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Literature Boxes 2008

Language Arts Standards 1-4

Students will read, write, listen, and speak for information and understanding.
 Students will read, write, listen, and speak for literary response and expression.
 Students will read, write, listen, and speak for critical analysis and evaluation.
 Students will read, write, listen, and speak for social interaction.

Elementary Non-Fiction

Catalog Number: LB20

Title: Ashanti to Zulu: An African Tradition by Musgrove, Margaret.

This book explains some traditions and customs of 26 African tribes beginning with letters from A to Z. 35 copies of book. Caldecott Award Winner.

Audience: Primary

Catalog Number: LB31

Title: Vote! By Eileen Christelow.

Using a town's mayoral election as a model, this lively introduction to voting covers every step of the process from the start of the campaign to Election Day. There's even a recount! Told in comic book style, this look at how we choose our leaders turns an often-daunting topic into an exciting narrative.

Audience: Primary

Catalog Number: LB11

Title: Waiting for Wings by Lois Ehlert.

A beautifully woven blend of information about caterpillars, butterflies, and the gardens that attract them. Vibrant colors jump off of white backgrounds to show realistic-looking butterflies and flowers in Ehlert's signature cut-paper-collage style. 35 copies of the book and one videocassette.

Audience: Primary

Catalog Number: LB42

Title: Bread comes to life by George Levenson.

This video begins by showing many of the varieties of bread and the ingredients from which it is made. The story then focuses on a baker who grows wheat in his backyard garden, threshes and mills the grain, and uses the resulting flour to make a loaf of bread in his own kitchen. The film then turns to large-scale bread production: a wheat harvest on a farm, the inside workings of a huge flour mill, and a behind-the-scenes look at a commercial bakery. It concludes with a montage of all kinds of people baking bread and all kinds of creatures - even cows-enjoying it.

Audience: Primary, Intermediate

Catalog Number: LB52

Title: Butterflies and the life cycle and other books...

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Literature box contains: Butterflies - Smith-Saunders, Gail (6 copies); Painted Butterflies - Schaffer, Donna (6 copies); From Puppy to Dog, From Tadpole to Frog, From Egg to Spider, From Caterpillar to Butterfly, From Egg to Chicken, From Seed to Sunflower, From Bean to Bean Plant, From Seed to Apple - Ganeri, Anita (1 copy each); Monarch Butterfly - Gibbons Gail (1 copy); From Caterpillar to Butterfly - Heiligman, Deborah (1 copy); A Monarch Butterfly's Life - Himmelman, John (1 copy); The Bug Scientist - Jackson, Donna M. (1 copy)

Elementary Poetry

Catalog Number: LB19

Title: The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein.

A young boy grows to manhood and old age experiencing the love and generosity of a tree which gives to him without thought of return.

Audience: Primary

Intermediate Non-Fiction—Grades 5-8

Catalog Number: LB25

Title: Clouds and Weather—Peterson First Guides by

John Day and Vincent Schaefer Features: 116 color photographs that show how to identify clouds, with explanations of what each cloud type tells about the weather to come; easy to understand diagrammatic answers to questions about the weather, such as why the sky is blue, what makes it rain, and what causes rainbows; and an introduction to environmental concerns that affect the atmosphere. 35 copies

Audience: Intermediate

Catalog Number: LB27

Title: *Insects—Peterson First Guides* by Christopher Leahy.

Features: 203 common and conspicuous insects of North America; introductory sections on observing insects, parts of insects, and more; the famous Peterson identification system, which shows you exactly what to look for. 35 copies.

Audience: Intermediate

Catalog Number: LB26

Title: *Trees—Peterson First Guides* by George Petrides.

Features: 243 common and conspicuous trees of North America; full color illustrations and a clear, precise description of each tree; information on the ecology and natural history of trees, including the ways they are used by people and animals; Peterson identification system, which uses arrows on the illustrations and italics in the description to show you exactly what to look for.

