



2021–22 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 Nov. 12, 2021 (Feedback and Assessment) and/or June 13, 2022 (Reading and Motivation) 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-packed 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 book and how it 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: Nov. 12, 2021 and/or June 13, 2022, 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 ALSC Notable Children’s Books.

** Sessions may be offered virtually dependent on local COVID-19 conditions*

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

Read and comment on 15 of the following books. You may substitute up to two from the All Ages Book List

1. **Alfie.** By Thyra Heder.
2. **All Around Us.** By Xelena González.
3. **All the Way to Havana.** By Margarita Engle.
4. **Baby Goes to Market.** By Atinuke
5. **Big Cat, Little Cat.** By Elisha Cooper.
6. **Blue Sky, White Stars.** By Sarvinder Naberhaus.
7. **The Book of Mistakes.** By Corinna Luyken.
8. **The Boy and the Whale.** By Mordicai Gerstein.
9. **Charlie & Mouse.** By Laurel Snyder.
10. **Frida Kahlo and Her Animalitos.** By Monica Brown.
11. **Good Night, Planet.** By Liniers.
12. **A Greyhound, a Groundhog.** By Emily Jenkins.
13. **Home in the Rain.** By Bob Graham.
14. **I See a Cat.** By Paul Meisel.
15. **Jabari Jumps.** By Gaia Cornwall.
16. **King and Kayla and the Case of the Missing Dog Treats.** By Dori Hillestad Butler.
17. **La Princesa and the Pea.** By Susan Middleton Elya.
18. **Life on Mars.** By Jon Agee.
19. **The Little Red Cat Who Ran Away and Learned His ABC's (the Hard Way).** By Patrick McDonnell.
20. **My Kite Is Stuck! And Other Stories.** By Salina Yoon.
21. **Noodleheads See the Future.** By Tedd Arnold, Martha Hamilton, and Mitch Weiss.
22. **Now.** By Antoinette Portis.
23. **The Only Fish in the Sea.** By Philip C. Stead.
24. **A Perfect Day.** By Lane Smith.
25. **Professional Crocodile.** By Giovanna Zoboli.
26. **The Rooster Who Would Not Be Quiet!** By Carmen Agra Deedy.
27. **Snail & Worm Again.** By Tina Kügler.
28. **Stay: A Girl, a Dog, a Bucket List.** By Kate Klise.
29. **Town Is by the Sea.** By Joanne Schwartz.
30. **Triangle.** By Mac Barnett.
31. **Walk with Me.** By Jairo Buitrago.
32. **When a Wolf Is Hungry.** By Christine Naumann-Villemin.
33. **When's My Birthday?** By Julie Fogliano.
34. **Windows.** By Julia Denos.
35. **Wolf in the Snow.** By Matthew Cordell.
36. **The Wolf, the Duck, & the Mouse.** By Mac Barnett.
37. **You Can't Be Too Careful!** By Roger Mello.
38. **The Youngest Marcher: The Story of Audrey Faye Hendricks, a Young Civil Rights Activist.** By Cynthia Levinson.

Middle Readers (Grades 3–5) Book List

Read and comment on 12 of the following books. You may substitute up to two from the All Ages Book List

1. ***All's Faire in Middle School.*** By Victoria Jamieson.
2. ***Bronze and Sunflower.*** By Cao Wenxuan.
3. ***Chef Roy Choi and the Street Food Remix.*** By Jacqueline Briggs Martin and June Jo Lee.
4. ***Clayton Byrd Goes Underground.*** By Rita Williams-Garcia.
5. ***A Different Pond.*** By Bao Phi.
6. ***How to Be an Elephant: Growing Up in the African Wild.*** By Katherine Roy.
7. ***Impact! Asteroids and the Science of Saving the World.*** By Elizabeth Rusch.
8. ***Malala: Activist for Girls' Education.*** By Raphaële Frier.
9. ***Mama Africa! How Miriam Makeba Spread Hope with Her Song.*** By Kathryn Erskine.
10. ***Older than Dirt: A Wild but True History of Earth.*** By Don Brown and Mike Perfit.
11. ***Princess Cora and the Crocodile.*** By Laura Amy Schlitz.
12. ***Ruth Bader Ginsburg: The Case of R.B.G. vs. Inequality.*** By Jonah Winter.
13. ***Sea Otter Heroes: The Predators That Saved an Ecosystem.*** By Patricia Newman.
14. ***Trudy's Big Swim: How Gertrude Ederle Swam the English Channel and Took the World by Storm.*** By Sue Macy.
15. ***Wishtree.*** By Katherine Applegate.

