



2022–23 Reading Academy

Dive into reading with our reading academy series at South Central Service Cooperative Conference Center! Select one of the reading lists, enjoy reading through the books and submit an online review (2–3 sentences) for each book you read. Then convene on Dec. 16, 2022 (The Great Independent Reading School and Classroom) and/or June 23, 2023 (The Art and Science of Reading Comprehension) for a day of networking, best practices, book discussions and literacy resources.

Benefits to Participants:

- Read and discuss many new books
- Earn 25 continuing education credits by completing a reading list and attending the workshop
- Network with fellow colleagues – share ideas and book discussions
- Learn about literary and literacy resources
- Enjoy a fun-filled day of activities

To receive appropriate credit hours and certificate of completion, participants are required to fulfill the requirements on their selected reading list and provide their reaction to the books and how they could be used in the library or classroom setting or incorporated into an activity. All reading reviews must be submitted no later than one week before the workshop date. To view reading lists and submit your reviews, visit www.mnscsc.org/reading.

When: Dec. 16, 2022 and/or June 23, 2023, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Where: SCSC Conference Center, 2075 Lookout Drive, North Mankato, MN 56003

Cost: \$150/person

Registration: www.mnscsc.org, click on “Events & Registration.”

Questions? Contact Mary Hillmann at mhillmann@mnscsc.org

Reading lists come from the ALA and YALSC.

Younger Readers (Pre-K–2nd Grade) Book List

Read and comment on 15 of the following books.

1. *All-of-a-Kind Family Hanukkah*. By Emily Jenkins.
2. *Alma and How She Got Her Name*. By Juana Martinez-Neal.
3. *Baby Monkey, Private Eye*. By Brian Selznick and David Serlin.
4. *A Big Mooncake for Little Star*. By Grace Lin.
5. *Black Bird Yellow Sun*. By Steve Light.
6. *Blue*. By Laura Vaccaro Seeger.
7. *Bowwow Powwow / Bagosenjige-niimi'idim*. By Brenda J. Child.
8. *The Day You Begin*. By Jacqueline Woodson.
9. *Don't Touch My Hair!* By Sharee Miller.
10. *Drawn Together*. By Minh Lê. Illus.
11. *Dreamers*. By Yuyi Morales. Illus.
12. *The Fox on the Swing*. By Evelina Daciūtė.
13. *Fox the Tiger*. By Corey R. Tabor.
14. *Good Rosie!* By Kate DiCamillo.
15. *Hello Lighthouse*. By Sophie Blackall.
16. *How Raven Got His Crooked Nose: An Alaskan Dena'ina Fable*. By Barbara J. Atwater and Ethan J. Atwater.
17. *I Walk with Vanessa: A Story about a Simple Act of Kindness*. By Kerascoët.
18. *Imagine!* By Raúl Colón.
19. *In the Past: From Trilobites to Dinosaurs to Mammoths in More than 500 Million Years*. By David Elliott.
20. *Islandborn*. By Junot Díaz.
21. *Jerome By Heart*. By Thomas Scotto.
22. *Julián Is a Mermaid*. By Jessica Love.
23. *King and Kayla and the Case of the Lost Tooth*. By Dori Hillestad Butler.
24. *Lena's Shoes Are Nervous: A First-Day-of-School Dilemma*. By Keith Calabrese.
25. *Let the Children March*. By Monica Clark-Robinson.
26. *Mommy's Khimar*. By Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow.
27. *My Beijing: Four Stories of Everyday Wonder*. By Nie Jun.
28. *Night Job*. By Karen Hesse.
29. *A Parade of Elephants*. By Kevin Henkes.
30. *The Party and Other Stories*. By Sergio Ruzzier.
31. *The Patchwork Bike*. By Maxine Beneba Clarke.
32. *The Rough Patch*. By Brian Lies.
33. *Saturday Is Swimming Day*. By Hyewon Yum.
34. *See Pip Flap*. By David Milgrim.
35. *Thank You, Omu!* By Oge Mora.
36. *The Wall in the Middle of the Book*. By Jon Agee.
37. *You and Me*. By Rebecca Kai Dotlich.

Middle Readers (Grades 3–5) Book List

Read and comment on 12 of the following books.