Audience: Intermediate

Intermediate Fiction

Catalog Number: LB16

Title: *Crispin: Cross of Lead* by Avi

Aster's son, Crispin, has always lived on the edge of his world-separated physically and emotionally from the others in his medieval village. But after his mother dies, he learns that he must flee his village to save his life. Avi has done an excellent job of integrating background and historical information, of pacing the plot so that the book is a page-turner from beginning to end, and of creating characters for whom readers will have great empathy. The result is a meticulously crafted story, full of adventure, mystery, and action. **Newbery Award Winner.** 35 copies of the novel.

Audience: Intermediate

Catalog Number: LB51

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Audience: Intermediate, Junior High

Catalog Number: LB21

Title: *Ghost Boy* by Iain Lawrence.

Harold Kline is an albino--an outcast. Folks stare and taunt, calling him Ghost Boy. It's been that way all of his 14 years. So when the circus comes to town, Harold runs off to join it. Full of colorful performers, the circus seems like the answer to Harold's loneliness. He's eager to meet the Cannibal King, a side-show attraction who's an albino too. He's touched that Princess Minikin and the Fossil Man, two other sideshow curiosities, embrace him like a son. He's in love with Flip, the beguiling horse trainer, and awed by the all-knowing Gypsy Magda. Most of all, Harold is proud of training the elephants, and of earning respect and a sense of normality. Even at the circus, though, two groups exist--the freaks, and everyone else.

Audience: Intermediate

Catalog Number: LB44

Title: *A Tale of Despereaux* by Kate DiCamillo.

Despereaux Tilling is a mouse, but he is not like all the other mice. He's a romantic at heart, and he's in love with Princess Pea. That love gets him sent to the rat-filled dungeon. Despereaux eventually meets two kindred spirits, a rat and a peasant girl, who all yearn for what they are told they can't have.

Audience: Intermediate

Catalog Number: LB10

Title: *Tuck Everlasting* by Natalie Babbitt.

The Tuck family discovers a spring which grants eternal life, decides to protect it for the sake of humanity, and finally meets challenges to their goals in the form of a ten-year-old's inquisitive mind and a greedy stranger who suspects their secret. Unabridged audio tapes and 35 copies of the book.

Audience: Intermediate

Catalog Number: LB54

Title: *Under the Blood-Red Sun* by Graham Salisbury.

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Tomikazu Naksji'd biggest concern are baseball, homework, and a local bully, until lire with his Japanese family in Hawaii changes drastically after the bombing of Pearl Harbor in December 1941.

Audience: Intermediate, Junior High

Catalog Number: LB23

Title: *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle.

Meg Murray, her little brother Charles Wallace, and their mother are having a midnight snack on a dark and stormy night when an unearthly stranger appears at their door. He claims to have been blown off course, and goes on to tell them that there is such a thing as a "tesseract," which is a wrinkle in time. Meg's father had been experimenting with time-travel when he suddenly disappeared. Will Meg, Charles Wallace, and their friend Calvin outwit the forces of evil as they search through space for their father?

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Catalog Number: LB45

Title: A Year Down Yonder by Richard Peck.

It is 1937 and Mary Alice has been sent down to southern Illinois to live with Grandma Dowdel, while her parents try to survive the Great Depression in Chicago. Mary Alice has never traveled by train alone; her brother Joe was with her every summer that she spent with Grandma; now he is in the Civilian Conservation Corps in California. With her radio, her cat Bootsie, and her trunk, Mary Alice meets Grandma on the station platform. There are no hugs; Grandma is not the hugging type.
Audience: Intermediate, Junior High

Junior High—Senior High Non Fiction

Catalog Number: LB28

Title: Rocks and Minerals Peterson First Guides by Frederick Pough.

Features beautiful color photographs and concise descriptions of more than 250 rocks and minerals most interesting to collectors; simple accounts of how and where igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic rocks are formed and information for the beginner on how to identify rocks and minerals and where to find the best specimens.

Audience: Junior High, Senior High

Catalog Number: LB47

Title: A Child called "it": one child's courage by Dave Pelzer.

