A Select List of Brown County Library Children’s Books (Elementary – Middle School)

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Abel’s Island by William Steig (G2-4)
Artsy-Fartsy: An Aldo Zelnick Comic Novel by Karla Oceanak (G3-5)
Astrotwins: Project Blastoff by Mark Kelly (G4-6)
Bayou Magic by Jewell Parker Rhodes (G3-6)
Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo (G2-5)
Behind the Bookcase by Mark Steensland (G4-7)
Charlie Joe Jackson’s Guide to Summer Vacation by Tom Greenwald
Cheesie Mack is Cool in a Duel by Stephen Colter (G2-5)
A Clatter of Jars by Lisa Graff (G4-7)
Cody and the Fountain of Happiness by Tricia Springstubb (G2-4)
Dory Fantasmagory by Abby Hanlon (G1-3)
Drive Me Crazy by Terra McVoy (G6-8)
The Encyclopedia of Me by Karen Rivers (G5-8)
Escape from Camp Cooties (graphic novel) by Dan Thompson (G2-5)
Eye of the Storm by Kate Messner (G4-8)
The Family Fletcher Takes Rock Island by Dana Levy (G4-6)
Finders Keepers by Shelley Tougas (G3-7)
The Forget-Me-Not Summer by Leila Howland (G5-7)
Fort by Cynthia DeFelice (G4-7)
The Ghost of Graylock by Dan Poblocki (G5-8)
Glory Be by Augusta Scattergood (G3-6)
The Great Good Summer by Elizabeth Garton Scanlon (G3-6)
Half a Chance by Cynthia Lord (G4-6)
Handful of Stars by Cynthia Lord (G4-6)
The Hidden Summer by Gin Phillips (G5-8)
Hiding out at the Pancake Palace by Nan Marino (G4-7)
Holes by Louis Sachar (G3-6)
Intergalactic Bed and Breakfast (series) by Clete Smith (G4-7)
In the Time of the Fireflies by Kimberley Little (G4-6)
Ivy Honeysuckle Discovers the World by Candice Ransom (G1-4)
Ivy Takes Care by Rosemary Wells (G2-5)
Jake and Lily by Jerry Spinelli (G4-7)
Junonia by Kevin Henkes (G2-4)
Justin Case: Shells, Smells, and the Horrible Flip-Flops of Doom by Rachel Vail (G2-4)
Keeper by Kathi Appelt (G4-7)
King of the Mound: My Summer with Satchel Page by Wes Tooke (G2-5)
Lawn Boy/Lawn Boy Returns by Gary Paulsen (G4-7)
The Lemonade War (series) by Jacqueline Davies (G3-5)
Listen, Slowly by Thanhha Lai (G5-8)
Little Blog on the Prairie by Cathleen Bell (G5-8)
The Mapmaker and the Ghost by Sarvenas Tash (G3-6)
Mr. Pants, It's Go Time by Scott McCormick (G2-4)
Mr. Terupt Falls Again by Rob Buyea (G4-7)
My Life as a Book by Janet Tashjian (G4-7)
My One Hundred Adventures by Polly Horvath (G4-7)
Nerd Camp by Elissa Weissman (G3-6)
Night on Fire by Ronald Kidd (G)
Notes from the Dog by Gary Paulsen (G5-9)
Olive's Ocean by Kevin Henkes (G5-8)
One Crazy Summer / P.S. Be Eleven / Gone Crazy in Alabama by Rita Williams-Garcia (G4-7)

One Crazy Summer: This short but powerful piece of historical fiction takes place in Oakland, California in 1968, when tensions are crackling between the Black Panthers and police. Delphine, a responsible and perceptive 11-year-old, and her two charismatic younger sisters are visiting their mother, who abandoned them seven years before. In the process of trying to understand her mother, who is cold and resentful and at best warily amused by her daughters, Delphine discovers revelations about of her sisters, herself, and her cultural history.

Penny from Heaven by Jennifer Holm (G5-8)
Planet Tad by Tim Carvell (G3-6)
Rebel McKenzie by Candice Ransom (G3-6)
Precious Bones by Mika Ashley-Hollinger (G4-7)
Rules by Cynthia Lord (G4-7)
The Sasquatch Escape by Suzanne Selfors (G3-5)
Seaglass Summer by Anjali Banerjee (G3-6)
Secrets from the Sleeping Bag by Rose Cooper (G4-7)
The Shadow Collector’s Apprentice by Amy Gordon (G4-7)
Snow in Summer: Fairest of them All by Jane Yolen (G5-8)
Some Kind of Happiness by Claire Legrand (G4-7)
Sparrow Road by Sheila O’Connor (G4-8)
A Summer of Sundays by Lindsay Eland (G4-7)
Summerhouse Time by Eileen Spinelli (G4-6)
Summerlost by Allyson Condie (G5-8)
The Summer Before Boys by Nora Baskin (G4-6)
The Summer of the Gypsy Moths by Sara Pennypacker (G4-8)
Summer of the Wolves by Polly Carson-Voiles (G4-7)
Sure Signs of Crazy by Karen Harrington (G6-8)
Sway by Amber McRee Turner (G3-6)
Tell Me by Joan Bauer (G5-8)
Ten Good and Bad Things about My Life (So Far) by Ann Martin (G3-6)
The Thing about Luck by Cynthia Kadohata (G4-8)
Three Times Lucky by Sheila Turnage (G4-7)
Tracing Stars by Erin Moulton (G4-7)

For Indie Lee Chickory, a fisherman’s daughter in a touristy New England town, summer is just beginning, but her life is falling apart. On the last day of school, her pet Monty Cola, an extremely rare golden lobster, escapes. In addition, Indie’s sister Bebe, who has always been her closest confidant, has become status obsessed and emotionally distant. When Bebe gets a role in the community theater’s production of The Sound of Music, Indie volunteers to work with the “misfits” backstage. Indie finds herself making unexpected friendships with the punk rocker who runs the woodshop, as well as out-of-towner Owen. Owen, serious-minded and scientific, proves to be a loyal friend. He even accompanies Indie on her moonlit searches for Monty. When Bebe and her arrogant friends play a cruel prank on Owen, Indie makes a decision that defines her summer and herself. Vivid, likable characters, poetic imagery, and a cola-swigging lobster add up to a standout summertime novel.

The Truth of Me: About a Boy, His Grandmother, and a Very Good Dog by Patricia MacLachlan

Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbit

Turtle in Paradise by Jennifer Holm (G4-6)

The Watsons go to Birmingham-1963 by Christopher Paul Curtis (G4-6)

Words of Stone by Kevin Henkes (G3-6)

Ten-year old Blaze, insightful and artistic, spends a lot of time alone. His widowed artist father, whom Blaze idolizes, is kind but often distracted and distant. Over the course of a summer Blaze is adjusting to his dad’s new girlfriend and the lingering loss of his mother. Things take an eerie turn when Blaze starts awakening to messages written in on the hill which spell the tragedies in his past. Meanwhile, Blaze meets Joselle, who has moved in across the hill with her grandmother after one of her mother’s sporadic abandonments. Where Blaze is introverted and cautious, Josie is needy and unpredictable. The key to the words of stone throws light on the secrets of both Blaze and Josie while casting a perilous shadow over the bond they’ve forged. This perceptive and hauntingly lyrical novel is ultimately a triumphant tale of resilience and a reward to insightful readers.

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