TKT 158.2 LOO
Exploring realistic fiction – TKT 813.54 EXP

Theme kits

- *Island trilogy – Gordon Korman – TKT FIC KOR*
7 copies each: Escape -- Shipwreck -- Survival

Messages (Communicative; multigenre thematic)

Class Sets (20+ copies)

- A Pizza the Size of the Sun: Poems to Act Out
- Cougar Cove (*Lawson*)

Lit Sets (7 copies)

- I am Phoenix (*Fleischman*) – LIT 811.54 FLE
- Joyful noise (*Fleischman*) – LIT 811.54 FLE
- Librarian of Basra: A True Story From Iraq, *The* – LIT 020.92 WIN

Individual Resources

- Three Wishes: Palestinian and Israeli Children Speak – X 2 copies 956.9405 ELL
- Librarian of Basra: A True Story From Iraq, *The* – 020.92 WIN

Tales -- Heroes, Deeds and Wonders

(Imaginative and Literary; author/genre study)

Class Sets (20+ copies)

- After Hamelin (*Richardson*)
- Jeremy Thatcher, dragon hatcher (Coville)
- Lion, the witch, and the wardrobe., The (Lewis)

Lit Sets (7 copies):

- Tale of Despereaux: Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup, and a Spool of Thread (*DiCamillo*) – LIT FIC DIC
- Nose for adventure., A (*Scrimger*) – LIT FIC SCR

Videos/DVD:

- Constellation Myths (DVD 398 CON)

Taking Flight

(Environmental and Technological: multigenre inquiry and interdisciplinary)

Class Sets (20+ copies)

- Amelia Earhart: Free in the skies (*Burleigh, et. al*)

Lit Sets (7 copies)

- Wings to fly (*Lottridge*) – LIT FIC LOT

Short Stories

- Selections from The Sky's the Limit (*Pan-Canadian Science Place Series*)

Individual Resources

- Amazing International Space Station – X 2 copies 629.44 AMA
- Spectacular Women in Space – X 2 copies 629.45 GUE
- Weird & Wonderful Aircraft – 629.133 HAN

Theme kits (TKT):

- Story of flight - TKT 629.13 HAN

Contents: 2 copies each – Free in the skies – Weird and wonderful aircraft.

1 copy each – Air combat – Airborne – Amazing flights : the golden age – Commercial aviation – First to fly – Flying for fun – Helicopters – Military aircraft of WWI – Military aircraft of WWII – Modern military aircraft – Seaplanes and naval aviation – Space flight – Wright brothers and other pioneers of flight., The –

Going the Distance

(Personal and Philosophical; Social, Cultural, and Historical; multigenre thematic)

Class Sets (20+ copies)

- Aram's Choice (*Skrypuch*)
- Crazy man (*Porter*)
- Listening tree, The (*Lottridge*)
- Man Who Ran Faster Than Everyone: the Story of Tom Longboat., The (*Batten*)
- Prairie Fire (*Freeman*)

- Rosie in New York City: Gotcha (*Matas*)
- Underground to Canada (*Smucker*)

Lit Sets (7 copies)

- Finding Sophie (*Watts*) – LIT FIC WAT
- Mighty big imagining: Rachel (*Kositsky*) – LIT FIC KOS

Individual Resources

- Black Canadians – 971.00496
- Kids Book of Black Canadian History – 971 SAD
- Kids book of Canadian History – 971 HAC

Novels

- Screech Owls' Northern adventure
Sports and spectators. Box A – TKT 796 SPO

Peace and conflict

(Social, Cultural, and Historical; Communicative; multigenre thematic or inquiry)

Class Sets (20+ copies)

- Aram's Choice (*Skrypuch*)
- Broken memory (*Combres*)
- Full steam to Canada: A Barr Colony Adventure (*Patton*)
- Sadako and the Thousand paper Cranes (*Coerr*)

Lit Sets (7 copies)

- Blues Journey (*Myers*) – LIT 811.54 MYE
- Brundibar (*Kushner*) – LIT E KUS
- Peace Walker: The legend of Hiawatha and Tekanawita (*Taylor*) – LIT 398.2 TAY

Individual Resources

- Three Wishes: Palestinian and Israeli children Speak – X 2 copies 956.9405 ELL

Photographs and Other Visuals Including Picture books:

- Librarian of Basra: A True Story From Iraq (*Winter*) – LIT 020.92 WIN

Major Integrated Resources:

- Cornerstones 6a & 6b (50 copies each), Assessment Guide x3, Blackline masters x4, Teacher's guide x 2
- Collections 6:
 - *Discovering Links* x 50, sound recording & CD, Supplementary package
 - *Looking for Answers* x 50, sound recording & CD, Supplementary package
 - *Off the Page* x 50, sound recording & CD, Supplementary package
 - *Space, Stars & Quasars* x 50, sound recording, Supplementary package
 - *Tales – Heroes, Deeds and Wonders* x 50, sound recording & CD, Supplementary package
 - *Assessment Handbook*
 - *Teaching with Novels, books, and Poetry handbook*
 - Teacher's Resource for each Module

➤ *Program Information guide*

➤ *Learning Strategy Cards*

Literacy in Action – Poster Pack, Teacher’s Binder, Student Textbook (13-6A, 14-6B)

Professional Resources

Core List Titles

- Classroom Assessment: Principles and Practice for Effective Standards-Based Instruction
371.26 MCM
- Classroom Strategies for Interactive Learning
371.3 BUE
- Content Area Reading and Literacy: Succeeding in Today’s Diverse Classrooms
428.4071 ALV
- Do I Really Have to Teach Reading?: Content Comprehension, Grades 6-12
428.4 TOV
- Engaging Readers & Writers With Inquiry: Promoting Deep Understandings in Language Arts and Content Areas With Guiding Questions
372.6 WIL
- Exploring and Teaching the English Language Arts
428 TCH
- 50 Literacy Strategies: Step by Step (2004 Edition)
372.6TOM
- Grammar Plan Book: A guide to smart teaching
428.2071 WEA
- Planning for Inquiry: It is not an Oxymoron!
372.139 PAR
- Science of spelling: the explicit specifics that make great readers and writers (and spellers)
by Richard J. Gentry
428 GEN
- Strategies to Enhance Literacy and Learning in Middle School Content Area Classrooms
428.4071 IRV
- Windows Into Literacy: Assessing Learners K-8
372.6 RHO
- Writing Next: Effective Strategies to Improve Writing of Adolescents in Middle and High Schools
372.6 GRA
- Write on Track: A Handbook for Young Writers, Thinkers, and Learners
808 KEM

Additional Learning Resources Titles

- Broken Flute: The Native Experience in Books for Children
970.004 BRO
- Critical Literacy: Enhancing Students' Comprehension of Text
372.4 MCL
- I Read It, But I Don't Get It: Comprehension Strategies for Adolescent Readers
428.4 TOV
- Knowing Words: Creating Word-rich Classrooms
428.1 SCO
- Literacy Strategies Across the Subject Areas: Process-oriented Blackline Masters for the K-12 Classroom
372.6 WOO
- Making Facts Come Alive: Choosing & Using Quality Non-fiction Literature K-8
372.64 BAM
- Moving forward with Literature Circles
371.3 DAY
- Nelson Spelling 6: Teacher's Resource and Student Text
428 KEK
- QAR Now: Question Answer Relationships
372.4 RAP
- "Reading Don't Fix No Chevy": Literacy in the lives of young men
371.82 SMI
- Reading and Writing Non-fiction Genres
372.62 BUS
- Reading is seeing: Learning to Visualize Scenes, Characters, Ideas, and Text Worlds to Improve Comprehension and Reflective Reading
428.4071 WIL
- Reciprocal Teaching at Work: Strategies for Improving Reading Comprehension
372.47 OCZ
- Response Journals Revisited: Maximizing Learning through Reading, Writing, Viewing, Discussing, and Thinking
372.6 PAR
- Shades of Meaning: Comprehension and interpretation in Middle School
428.4 SAN
- Socratic Circles: Fostering Critical and Creative Thinking in Middle and High School
373.1102 COP
- Teaching Reading: A Complete Resource for Grades 4 and Up
372.4 ROB
- Vocabulary-enriched Classroom: Practices for Improving the Reading Performance of all Students in Grade 3 and up
418.0071 BLO

Other Useful Resources

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- Classroom Events through Poetry
811 SWA
- Guided Comprehension: A teaching model for Grades 3-8
372.4 MCL
- Through Indian Eyes: The Native Experience in Books for Children
372.64 THR
- TV book: the Kids' guide to talking back
302.23 WAL

Class Sets – Grade 6

Agnes Parker... Girl in Progress Kathleen O'Dell Gr. 6 c2003

Summary: As she starts in the sixth grade, Agnes faces challenges with her old best friend, a longtime bully, a wonderful new classmate and neighbor, and herself. **(40 copies)**

CURRICULUM RECOMMENDED: Suggested Use: Health Grade 6.