This is an unforgettable account of one of the most severe child abuse cases in California history. It is the story of Dave Pelzer, who was brutally beaten and starved by his emotionally unstable, alcoholic mother. (30 copies of book)

Audience: Senior High

Junior High—Senior High Plays and Poetry

Catalog Number: LB22

Title: The Complete Tales and Poems of Edgar Allan Poe

This collection of short stories and poems includes such masterpieces as The Fall of the House of Usher, The Purloined Letter, The Tell-Tale Heart, The Raven, and Murders in the Rue Morgue.

Audience: Junior High, Senior High

Catalog Number: LB39

Title: Julius Caesar by William Shakespeare

For students struggling with Shakespeare, we have created Side by Sides. With the original text on the left hand side of the page and a modern, prose rendering on the right hand side, your students will easily be able to study the greatest drama available. Teacher's guide, activity pack and student response journal included.

Audience: Junior High, Senior High

Catalog Number: LB36

Title: The Merchant of Venice by William Shakespeare

The Merchant of Venice is one of Shakespeare's most well known comedies. Blending tragedy and comedy, the play presents contrasts and ambiguities, and the complexities of which lie in the character Shylock, its captivating villain.

Audience: Junior High, Senior High

Catalog Number: LB50

Title: Beowulf

Out in the darkness, the monster stirred, gliding in shadow. Grendel moved quickly through the cloudy night, lurching up from the swampland. The warriors who were to guard the castle slept—all but one. Beowulf, wakeful, was on watch for the demon. His anger mounting, he ached for revenge.

Audience: Junior High, Senior High

Catalog Number: LB3

Title Our Town by Thornton Wilder.

First produced and published in 1938, this Pulitzer Prize-winning drama of life in the small village of Grover's Corners has become an American classic and is Thornton Wilder's most renowned and most frequently performed play.

Audience: Junior High, Senior High

Junior High — Senior High Fiction

Catalog Number: All Quiet on the Western Front by Erich Marie Remarque.

This is a testament of Paul Baumer, who enlists with his classmates in the German army of World War I. They become soldiers with youthful enthusiasm. But the world of work, duty, culture, and progress they had been taught breaks into pieces under the first bombardment in the trenches. Through the years of vivid horror, Paul holds fast to a single vow: to fight against the principle of hate that meaninglessly pits young men of the same generation but different uniforms against each other, if only he can come out of the war alive. 35 copies of the book.

Audience: Senior High

Catalog Number: LB6

Title: The Awakening by Kate Chopin.

An American classic of sexual expression that paved the way for the modern novel, The Awakening is both a remarkable novel in its own right and a startling reminder of how far women in this century have come. The story of a married woman who pursues love outside a stuffy, middle-class marriage, the novel portrays the mind of a woman seeking fulfillment of her essential nature. 35 copies of the novel, 1 copy of the unabridged audiocassette (5 hours 3 minutes on 4 tapes, read by Alexandre O'Karma, produced by Recorded Books – 1986) and an envelope of lesson plans and discussion questions.

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Catalog Number: LB8

Title: Bad Boy by Walter Dean Myers.

Into a memoir that is funny, heartbreaking, and unforgettable, Walter Dean Myers richly weaves the details of his Harlem childhood, in the 1940s and 1950s: a loving home life with his adoptive parents, Bible school, street games, and the vitality of his neighborhood. Although Walter spent much of his time either getting into trouble or on the basketball court, secretly he was a voracious reader and an aspiring writer. But as his prospects for a successful future diminished, the values he had been taught at home, in school, and in his community seemed worthless, and he turned to the streets and his books for comfort. Here, in his own words, is the story of one of the strongest voices in children's and young adult literature today.

Audience: Senior High

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Catalog Number: LB53

Title: The Book Thief by Markus Zusak.

Trying to make sense of the horrors of World War II, death relates the story of Liesel -- a young German girl whose book-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her family and the Jewish man they are hiding, as well as their neighbors. 35 copies of book. Also, included is the unabridged book on CD.

Audience: Senior High, college, adult

Catalog Number: LB5

Title: Bud not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis.

Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depressions, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father—the renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway of Grand Rapids. **Winner of the 2000 Newbery Medal, and the 2000 Coretta Scott King Award.**

Audience: Junior High, Senior High

Catalog Number: LB24

Title: Catch 22 by Joseph Heller.

