









Battle of the Books Grand Traverse Book List 2016-2017

The Birchbark House (Erdrich) GLE 4.9 / Lexile 970

This is the tale of Omakayas, a young Ojibwe girl living with her family in the mid-1800s on an island in Lake Superior. As the seasons turn, Omakayas learns about herself, her true past, and how she has an important role to play in her Native American community. * Audiobook on Hoopla

The False Prince (Nielsen) GLE 4.4 / Lexile 710

A scrappy pickpocket, Sage is rescued from the streets by a nobleman along with two other boys. The deal? Pretend to be the long-lost heir to the throne. The twist? One, and only one, boy will become the prince, and the rest will be killed. Can Sage do what it takes to become the prince?

* Audiobook on Hoopla

From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler (Konigsburg) GLE 4.7 / Lexile 700

Claudia's parents don't understand her, and her friends are boring. She decides to run away for a bit -- just long enough for everyone to miss her. She decides that the best place to take up residence is the glamorous Metropolitan Museum of Art. With her brother Jamie in on the plan, the adventure begins. * Audiobook on Hoopla & Overdrive. Ebook on Overdrive.

The Graveyard Book (Gaiman) GLE 5.4 / Lexile 820

Late at night, a toddler awakes, discovers the back door is open, and heads out into the street. An assassin planning to kill the entire family had left it ajar. But the boy escapes instead and, after entering into a nearby grave-yard, begins his unusual life in the care of the ghosts who reside there. But has he escaped the assassin forever? * Audiobook on Hoopla and Overdrive.

No More Dead Dogs (Korman) GLE 5.1 / Lexile 610

School football hero Wallace Wallace has been suspended from the team for writing an unfavorable book report of *Old Shep, My Pal*. But Wallace won't tell a lie -- he hated every minute of the book! It only gets worse when Wallace has to spend his detention at play practice for the drama club's rendition of the same book. Before he knows it, Wallace has the whole school riled up about a play about a dead dog.

Roller Girl (Jamieson) GLE 3.5 / Lexile GN440

For twelve years, Astrid has done almost everything with her best friend Nicole by her side. But after Astrid discovers the cool new sport of roller derby and signs up for derby camp, Nicole decides on dance camp instead. Facing daily bruises and falls, more experienced players, and with no best friend for support, is Astrid strong enough to be a roller girl?

* eBook on Overdrive

Sasquatch (Smith) GLE 5.2 / Lexile 680

Do you believe in Big Foot? Dylan doesn't. He thinks it's all a big story, a tall tale. When his father takes him to a meeting where a stranger is recruiting men to help search for Sasquatch, Dylan is alarmed by his dad's plan to go along. To top it off, the search is going to take place on Mount St. Helens, a mountain on the brink of a volcanic eruption. Hang on for Dylan's wild ride.

Small Steps: The Year I Got Polio (Kehret) Lexile 890

In this true story, Peg writes about what is was like to be a normal girl in the 1950s -- planning to meet friends at the Homecoming parade to a "polio case" -- suddenly paralyzed from the neck down. Follow Peg's journey as she tries to physically and emotionally recover along with other kids in the hospital. Will she ever walk again?

The Unforgotten Coat (Boyce Cottrell) Lexile 710

When two Mongolian brothers inexplicably appear one morning in Julie's sixth grade class, no one, least of all Julie, knows what to do with them. But when the older boy Chingis proclaims Julie as their "Good Guide" to their new country, Julie must somehow navigate them through British life. Find out if Julie has what it takes to be a "Good Guide."

Zane and the Hurricane (Philbrick) GLE 5 / Lexile 860

Zane Dupree, a 12-year-old boy of mixed race, and his dog Bandit find themselves alone in New Orleans fighting for survival through Hurricane Katrina. Can Zane and his dog make it through wind and rain, the rising flood, and then new dangers as shelter and food vanish? Zane needs to find help he can trust before time runs out.

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