After Hamelin Bill Richardson Gr. 6 c2000

Summary: Penelope is 101 years old, but she can remember the story like it happened yesterday. On the morning of her eleventh birthday, she wakes to discover she can no longer hear. It is on this same day that the Piper returns to Hamelin to spirit the children away in an evil act of revenge upon the townspeople.

Spared because she is deaf to the Piper's bewitching tune, Penelope is left to grieve the loss of her friends and beloved sister Sophy until Cuthbert, the wise man of the village, reveals that Penelope possesses the unusual gift of deep dreaming. Armed only with a charm from Cuthbert and her own courage, Penelope

enters the land of sleep on a treacherous quest to rescue the stolen children. **(40 copies) CURRICULUM RECOMMENDED: Suggested Use: English Language Arts Grade 6; Imaginative and Literary Context.**

Amelia Earhart: free in the skies Robert Burleigh Gr. 6 c2003

Summary: The biographical story of this female American hero is presented in a colorful graphic novel.

This well-known pioneer of flight and famous woman aviator is an important character to include when addressing the theme of flight. **(79 copies) CURRICULUM RECOMMENDED: Suggested Use: English Language Arts Grade 6; Environmental and Technological Contest & Personal and Philosophical Context.**

Aram's Choice Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch Gr. 6 c2006

Summary: Aram has survived the Armenian genocide in Turkey and now lives in an orphanage in Greece. Aram can never return home. He finds out that he is one of 50 boys selected to immigrate to Canada. All he knows about Canada is that there is snow, plenty to eat, and no war. Aram has also heard that the trees are covered in gold. All he has to do is pluck the gold off the branches and he will have enough money to bring his grandmother to Canada. Readers will enjoy Aram's adventures as he travels to this new land that he can finally call home. **(40 copies) CURRICULUM RECOMMENDED: English Language Arts Grade 6;**

Personal and Philosophical Context & Social, Cultural and Historical Context.

Barn, The Avi Gr. 5-6 c1994

Summary: The schoolmaster says nine-year-old Benjamin is the finest student he's ever seen - fit for more than farming; destined for great things someday. But his father's grave illness brings Ben home from school and compels him to strive for something great right now - to do the one thing that will please Father so much he'll want to live. But first Ben must convince his older sister and brother to work with him. And together, they succeed in ways they never dreamed possible. **(39 copies/support material)**

Boys' own Tim Wynne-Jones (editor) Gr. 6-9 c2001

Summary: An eclectic collection of Canadian short stories from A.D. 1000 through to present time. The genres range from realistic to historical to science fiction. Students will appreciate the humor used throughout the anthology. The short stories in this collection will appeal equally to both sexes. **(20 copies)**

CURRICULUM RECOMMENDED: Suggested Use: English Language Arts Grade 6; Personal and Philosophical Context.

Bridge to Terabithia Katherine Paterson Gr. 6 c1977

Summary: The life of a ten-year-old boy in rural Virginia expands when he becomes friends with a newcomer who subsequently meets an untimely death trying to reach their hideaway, Terabithia, during a storm. **(88 copies/support material) CURRICULUM RECOMMENDED: Suggested Use: English Language Arts Grade 6; Personal and Philosophical Context.**

Broken Memory Elisabeth Combres Gr. 6 c2009, 2007

Summary: Hiding behind an armchair, five-year-old Emma does not witness the murder of her mother, but she hears everything. And when the assassins finally leave, the young Tutsi girl somehow manages to stumble away from the scene, motivated only by the memory of her mother's last words: "You must not die, Emma!" Eventually Emma is taken in by an old Hutu woman who risks her own life to hide the child. Emma stays with the old woman and a quiet bond forms between the two, but long after the war ends, the young girl is still haunted by nightmares. When the country establishes courts to allow victims to face their tormenters in their villages, Emma is uneasy and afraid. But through her growing friendship with a young torture victim and the gentle encouragement of an old man charged with helping child survivors, Emma finds the courage to return to the house where her mother was killed and begin the journey to healing. **(40 copies)**
CURRICULUM RECOMMENDED: Suggested Use: English Language Arts Grade 6- Social, Cultural and Philosophical context.