Set in the closing months of World War II in an American bomber squadron off Italy, Catch-22 is the story of a bombardier named Yossarian, who is frantic and furious because thousands of people he hasn't even met keep trying to kill him. Catch-22 is a microcosm of the twentieth-century world as it might look to someone dangerously sane.

Audience: Senior High

Catalog Number: LB41

Title: The Chocolate War by Robert Cormier.

Does Jerry Renault dare to disturb the universe? You wouldn't think that his refusal to sell chocolates during his school's fundraiser would create such a stir, but it does; it's as if the whole school comes apart at the seams. The Chocolate War stands ready to shock a new group of teen readers. 35 copies of this novel.

Audience: Junior High, Senior High

Catalog Number: LB7

Title: The Dark is Rising by Susan Cooper.

On his eleventh birthday, Will Stanton discovers that he is the last of the Old Ones destined to seek the magical Signs that will enable the Old Ones to triumph over the evil forces of the Dark.

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Catalog Number: LB1

Title: Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury.

First published in 1953, Fahrenheit 451 is a classic novel set in the future when books forbidden by a totalitarian regime are burned. The hero, a book burner, suddenly discovers that books are flesh and blood ideas that cry out silently when put to the torch. 35 copies of the novel, 1 copy of the videocassette "Fahrenheit 451" (color, 52 minutes, no MPAA rating, a Francois Truffaut film) and an envelope of lesson plans and discussion questions.

Audience: Senior High

Catalog Number: LB48

Title: Fallen Angels by Walter Dean Myers Seventeen-year old Richie Perry, just out of his Harlem high school, enlists in the Army in the summer of 1967 and spends a devastating year on active duty in Vietnam.

Audience: Junior High, Senior High

Catalog Number: LB38

Title: First Part Last by Angelina Johnson and Breakout by Paul Fleischman

Bobby's a classic Urban Teenager. He's restless. He's impulsive. But one thing that makes him different is this: He's going to be a father. His girlfriend, Nia, is pregnant, and their lives are about to change forever. Del's lived in Los Angeles for seventeen years, bouncing among foster homes. Smart, sharp-tongued, and a master mimic, she's fed up with her world and with being Del.

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Catalog Number: LB32

Title: The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck.

The Great Depression creates a rough time to live. The Joad family attempts to make the haul from Oklahoma to California in hopes of a better life. Intensely human yet majestic in its scale and moral vision, tragic but ultimately stirring in its insistence on human dignity.

Audience: Senior High

Catalog Number: LB13

Title: Holes by Louis Sachar

Stanley Yelnats is under a curse. A curse that began with his no-good-dirty-rotten-pig-stealing great-great grandfather and has since followed generations of Yelnats. Now Stanley has been unjustly sent to the boys' detention center, Camp Green Lake, where the boys build character by spending all day, every day, digging holes exactly five feet wide and five feet deep.

Audience: Junior High, Senior High

Catalog Number: LB12

Title: The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros.

Told in a series of vignettes stunning for their eloquence, The House on Mango Street is the story of Esperanza Cordero, a young girl growing up in the Hispanic quarter of Chicago. For Esperanza, Mango Street is a desolate landscape of concrete and run-down tenements, where she discovers the hard realities of life -the fretters of class and gender, the specter of racial enmity, the mysteries of sexuality, and more.35 copies of book and teacher guides.

Audience: Junior High, Senior High

Catalog Number: LB2

Title: A Lesson Before Dying by Ernest Gaines.

Set in a small Cajun community in the late 1940s, A Lesson before Dying is an "enormously moving" ("Los Angeles Times") novel of one man condemned to die for a crime he did not commit and a young man who visits him in his cell. In the end, the two men forge a bond as they both come to understand the simple heroism of resisting--and defying--the expected. **Winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award for Fiction.** 35 copies of the novel, 1 copy of the videocassette, "A Lesson Before Dying" (color, 101 min-utes, MPAA rating PG-13) and an envelope of lesson plans and discussion questions.

