



GLEN ROCK MIDDLE SCHOOL

Suggested reading list for Sixth Grade

A Night Divided by Jennifer A. Nielsen

When the Berlin Wall went up, Gerta, her mother, and her brother Fritz were trapped on the eastern side where they were living, while her father, and her other brother Dominic were in the West. Four years later, twelve-year-old Gerta sees her father on the western side and realizes he wants her to risk her life by tunneling to freedom. **Historical Fiction**

Goodbye Stranger by Rebecca Stead As Bridge makes her way through seventh grade on Manhattan's Upper West Side with her best friends, curvaceous Em, crusader Tab, and a curious new friend, she finds the answers she has been seeking. **Realistic Fiction**

Crenshaw by Katherine Applegate A story about a homeless boy and his imaginary friend that proves in unexpected ways that friends matter, whether real or imaginary. **Realistic Fiction**

Beneath by Roland Smith Pat O'Toole has always idolized his older brother, Coop, right up until the day Coop ran away from their home just outside Washington, D.C. Now, a year later, he has received a package containing a digital voice recorder and a cryptic message from his brother, which will lead Pat on a strange and dangerous journey to the mysterious Community living beneath the streets of New York. **Adventure**

The Story of Owen: Dragon Slayer of Trondheim by E.K. Johnston In an alternate world where industrialization has caused many species of carbon-eating dragons to thrive, Owen, a slayer being trained by his famous father and aunt, and Siobahn, his story teller, face a bunch of dragons near their small town in Canada. **Fantasy**

Autumn Falls by Bella Thorne When Autumn vents her feelings in a journal that belonged to her late father, suddenly her wildest wishes start coming true. Is it coincidence, or can writing in the journal solve all her problems? And if the journal doesn't work that way, is there a bigger purpose for it and for her? **School Story - Magic**

The Kill Order by James Dashner Mark and Trina struggle to survive as modern civilization is destroyed by sun flares and mutating diseases (Maze Runner series bk. 4). **Science Fiction**

I am Princess by Cherie Priest Years after writing stories about a superheroine character she created with a best friend who died in a tragic car accident, 16-year-old May is shocked to see stickers, patches and graffiti images of the superheroine appearing all over town. **Mystery**

The Making of a Navy SEAL by Brandon Webb Brandon Webb discusses his life with a focus on his training to become a Navy SEAL. **Biography**

Moving Target by Christina by Diaz Gonzalez Twelve-year-old Cassie Arroyo is a student in Rome, but her life changes when a secret organization, the Hastati, shoots her father and she learns that she is a member of an ancient bloodline that enables her to use the "Spear of Destiny" to alter the future. **Adventure**

The Sword of Summer by Rick Riordan In this first book of the series Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard, Magnus Chase, a homeless boy living in Boston, finds out he is the son of a Norse God. **Fantasy**

Echo by Pam Munoz Ryan Lost in the Black Forest, Otto meets three mysterious sisters and finds himself entwined in a prophecy, a promise, and a harmonica. Decades later three children, Friedrich in Germany, Mike in Pennsylvania, and Ivy in California, find themselves caught up in the same thread of destiny in the twentieth century, struggling to keep their families intact, and tied together by the music of the same harmonica. **Historical Fiction**

Upside Down in the Middle of Nowhere by Julie T. Lamana At the end of August 2005, ten-year-old Armani is looking forward to her birthday party in the Lower Ninth Ward of New Orleans, where she and her extended family live, but Hurricane Katrina is on the way, bringing destruction and tragedy in its wake. **Realistic Fiction**

Circus Mirandus by Cassie Beasley When he realizes that his grandfather's stories of an enchanted circus are true, Micah Tuttle sets out to find the mysterious Circus Mirandus --and to use its magic to save his grandfather's life. **Fantasy**

Listen, Slowly by Thanhha Lai Twelve-year-old Mai is sick of being perfect. Her straight A's and extracurricular activities have gotten her an unwanted trip to Vietnam with her family, so she can learn more about her roots. As time goes on, Mai grows closer to her family and she begins to develop a better understanding of her culture. **Multicultural Literature**

The Marvels by Brian Selznick Two stories. The first is an illustrated story that begins in 1766 with Billy Marvel, who survives a shipwreck, and charts the adventures of his family of actors over five generations. The second story, told in prose, takes place in the 1990s. Joseph runs away from school to his uncle's house in London, where he finds many mysteries to solve. **Adventure - Mystery**

Most Dangerous: Daniel Ellsberg and the Secret History of the Vietnam War by Steve Sheinkin. The story of Daniel Ellsberg and his decision to steal and publish secret documents about America's involvement in the Vietnam War. **Non-Fiction**

Nimona by Noelle Stevenson Lord Ballister Blackheart seeks to bring down the Institution of Law Enforcement and Heroics with the aid of his new shapeshifting sidekick Nimona. **Graphic Novel**

Roller Girl by Victoria Jamieson A summer at roller-derby day camp helps a 12-year-old girl learn to re-channel her anger and let go of her former, more uncertain self. **Graphic Novel**

Stella by Starlight by Sharon M. Draper When a burning cross set by the Klan causes panic and fear in 1932 Bumblebee, North Carolina, fifth-grader Stella must face prejudice and find the strength to demand change in her segregated town. **Historical Fiction**

The Thing About Jellyfish by Ali Benjamin Twelve-year-old Suzy Swanson wades through her intense grief over the loss of her best friend by investigating the rare jellyfish she is convinced was responsible for her friend's death. **Realistic Fiction**

The Hired Girl by Laura Amy Schlitz Fourteen-year-old Joan lives on a farm in Pennsylvania in 1911. The work never ends so she seeks a better life for herself as a

hired girl cleaning and cooking in the household of a wealthy Jewish family.
Historical Fiction