Cay, The Taylor, Theodore Gr. 6 c1969

Summary: When the freighter on which they are traveling is torpedoed by a German submarine during World War II, an adolescent white boy, blinded by a blow on the head, and an old black man are stranded on a tiny Caribbean island where the boy acquires a new kind of vision, courage, and love from his old companion. **(42 copies/support material)**

Cougar Cove Julie Lawson Gr. 6 c2004

Summary: While visiting her cousins on Vancouver Island, 11-year-old Samantha escapes the children's teasing by exploring a nearby wood. There she encounters a cougar and her cubs. The experience changes Sam's summer and her understanding of wildlife. This is a slowly evolving novel suitable for students interested in the natural environment of the west coast. **(40 copies) CURRICULUM RECOMMENDED: Suggested Use: English Language Arts Grade 6; Communicative Context.**

Crash Spinelli, Jerry Gr. 6-7 c1996

Summary: Everybody knows Crash Coogan, seventh-grade football sensation. He's been mowing down everything in his path since the time he could walk - and Penn Webb, his dweeby, vegetable-eating neighbor, is his favorite target. After all, Webb's not just a nerd, he's a cheerleader too. Crash and his best buddy, Mike, can't think of anything more hilarious than making Webb's life miserable. But Crash starts to realize that Webb has something he may never gain, no matter how many touchdowns he scores. And when Mike takes a prank too far, maybe even for Crash, the football star has to choose which side he's really on. **(78 copies/support material)**

Crazy man Pamela Porter Gr. 6 c2005

Summary: For Emaline, losing her father, her dog, and her health because of a terrible farm accident seems like an insurmountable tragedy. But healing comes about in some unexpected ways. **(80 copies) CURRICULUM RECOMMENDED: Suggested Uses: English Language Arts Grade 6; Personal and Philosophical Context & Social, Cultural, and Historical Context. Health Grades 6-9.**

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Dogsong

Paulsen, Gary

Gr. 6

c1987

Summary: A fourteen-year-old Eskimo boy, who feels assailed by the modernity of his life, takes a 1400-mile journey by dog sled across ice, tundra, and mountains seeking his own "song" of himself.

(45 copies/support material)

For the children

Rita Joe

Gr. 6-10

c2008

Summary: Down-to-earth and often humorous, these poems tell stories of Mi'kmaw life, and of the concrete and spiritual world of the determined and courageous Rita Joe. World honored Mi'kmaw elder, Order of Canada recipient, Rita Joe passes the torch to the young.

CURRICULUM RECOMMENDED:

Suggested use: English Language Arts grade 6, 7, 8, 9, 10; Personal and Philosophical Context English Language Arts grade 6, 7, 8, 9, 10; Social, Cultural, and Historical Context (30 copies)

Full steam to Canada: A Barr Colony adventure Anne Patton Gr. 6 c2011

Summary: Based on a true story.

It's 1903 and Dorothy Bolton and her family are sailing to Canada! They plan to become farmers in the middle of the Canadian prairie - even though they've never lived on a farm. The Reverend Isaac Barr will help them get started. Or so they hope. **(40 copies) CURRICULUM RECOMMENDED:**

Suggested Uses: English Language Arts Grade 6; Personal and Philosophical context & Social, Cultural and Historical context.

Ghost of Spirit Bear

Mikaelsen, Ben

Gr. 6-9

c2008

Summary: The sequel to Touching Spirit Bear.

After a year in exile on an Alaskan island as punishment for severely beating a fellow student, Cole Matthews returns to school in Minneapolis having made peace with himself and his victim - but he finds that surviving the violence and hatred of high school is even harder than surviving in the wilderness. **(46 copies)**

Girls' own

Sarah Ellis (editor)

Gr. 6-9

c2001

Summary: A collection of thirteen short stories written by Canadian authors containing a variety of themes and genres that will appeal to both genders. **(20 copies) CURRICULUM RECOMMENDED: Suggested**

Use: English Language Arts Grade 6; Personal and Philosophical Context.

