

## **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*

#### 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: 7- Lost star: the story of Amelia Earhart. – 3- Flight of the Tiger Moth. – 2- Free in the skies. – 2- Last flight of the birdman, The. – 2- Weird and wonderful aircraft. 1 each of: Air combat. – Airborne. – Amazing flights : the golden age. – Amelia lost: the life and disappearance of Amelia Earhart. – Canada's Air Force. – Commercial aviation. – Fabulous flying machines of Alberto Santos-Dumont, The. – First to fly. – Flying for fun. – Helicopters. – High-tech DIY projects with flying objects. – Made for Canada: the story of the Avro's Arrow. – Military aircraft of WWI. – Military aircraft of WWII. – Modern military aircraft. – Paper airplanes and other super flyers. – Science of a plane crash, The. – Seaplanes and naval aviation. – Search and rescue pilot (Careers that count). – Space flight. – Super flyers. – Wright brothers: how they invented the airplane, The. – Wright brothers and other pioneers of flight, The. – Wright brothers for kids, The. Other materials: Centennial of flight DVD. – Model inquiry unit for Grade 6 ELA "Taking flight"

- Flight – TKT 629.13 FLI

Contents: 2 each of: Air combat. – Apache helicopter pilots. – Commercial aviation. – Fighter pilots. – Flying for fun. – Helicopters. – Modern military aircraft. – Seaplanes and naval aviation. – Test pilots.

3 copies: Weird & wonderful aircraft.

1 each of: Aircraft. – Aircraft (Mighty machines). – Aircraft carriers: runways at sea. – Airplanes (21<sup>st</sup> century skills innovation library). – Airplanes inside and out. – Amelia lost. – Fabulous flying machines of Alberto Santos-Dumont, The. – Fighter jets: defending the skies. – High-flying airplanes. – High-tech DIY projects with flying objects. – Hovering helicopters. – Machines of speed and flight. – Military helicopters: flying into battle. – Science of a plane crash, The. – Search and rescue pilot. – Wings. – Wright brothers for kids, 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 (*Lotteridge*)
- Man Who Ran Faster Than Everyone: the Story of Tom Longboat., The (*Batten*)
- For the children (*Joe*)
- 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*) (Our Canadian Girl series) – LIT FIC KOS

Individual Resources

- Kids Book of Black Canadian History – 971 SAD
- Kids book of Canadian History – 971 HAC
- Three wishes: Palestinian and Israeli children speak (2 copies) 956.9405 ELL

## **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*

- 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**

**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.**

**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.**

**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 Context & Personal and Philosophical Context.**

**Among the hidden** Haddix, Margaret Peterson Gr. 4-8 c2000

**Summary:** In a future where the Population Police enforce the law limiting a family to only two children, Luke has lived all his twelve years in isolation and fear on his family's farm, until another "third" convinces him that the government is wrong. **(30 copies)**

**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.**

**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 + DVD, audio CD) 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 + audio CD)**

**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)**

**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.**



**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)**

**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's 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)**

**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 + audio CD)**

**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 + 2 copies of DVD & audio CD) 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)**

**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 + DVD, audio CD)**

**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)**

**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)**

**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)**

**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)**

**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.**

**Pushing up the Sky** Bruchac, Joseph Gr. 4-6 c2000

**Summary:** Uses drama to tell seven different stories from Native American traditions, including the Abenaki, Ojibway, Cherokee, Cheyenne, Snohomish, Tlingit, and Zuni. **(20 copies)**

**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 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 + DVD)**

**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 + audio CD)**

**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) 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)**

**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)**

**Witches., The**                      Dahl, Roald                      Gr. 4-6                      c2007

**Summary:** A young boy and his Norwegian grandmother, who is an expert on witches, together foil a witches' plot to destroy the world's children by turning them into mice. **(50 copies + audio CD)**

**Wonder**                      Palacio, R. J.                      Gr. 5-8                      c2012

**Summary:** Ten-year-old Auggie Pullman, who was born with extreme facial abnormalities and was not expected to survive, goes from being home-schooled to entering fifth grade at a private middle school in Manhattan, which entails enduring the taunting and fear of his classmates as he struggles to be seen as just another student. **(30 copies)**

**Yellow Dog**                      Korner, Miriam                      Gr. 5-8                      c2017

**Summary:** Jeremy lives in a small community where winters are long and stray dogs roam the streets. When peer pressure leads Jeremy into a bad prank, he is immediately struck with guilt - and that's when Jeremy's life changes forever. Trying to make amends Jeremy befriends Yellow Dog - and in the process meets a curious old man who introduces him to the adventures of dog sledding. Soon Jeremy is forming his own old-time dog team with Yellow Dog at lead - and in the process discovers more about himself - and the old man - than he ever thought possible. **(30 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.

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.**