1. *Ana María Reyes Does NOT Live in a Castle*. By Hilda Eunice Burgos.
2. *All that Trash: The Story of the 1987 Garbage Barge and Our Problem with Stuff*. By Meghan McCarthy.
3. *Aru Shah and the End of Time*. By Roshani Chokshi.
4. *The Assassination of Brangwain Spurge*. By M.T. Anderson and Eugene Yelchin.
5. *Beavers*. By Rachel Poliquin.
6. *Between the Lines: How Ernie Barnes Went from the Football Field to the Art Gallery*. By Sandra Neil Wallace.
7. *The Book of Boy*. By Catherine Gilbert Murdock.
8. *The Brilliant Deep: Rebuilding the World's Coral Reefs*. By Kate Messner.
9. *Camp Panda: Helping Cubs Return to the Wild*. By Catherine Thimmesh.
10. *Can I Touch Your Hair? Poems of Race, Mistakes, and Friendship*. By Irene Latham and Charles Waters.
11. *Dragons in a Bag*. By Zetta Elliott.
12. *Edison: The Mystery of the Missing Mouse Treasure*. By Torben Kuhlmann.
13. *The Eye that Never Sleeps: How Detective Pinkerton Saved President Lincoln*. By Marissa Moss.
14. *Finding Langston*. By Lesa Cline-Ransome.
15. *Front Desk*. By Kelly Yang. Scholastic/Arthur A. Levine.
16. *Game Changers: The Story of Venus and Serena Williams*. By Lesa Cline-Ransome.
17. *Hammering for Freedom*. By Rita Lorraine Hubbard.
18. *Knights vs. Dinosaurs*. By Matt Phelan.
19. *Louisiana's Way Home*. By Kate DiCamillo.
20. *Marcus Vega Doesn't Speak Spanish*. By Pablo Cartaya.
21. *Martin Rising: Requiem for a King*. By Andrea Davis Pinkney.
22. *Memphis, Martin, and the Mountaintop: The Sanitation Strike of 1968*. By Alice Faye Duncan.
23. *Merci Suárez Changes Gears*. By Meg Medina.
24. *No Small Potatoes: Junius G. Groves and His Kingdom in Kansas*. By Tonya Bolden.
25. *Pass Go and Collect \$200: The Real Story of How Monopoly Was Invented*. By Tanya Lee Stone.
26. *Otis and Will Discover the Deep: The Record-Setting Dive of the Bathysphere*. By Barb Rosenstock.
27. *The Parker Inheritance*. By Varian Johnson.
28. *Saving Winslow*. By Sharon Creech.
29. *The Season of Styx Malone*. By Kekla Magoon.
30. *So Tall Within: Sojourner Truth's Long Walk toward Freedom*. By Gary D. Schmidt.
31. *Stella Díaz Has Something to Say*. By Angela Dominguez.
32. *Tiger vs. Nightmare*. By Emily Tetri.
33. *Thirty Minutes over Oregon: A Japanese Pilot's World War II Story*. By Marc Tyler Nobleman.
34. *The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle*. By Leslie Connor.
35. *The United States v. Jackie Robinson*. By Sudipta Bardhan-Quallen.
36. *What Do You Do with a Voice Like That? The Story of Extraordinary Congresswoman Barbara Jordan*. By Chris Barton.
37. *When Angels Sing: The Story of Rock Legend Carlos Santana*. By Michael Mahin.

Older Readers (Grades 6–8) Book List

Read and comment on nine of the following books.

1. *Amal Unbound*. By Aisha Saeed.
2. *Apollo 8: The Mission that Changed Everything*. By Martin W. Sandler.
3. *Attucks! Oscar Robertson and the Basketball Team that Awakened a City*. By Phillip Hoose.
4. *Be Prepared*. By Vera Brosgol.
5. *Boots on the Ground: America's War in Vietnam*. By Elizabeth Partridge.
6. *Children of Blood and Bone*. By Tomi Adeyemi. Holt.
7. *Crash: The Great Depression and the Fall and Rise of America*. By Marc Favreau.
8. *The Cruel Prince*. By Holly Black.
9. *The Girl Who Drew Butterflies: How Maria Merian's Art Changed Science*. By Joyce Sidman. Illus.
10. *Ghost Boys*. By Jewell Parker Rhodes.
11. *Harbor Me*. By Jacqueline Woodson.
12. *Hey, Kiddo: How I Lost My Mother, Found My Father, and Dealt with Family Addiction*. By Jarrett J. Krosoczka.
13. *Hurricane Child*. By Kheryn Callender.
14. *The Hyena Scientist*. By Sy Montgomery.
15. *Illegal*. By Eoin Colfer and Andrew Donkin.
16. *Ivy Aberdeen's Letter to the World*. By Ashley Herring Blake.
17. *Jazz Owls: A Novel of the Zoot Suit Riots*. By Margarita Engle.
18. *Lifeboat 12*. By Susan Hood.
19. *The Mad Wolf's Daughter*. By Diane Magras.
20. *March Forward, Girl: From Young Warrior to Little Rock Nine*. By Melba Pattillo Beals.
21. *The Night Diary*. By Veera Hiranandani.
22. *Nowhere Boy*. By Katherine Marsh.
23. *The Poet X*. By Elizabeth Acevedo.
24. *The Prince and the Dressmaker*. By Jen Wang.
25. *Rebound*. By Kwame Alexander.
26. *Run for Your Life*. By Silvana Gandolfi.
27. *Small Spaces*. By Katherine Arden.
28. *Spooked! How a Radio Broadcast and The War of the Worlds Sparked the 1938 Invasion of America*. By Gail Jarrow.
29. *Something Rotten: A Fresh Look at Roadkill*. By Heather L. Montgomery.
30. *Streetcar to Justice: How Elizabeth Jennings Won the Right to Ride in New York*. By Amy Hill Hearth.
31. *They Call Me Güero: A Border Kid's Poems*. By David Bowles.
32. *Tight*. By Torrey Maldonado.
33. *The Unwanted: Stories of the Syrian Refugees*. By Don Brown.

Young Adult (Grades 9–12) Book List

Read and comment on five of the following books.

1. *The Cruel Prince*. By Holly Black.
2. *Darius the Great is Not Okay*. By Adib Khorram.
3. *Dread Nation*. By Justina Ireland.
4. *Foolish Hearts*. By Emma Mills.
5. *Frankie*. By Shivaun Plozza.
6. *A Heart in a Body in the World*. By Deb Caletti.
7. *Monday's Not Coming*. By Jackson Tiffany.
8. *Neanderthal Opens the Door to the Universe*. By Preston Norton.
9. *The Poet X*. By Elizabeth Acevedo.
10. *What if It's Us*. By Becky Albertalli and Adam Silvera.