Hiroshima

Laurence Yep

Gr. 6

c1995

Summary: Twelve-year-old Sachi's life is forever changed when the U.S. drops the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan, in 1945. Sachi's city is destroyed and she later moves to the U.S. to be treated for her devastating injuries. As a backdrop to Sachi's story, Yep chronicles the development of nuclear weapons, the actual attack and aftermath, the politics of the nuclear arms race, and the anti-nuclear movement. The text is factual, but easy to read and fascinating **(56 copies).**

Jeremy Thatcher, dragon hatcher Bruce Coville Gr. 6

c1991

Summary: If Howard Morton and Freddie the Frog Killer were trying to hold you down so that Mary Lou Hutton could kiss you, you might run as fast as Jeremy Thatcher did the day he stumbled into Mr. Elives' Magic Shop. And if you stumbled into that strange shop, you too might be asked to make a choice. What would you buy? The Chinese rings? The Skull of Truth? Or the dragon's egg? And if you did buy the dragon's egg, what would you do when you found out you were supposed to hatch it? **(79 copies /**

support materials) CURRICULUM RECOMMENDED: Suggested Use: English Language Arts Grade 6; Imaginative and Literary Context.

Julie of the wolves George, Jean Craighead Gr. 6 c1972

Summary: Escaping from an unwanted marriage, a thirteen-year-old Eskimo girl gets lost on the Alaskan tundra and is befriended by a wolf pack. **(91 copies/support material)**

Lion, the witch and the wardrobe., The C.S. Lewis Gr. 6 c1950

Summary: Four English school children find their way through the back of a wardrobe into the magic land of Narnia and assist Aslan, the golden lion, to triumph over the White Witch, who has cursed the land with eternal winter. **(74 copies/support material) CURRICULUM RECOMMENDED: Suggested Use: English Language Arts Grade 6; Imaginative and Literary Context.**

Listening tree, The Celia Barker Lottridge Gr. 6 c2011

Summary: When Ellen and her mother board with Aunt Gladys in the city, Ellen finds comfort in the old tree near her window, and realizes she must overcome her fears of the outside world when she overhears a disturbing plot. **(40 copies) CURRICULUM RECOMMENDED: Suggested Use: English Language Arts Grade 6; Personal and Philosophical context.**

Looking for X Ellis, Deborah Gr. 6-9 c1999

Summary: This novel is told from the perspective of Khyber, aged 11, who feels isolated both at school and at home where she lives with her single mother and autistic twin brothers. Her only friend is a bag lady whom she meets from time to time in a nearby park. When Khyber is accused of vandalizing school property, she seeks out the elusive bag lady to testify to her innocence. The book gives insight into the thinking of a young girl living in poverty in Toronto. **(40 copies) CURRICULUM RECOMMENDED: Suggested Use: Grades 6-9 Health.**

Lost in the barrens/Two Against the North Mowat, Farley Gr. 6 c1973

Summary: Can Jamie and Awasin survive alone in the northern wilderness? **(57 copies/support material)**

Man who ran faster than anyone: the story of Tom Longboat Jack Batten Gr. 6 c2002

Summary: Tom Longboat was a hero. A member of the Onondaga Nation, he was born on the Six Nations reserve in Oshwegon, near Brantford, Ontario. Despite poverty, poor training, and prejudice, Longboat went on to become one of the world's best runners. In 1907, at the height of his fame, he won the Boston Marathon and ran in the 1908 Olympic Marathon. Longboat was one of the best-known people of his day, and certainly the most prominent member of the Six Nations. Throughout his career he had to race against opponents, as well as rumors of illegal running activities. Nevertheless, he maintained his dignity, and his achievements still inspire people who understand the great pleasure of running, and running fast. **(20 copies) CURRICULUM RECOMMENDED: Suggested Use: English Language Arts Grade 6; Social, Cultural, and Historical Context.**

Maniac Magee Spinelli, Jerry Gr. 6 c1990

Summary: After his parents die, Jeffrey Lionel Magee's life becomes legendary, as he accomplishes athletic and other feats which awe his contemporaries. **(86 copies/support material)**

Melanie Bluelake's dream Dorion, Betty Gr. 6 c1995

Summary: Starting a new school - especially a month late - is never easy. For Melanie Bluelake, a ten-year-old Cree girl, it's even harder, because she has to move away from the northern woods she loves to a strange city. **(58 copies)**

Mrs. Frisby and the rats of Nimh (also called Secret of Nimh) O'Brien, Robert C Gr. 6 c1986