The Seventh Most Important Thing by Shelley Pearsall In 1963, thirteen-year-old Arthur is sentenced to community service helping the neighborhood Junk Man after he throws a brick at the old man's head in a moment of rage, but the junk he collects might be more important than he suspects. Inspired by the work of American folk artist James Hampton. **Realistic Historical Fiction**

Just a Drop of Water by Kerry O'Malley Cerra Jake and Sam are best friends, but after the attacks on September 11, their friendship is in danger of crumbling as Sam and his family have to deal with prejudice for being Muslim Americans.
Historical Fiction Multicultural Literature

Lost in the Sun by Lisa Graff As Trent Zimmerman struggles to move past a traumatic event that took place several months earlier, he befriends class outcast Fallon Little, who helps him understand that he can move on. **Realistic Fiction**

Chasing Secrets by Gennifer Choldenko Thirteen-year-old Lizzie and her secret friend Noah, who is hiding in her house, plan to rescue Noah's father from the quarantined Chinatown, and save everyone they love from contracting the plague that is spreading in 1900 San Francisco. **Historical Fiction Multicultural Literature**

Steve Jobs by Jessie Hartland. A biography in graphic novel format of computer pioneer Steve Jobs, from his childhood in San Francisco through his creation of and success with Apple Computer to his death in 2011 at the age of 56. **Graphic Novel Biography**

The War that Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II, where they find life to be much sweeter away from their abusive mother. **Historical Fiction**

The Truth about Twinkie Pie by Kat Yeh When twelve-year-old GiGi and her big sister DiDi move to Long Island from South Carolina so GiGi can attend a fancy new private school, GiGi makes new friends, but then discovers a family secret that turns her life upside-down. **Realistic fiction**

All the Answers by Kate Messner Twelve-year-old Ava finds an old pencil in her family's junk drawer and discovers, during a math test, that it will answer factual

questions, so she and her best friend Sophie have a great time -- and Ava grows in selfconfidence -- until the pencil reveals a truth about her family that Ava would rather not know. **Fantasy**

BOOKED by Kwane Alexander This Sequel to **THE CROSSOVER** is about soccer, family, love, and friendship. Twelve-year-old Nick wrestles with problems at home, stands up to a bully, and tries to impress the girl of his dreams.

I Am Malala by Malala Yousafzai Malala Yousafzai's describes her fight for education for girls under Taliban rule, the support she received from her parents to pursue an education, and how the Taliban retaliated against her by trying to kill her. **Non-Fiction**

Fantasy League by Mike Lupica In Los Angeles, twelve-year-old Charlie's skill at fantasy football gains the attention of both the local media and the owner of a professional football team. **Sports Fiction**

The Children of the King by Sonya Hartnett During World War II Cecily and Jeremy have been sent to live with their uncle Peregrine in the English countryside, safe from the war, along with a young refugee named May. When Cecily and May find two mysterious boys hiding in the ruins of a nearby castle, an extraordinary adventure begins. **Historical Fiction**

A Women in the House (and Senate) by Ilene Cooper Profiles a number of the women who have served in the United States Congress. **Non-Fiction**

The Maze Runner by James Dashner. Sixteen-year-old Thomas wakes up with no memory in the middle of a maze and realizes he must work with the community in which he finds himself if he is to escape. **Science Fiction**

Percy Jackson's Greek Gods by Rick Riordan Percy Jackson, a demi God, explains who the Greek Gods of Olympus are in this beautifully illustrated book. **Fantasy**

Because of Mr. Terupt by Rob Buyea Seven fifth-graders at Snow Hill School in Connecticut relate how their lives are changed for the better by Mr. Terupt, their new teacher. **Realistic Fiction**

Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt. Every time she lands in a new school, Ally hides her inability to read by creating disruptive distractions, until her new

teacher Mr. Daniels figures out she has dyslexia, and helps her not be so hard on herself. **Realistic Fiction**

Gabriel Finley & the Raven's Riddle by George Hagen Eleven-year-old Gabriel, with the help of Paladin the raven , travels to the land of Aviopolis, where he faces challenges and unanswerable riddles to rescue his long-missing father. **Fantasy**

The Map to Everywhere by Carrie Ryan and John Parke Davis Twelve-year-old Fin, a master thief from the pirate world of Khaznot Quay, and Marrill from Arizona, cross paths in the magical world of the Pirate Stream while on a quest for a mysterious map. **Fantasy**

The Red Pencil by Andrea Davis Pinkney Amira, a young Sudanese girl, flees to safety at a refugee camp after her village is attacked by militants. She hopes to find an education in the form of a single red pencil and the friendship of an older wise man. **Fiction**

Prisoner B-3087 by Alan Gratz. Based on the life of Jack Gruener, this book relates his story of survival from the Nazi occupation of Krakow, when he was eleven, through a succession of concentration camps, to the final liberation of Dachau. **Historical Fiction**

Rain Reign by Ann M. Martin Rose, who is struggling with Asperger's syndrome, discovers her beloved dog is missing during a storm. She is forced to overcome many challenges in order to search for her pet. **Realistic Fiction**

When My Name Was Keoko by Linda Sue Park With national pride and occasional fear, a brother and sister face the increasingly oppressive occupation of Korea by Japan during World War II, which threatens to suppress Korean culture. **Historical Fiction**

The Crossover by Kwame Alexander Fourteen-year-old twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs and lows on and off the court as their father ignores his declining health. **Novel in Verse**

El Deafo by Cece Bell A graphic novel memoir of author/illustrator Cece Bell who grew up hearing impaired. **Graphic Novel**