Low Residency MFA Recommended Reading List

Board Books (Birth to Age 2)
Freight Train by Donald Crews

Picture Books (Ages 2 to 8)
Little Black Sambo by Helen Bannerman read with Sam and the Tigers by Julian Lester
The Snowman by Raymond Briggs
The Dead Bird by Margaret Wise Brown
The Story of Babar: The Little Elephant by Jean de Brunhoff
Miss Rumphius by Barbara Cooney
Corduroy by Don Freeman
Swamp Angel by Anne Isaacs
Leo the Late Bloomer or Whose Mouse Are You? by Robert Kraus
Swimmy by Leo Lionni
Snowflake Bentley by Jacqueline Briggs Martin
Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin, Jr., and John Archambault
Annie and the Old One by Miska Miles
Pink and Say by Patricia Polacco
Officer Buckle and Gloria by Peggy Rathmann
Mufaro’s Beautiful Daughters by John Steptoe
Tuesday by David Wiesner
Seven Blind Mice by Ed Young
Mr. Rabbit and the Lovely Present or The Storm Book by Charlotte Zolotow

Books for Beginning Readers (Ages 5 to 7)
The Stories Julian Tells by Ann Cameron (short stories)
Henry and Mudge by Cynthia Rylant

Books for Young Readers (Ages 7 to 9)
Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes by Eleanor Coerr
The Hundred Dresses by Eleanor Estes
My Father’s Dragon by Ruth Stiles Gannett
Misty of Chincoteague or King of the Wind by Marguerite Henry
Betsy-Tacy by Maud Hart Lovelace
Aesop’s Fables, adapted and illustrated by Jerry Pinkney
The New Kid on the Block by Jack Prelutsky

Books for Middle-Grade Readers (Ages 8 to 11)
The Children of Green Knowe by Lucy M. Boston
Skeleton Man or The Winter People by Joseph Bruchac
The Incredible Journey by Sheila Burnford
Summer of the Swans by Betsy Byars
The D’Aulaire Book of Greek Myths by Ingri and Edgar D’Aulaire
Half Magic by Edward Eager
Humbug Mountain by Sid Fleischman
The Blue Fairy Book by the Grimm brothers
Zeely by Virginia Hamilton
The Complete Tales of Uncle Remus by Joel Chandler Harris read with Uncle Remus: The Complete Tales by Julius Lester and Jerry Pinkney (illustrator)
Redwall by Brian Jacques
The Finn Family Moomintroll by Tove Jansson
The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster
The Stranger Next Door by Peg Kehret
A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L’Engle
Rabbit Hill by Robert Lawson
In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson by Bette Bao Lord
Going Home by Nicholasa Mohr
Anne of Green Gables by Lucy Maud Montgomery
Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
Rascal by Sterling North
American Tall Tales retold by Mary Pope Osborne
Tom’s Midnight Garden by Philippa Pearce
Soup by Robert Newton Peck
The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin
Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone by J. K. Rowling
Missing May by Cynthia Rylant
The Cricket in Times Square by George Selden
The Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth George Speare
Mary Poppins by P. L. Travers
Homecoming by Cynthia Voigt
Trapped in Death Cave by Bill Wallace
The Green Book by Jill Paton Walsh
The Mennyms by Sylvia Waugh
Locomotion by Jacqueline Woodson

Books for Older Readers (Ages 12 and up)
The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle by Avi
True Confessions of a Heartless Girl by Martha Brooks
Behind the Attic Wall by Sylvia Cassedy
My Brother Sam Is Dead by James and Christopher Collier
Catherine, Called Birdy by Karen Cushman
Johnny Tremain by Esther Forbes
Looking for Alaska by John Green
The Maestro by Tim Wynne-Jones
Number the Stars by Lois Lowry
Somewhere in the Darkness by Walter Dean Myers
Gulliver’s Travels by Jonathan Swift (complete edition)
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain
A Parcel of Patterns by Jill Paton Walsh
Poetry
Slow Dance Heartbreak Blues or Love Letters by Arnold Adoff
I Met a Man by John Ciardi
Everett Anderson’s Goodbye by Lucille Clifton
Come Hither by Walter de la Mare
Reflections on a Gift of Watermelon Pickle by Stephen Dunning
Night on Neighborhood Street by Eloise Greenfield
The Rattle Bag edited by Seamus Heaney and Ted Hughes
Elympics or Brats by X. J. Kennedy
Near the Window Tree by Karla Kuskin
Book of Nonsense by Edward Lear
The Star in the Pail by David McCord
Finding a Poem by Eve Merriam
The New Kid on the Block by Jack Prelutsky
Advice for a Frog and Other Poems by Alice Schertle
Where the Sidewalk Ends by Shel Silverstein
Neighborhood Odes by Gary Soto
All the Small Poems by Valerie Worth
The Real Mother Goose by Blanche Fisher Wright or The Mother Goose Treasury illustrated by Raymond Briggs

Nonfiction
Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank
The Noisy Book by Margaret Wise Brown
Anderson and the Struggle for Equal Rights by Russell Freedman
On This Spot by Susan Goodman
Good Brother, Bad Brother: The Story of Edwin Booth and John Wilkes Booth by James Cross Giblin
Paddle-to-the-Sea by Holling C. Holling
We Were There, Too by Phillip Hoose
Rocks in his Head by Carol Otis Hurst
Chuck Close, Up Close by Sandra Jordon and Jan Greenberg
Breaking Into Print: Before and After the Invention of the Printing Press by Stephen Krensky
Dance! With Bill T. Jones by Bill T. Jones and Susan Kuklin
The Librarian Who Measured the World by Kathryn Lasky
The Most Beautiful Roof in the World: Exploring the Rainforest Canopy by Kathryn Lasky and Christopher Knight
Volcano: The Eruption and Healing of Mt. St. Helens by Patricia Lauber
Invincible Louisa by Cornelia Meigs
Lucky Porcupine (and many other titles) by Miriam Schlein
People of the Breaking Day by Marcia Sewall
How Much is a Million? by David Schwartz (picture)