Summary: Having no one to help her with her problems, a widowed mouse visits the rats whose former imprisonment in a laboratory made them wise and long lived. **(66 copies/support material)**

Nightjohn Paulsen, Gary Gr. 6 c1993

Summary: Twelve-year-old Sarny's brutal life as a slave becomes even more dangerous when a newly arrived slave offers to teach her how to read. **(48 copies/support material)**

On my honor Bauer, Marion Dane Gr. 4-6 c1986

Summary: During a bicycle trip to the state park, Joel dares his best friend, Tony, to a swimming race in the dangerous Vermillion River. The boys have been warned never to go near the river, but Tony can't let Joel think he's scared. Both boys jump in. When Joel reaches the sandbar he turns and looks for Tony and finds that he has vanished. Joel is stunned. How can he face their parents and the terrible truth? **(40 copies/support material)**

Pearl, The Steinbeck, John Gr. 6 c1975

Summary: A classic fable of a fisherman who found a pearl beyond price, the Pearl of the World. With the pearl, he hoped to buy peace and happiness for himself, his wife and their little son. Instead he found that peace and happiness are not to be purchased. They are, themselves, pearls beyond price. **(73 copies/support material)**

Pizza the size of the sun, A Prelutsky, Jack Gr. 6 c1996

Summary: This humorous collection of poetry is characterized by strong rhythm, rhyme, and silly situations or characters. **(29 copies) CURRICULUM RECOMMENDED: Suggested Use: Grade 6 Communicative Context.**

Prairie fire Bill Freeman Gr. 6 c1998

Summary: Set in 1876, this historical novel is the account of one homesteading family's experiences as they move from Ontario to begin a new life in Portage la Prairie in Manitoba. The novel describes the challenges facing a widow and her young children as they struggle against natural forces such as prairie fires. By illustrating the divergent viewpoints of characters in the novel, this book also personalizes the conflicting concerns of homesteading and Metis families immediately following the Red River Resistance. **(48 copies) CURRICULUM RECOMMENDED: Suggested Use: English Language Arts Grade 6; Personal and Philosophical Context & Social, Cultural, and Historical Context.**

Rosie in New York City: Gotcha Carol Matas Gr. 6 c2003

Summary: At age eleven, Rosie Lepidus's main concerns are winning ring-a-levio, going to school, and staying out of trouble. But when Mama falls ill with pneumonia and Papa throws all the family's savings into the nickelodeon business, the burden of caring for her family falls on Rosie's shoulders. Tall for her age, Rosie is able to pass for sixteen and take Mama's place sewing sleeves at a shirtwaist factory. Her family needs the money. But working conditions are horrible and the factory boss is incredibly strict. The girls are

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fined for nearly everything -- even talking or humming! Within days of starting work, Rosie hears the buzz about a huge strike of twenty thousand shirtwaist workers. It's the strike that Mama's been working toward for ages: a huge push for change in the workplace. Rosie wants to join in, but as the streets become more dangerous, Papa asks his daughter to return to school. And Rosie must choose: follow Papa's orders...or fight with everything she's got. **(40 copies) CURRICULUM RECOMMENDED: Suggested Use: English Language Arts Grade 6; Personal and Philosophical context & Social, Cultural, and historical context.**

Sadako and the thousand paper cranes Eleanor Coerr Gr. 6 c1993

Summary: Hospitalized with the dreaded atom bomb disease, leukemia, a child in Hiroshima races against time to fold one thousand paper cranes to verify the legend that by doing so a sick person will become healthy. **(60 copies/support material)**

Touching Spirit Bear Mikaelson, Ben Gr. 6-9 c2001

Summary: After his anger erupts into violence, Cole, in order to avoid going to prison, agrees to participate in a sentencing alternative based on the native American Circle Justice, and he is sent to a remote Alaskan Island where an encounter with a huge Spirit Bear. **(40 copies & support)**

Underground to Canada Barbara Smucker Gr. 6 c1977

Summary: Taken away from her mother by a ruthless slave trader, all Julilly has left is the dream of freedom. Every day that she spends huddled in the trader's cart traveling south, or working on the brutal new plantation, she thinks about the land where it is possible to be free, a land she and her friend Liza may reach some day. So when workers from the "underground railway" offer to help the two girls, they are ready. But the slave catchers and their dogs will soon be after them. **(125 copies/support material)**
CURRICULUM RECOMMENDED: Suggested Use: English Language Arts Grade 6; Social, Cultural, and Historical Context.