Older Readers (Grades 6–8) Book List

Read and comment on 10 of the following books. You may substitute up to two from the All Ages Book List

1. ***Amina's Voice***. By Hena Khan.
2. ***Armstrong and Charlie***. By Steven B. Frank.
3. ***Ashes to Asheville***. By Sarah Dooley.
4. ***Beyond the Bright Sea***. By Lauren Wolk.
5. ***Dazzle Ships: World War I and the Art of Confusion***. By Chris Barton.
6. ***The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora***. By Pablo Cartaya.
7. ***A Face Like Glass***. By Frances Hardinge.
8. ***Fault Lines in the Constitution: The Framers, Their Fights, and the Flaws that Affect Us Today***. By Cynthia Levinson and Sanford Levinson.
9. ***The First Rule of Punk***. By Celia C. Pérez.
10. ***Flying Lessons & Other Stories***. Ed. by Ellen Oh.
11. ***Forever, or a Long, Long Time***. By Caela Carter.
12. ***Hello, Universe***. By Erin Entrada Kelly.
13. ***Isaac the Alchemist: Secrets of Isaac Newton, Revealed***. By Mary Losure.
14. ***Life on Surtsey: Iceland's Upstart Island***. By Loree Griffin Burns.
15. ***The List***. By Patricia Forde.
16. ***Long Way Down***. By Jason Reynolds.
17. ***Louis Undercover***. By Fanny Britt.
18. ***Lucky Broken Girl***. By Ruth Behar.
19. ***Midnight without a Moon***. By Linda Williams Jackson.
20. ***The Murderer's Ape***. By Jakob Wegelius.
21. ***Orphan Island***. By Laurel Snyder.
22. ***Patina***. By Jason Reynolds.
23. ***Piecing Me Together***. By Renée Watson.
24. ***Posted***. By John David Anderson.
25. ***Quicksand Pond***. By Janet Taylor Lisle.
26. ***Schomburg: The Man Who Built a Library***. By Carole Boston Weatherford.
27. ***Sidetracked***. By Diana Harmon Asher.
28. ***Silent Days, Silent Dreams***. By Allen Say.
29. ***The Stars beneath Our Feet***. By David Barclay Moore.
30. ***Strange Fruit: Billie Holiday and the Power of a Protest Song***. By Gary Golio.
31. ***Thornhill***. By Pam Smy.
32. ***Twelve Days in May: Freedom Ride 1961***. By Larry Dane Brimner.
33. ***Undefeated: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team***. By Steve Sheinkin.
34. ***The War I Finally Won***. By Kimberly Brubaker Bradley.
35. ***The Whiz Mob and the Grenadine Kid***. By Colin Meloy.
36. ***The Whydah: A Pirate Ship Feared, Wrecked & Found***. By Martin W. Sandler.

All Ages Book List

Read and comment on all of the following books.

1. ***Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut.*** By Derrick Barnes.
2. ***Grand Canyon.*** By Jason Chin.
3. ***Her Right Foot.*** By Dave Eggers.
4. ***I'm Just No Good at Rhyming and Other Nonsense for Mischievous Kids and Immature Grown-Ups.*** By Chris Harris.
5. ***Not So Different: What You Really Want to Ask about Having a Disability.*** By Shane Burcaw.
6. ***Out of Wonder: Poems Celebrating Poets.*** By Kwame Alexander with Chris Colderley and Marjory Wentworth.
7. ***The Street beneath My Feet.*** By Charlotte Guillain.