




ELAR Department Required Novels

4 th Grade Novels	Author	Synopsis	Cover
James and the Giant Peach	Roald Dahl	James Henry Trotter lives with his two horrid aunts, Spiker and Sponge. He hasn't got a single friend in the whole wide world. That is not, until he meets the Old Green Grasshopper and the rest of the insects aboard a giant, magical peach!	
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane	Kate DiCamillo	Edward Tulane is a china rabbit given to a ten-year-old girl named Abilene by her grandmother in the 1930s. He enjoys a pleasant but vain life with his young mistress, who treats him with the utmost love and respect, until an unfortunate incident finds him falling overboard while vacationing on the RMS Queen Mary.	
Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone	JK Rowling	Ten-year-old Harry is an orphan who lives with his uncaring Aunt Petunia, loathsome Uncle Vernon, and (worst of all) his spoiled cousin Dudley. Always in trouble for things that are not apparently his fault, condemned to a life of drudgery and forced to sleep in a cupboard under the stairs, Harry is astonished to receive a letter from the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.	
5 th Grade Novels	Author	Synopsis	Cover
Bridge to Terabithia	Katherine Paterson	Bridge to Terabithia is about Jess Aarons and Leslie Burke, two fifth-graders who become friends and create an imaginary land called Terabithia, where they can go to forget about their problems. The book deals with themes of friendship, childhood, and being an individual.	
The Fabulous Perpetual Motion Machine	Don Abromson	The Pérez Twins, Carla and Carlos, are determined to win this year's science fair. Because they are fabulous, they definitely don't want to do anything boring. What could be less boring than a machine that needs no power and never stops?	
Tuck Everlasting	Natalie Babbitt	Set in Treegap, New Hampshire, the story follows Winnie Foster, a ten-year-old runaway who discovers the Tuck family and their secret immortality, gained from drinking from a mysterious spring. The Tucks try to live quietly, and explain to Winnie that immortality is not as much of a blessing as it seems.	
6 th Grade Novels	Author	Synopsis	Cover
The Hunger Games	Suzanne Collins	The story begins on the day of reaping at District 12. A day that each district is required to offer two tributes, a boy and a girl aged 12 to 18 years to participate in the games. In a twist of fate, Prim Katniss' 12-year-old sister is selected as one of the tributes.	
The Boy in the Striped Pajamas	John Boyne	In The Boy in the Striped Pajamas, Bruno meets a young Jewish boy named Shmuel, a prisoner in Auschwitz. After disguising himself as a prisoner in "striped pajamas," Bruno is killed along with Shmuel when they're herded into the gas chambers.	
Esperanza Rising	Pam Munoz Ryan	The novel opens in el Rancho de las Rosas in Aguascalientes, Mexico. 12-year-old Esperanza lives a charmed life with her Papa, Mama, Abuelita, and several servants and workers. Esperanza is very close to Papa. Tragic events will change Esperanza's charmed life forever.	
The Lightning Thief	Rick Riordan	An action-adventure story aimed at middle school readers, Rick Riordan's The Lightning Thief adapts the stories of Greek mythology for a contemporary setting. The journey taken by Percy Jackson—the novel's protagonist—is fast-paced, heroic, and ultimately more relevant than modern readers might at first expect.	