View from Saturday, The Konigsburg, E. L. Gr. 6 c1996

Summary: Four students, with their own individual stories, develop a special bond and attract the attention of their teacher, a paraplegic, who chooses them to represent their sixth-grade class in the Academic Bowl competition. **(35 copies/support material)**

Winter poems Rogasky, Barbara Gr. 4-6 c1994

Summary: A collection of winter poems ranging from late fall to early spring, by such authors as Shakespeare, Edgar Allan Poe, and Wallace Stevens. **(15 copies)**

Literature Circle Sets (<10 copies) – Grade 6

Brundibar Tony Kusher Gr. 6 c2003

Summary: An illustrated retelling of the Czech opera in which a brother and sister find a way to outwit the bullying, bellowing, hurdy-gurdy grinder named Brundibar who will not let them earn money by singing in the

town square. **CURRICULUM RECOMMENDED: Suggested Use: Social, Cultural, and Historical Context.**

Finding Sophie Irene Watts Gr. 6-9 c2002

Summary: At the end of World War II in 1945, fourteen-year-old Sophie, a German Jew who has lived with a guardian in London for seven years, wonders what will happen when she is reunited with her parents and she tells them that she wants to stay in England. **CURRICULUM RECOMMENDED: Suggested Use: English Language Arts Grade 6; Social, Cultural, and Historical Context. Grades 6-9 Health.**

Librarian of Basra: a true story from Iraq, The Jeanette Winter Gr. 6 c2005

Summary: A picture book with mature concepts. Based on a true events. The librarian at Basra enlisted the help of the community to save over 70 percent of the collection in the library. The library was burned in the war and conflict that engulfed Basra, Iraq in 2003. **CURRICULUM RECOMMENDED: Suggested Use: Communicative Context & Social, Cultural, and Historical Context.**

Losers' club, The John Lekich Gr. 6-9 c2002

Summary: Alex is a secret rebel who becomes the hero to a group of so-called losers in his high school. **Suggested Use: Grade 6-9 Health.**

Nose for adventure., A Richard Scrimger c2000

Summary: Alan is off to New York, where his father will meet him for some "quality" time together. However there are some snags, though. Norbert is back. He is an alien from Jupiter who had previously taken up residence in Alan's nose, while on a fact-finding mission to Earth. Alan had been, to say the least, an unwilling host to Norbert, but when you're lost in New York City being chased by bad guys, you need all the help you can get. **CURRICULUM RECOMMENDED: Suggested Use: Imaginative and Literary Context.**

Peace Walker: The legend of Hiawatha and Tekananwita

C.J. Taylor c2004

Summary: Author C. J. Taylor draws upon her Mohawk heritage and versions of the story gathered from Elders to tell the story of the Confederacy of Five Nations (which became six after European contact) and of the peace walker, Hiawatha. Through prose and artwork, Peace Walker is the story of how peace and unity emerged from a chaotic time when the nations suffered under Chief Atotarho. The Iroquois Confederacy was one of the world's great democracies, serving as a model that inspired the founders of both the United States and Canada. **CURRICULUM RECOMMENDED: Suggested Use: Social, Cultural, Historical Context.**

Tale of Despereaux Kate DiCamillo c2003

Summary: The adventures of Despereaux Tilling, a small mouse of unusual talents, the princess that he loves, the servant girl who longs to be a princess, and a devious rat determined to bring them all to ruin. **CURRICULUM RECOMMENDED: Suggested Use: Imaginative and Literary Context.**

Mighty big imagining: Rachel Lynne Kositsky c2001

Summary: Their joy at gaining freedom in a safe new home is dashed when they arrive, for the land they are given is barren, the weather frightful. Worse still, Rachel's mother is pregnant. For a while, Rachel even believes they were better off as slaves -- at least they were warm and didn't go hungry.

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Despite the adverse conditions of their new life, Rachel is determined not just to survive, but to make the most of her freedom. She wants to learn to read and write, and to help her family turn their squalid hovel into a home. With perseverance, pluck, and the help of a native girl named Marie-Andrée, she will help herself and her family to survive their first winter of freedom. **CURRICULUM RECOMMENDED:**
Suggested Use: Social, Cultural and Historical Context.