Audience: Senior High

Catalog Number: LB17

Title: My Brother Sam is Dead by James Lincoln Collier

All his life, Tim Meeker had looked up to his brother Sam. Sam's smart and brave, and always knows the right thing to do. Now Sam is part of the new American Revolutionary Army. He talks about defeating the British and becoming independent and free. But not everyone in town wants to be a part of this new

America. Most people are loyal supporters of the English King-- especially Tim and Sam's father. The war is raging, and Tim knows he'll have to make a choice, but how can he choose?

Audience: Junior High

Catalog Number: LB37

Title: Necessary Noise

These short stories by recognized young adult authors are compelling examples of contemporary literature dealing with all types of family issues. The subject material varies from Walter Dean Myers powerful description of a father visiting his son on death row to Lois Lowry's tale of a snowbound family reacting to a visit from their college freshman daughter and her rude, unkempt boyfriend. All of the selections deal with contemporary situations and how these characters attempt to deal with whatever "family" means in their particular experience.

Audience: Senior High

Catalog Number: LB49

Title: Nothing but the Truth by Avi

A ninth grader's suspension for singing "The Star Spangled Banner" during homeroom becomes a national news story.

Audience: Junior High

Catalog Number: LB40

Title: Number the Stars by Lois Lowry

In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, ten-year-old Annemarie learns how to be brave and courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis.

Audience: Junior High, Senior High

Catalog Number: LB34

Title: Pictures of Hollis Woods by Patricia Reilly Giff.

A troublesome twelve-year-old orphan, staying with an elderly artist who needs her, remembers the only other time she was happy in a foster home, with a family that truly seemed to care about her.

Audience: Junior High

Catalog Number: LB15

Title: Seedfolks by Paul Fleischman.

A vacant lot, rat infested and filled with garbage, looked like no place for a garden. Especially to a neighborhood of strangers where no one seems to care. Until one day, a young girl clears a small spece and digs in the the hard packed soil to plant her precious bean seeds. Suddenly the soil holds promise.

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Catalog Number: LB14

Title: Speak by Laurie Anderson.

Melinda Sordino busted an end-of-summer party by calling the cops, so her old friends won't talk to her, and people she doesn't know hate her from a distance. The safest place to be is alone, inside her own head. But even that's not safe. Because there's something she's trying not to think about, something about the night of the party that, if she let it in, would blow her carefully constructed disguise to smithereens. And she would have to speak the truth. **National Book Award Finalist, Michael L. Printz Award for Excellence in Young Adult Literature.**

Audience: Junior High, Senior High

Catalog Number: LB4

Title: That Night by Alice McDermott.

Suburban Long Island in the 60s is the setting for this story of the binding love between a young couple, and the drastic actions they must take when she becomes pregnant. From the author of *The Bigamist's Daughter*. 35 copies of the novel, 1 copy of the videocassette "That Night" (color, 89 minutes, MPAA rating PG-13) and an envelope of lesson plans and discussion questions.

Audience: Senior High

Catalog Number: LB35

Title: True Confessions of a Heartless Girl by Martha Brooks and Fat Kid by Kelly Going.

True Confessions of a Heartless Girl - In the midst of a heaven-rattling summer storm a young stranger blows into a small prairie town. On the run after taking her latest boyfriend's truck, with a pocketful of stolen money and a heart full of pain, seventeen-year old Noreen Stall seems to invite trouble. And trouble comes soon enough as Noreen's new mistakes trigger calamities that shake the lives of the residents of Pembina Lake. *Fat Kid Rules the World* - Troy, a 17-year-old 298 pound "Fat Kid," is considering suicide, but can't think of an approach that won't be funny to those who stifle giggles when they see him carry out everyday tasks. Deep in thought, Troy doesn't notice Curt watching him. Curt interrupts and claims that Troy owes him lunch in exchange for saving his life. Going named Curt after Kurt Cobain, an appropriate namesake for this troubled, genius guitar player determined to form a punk rock band. Curt is convinced Troy is the ideal drummer-except that Troy can't play the drums

Audience: Senior High

Catalog Number: LB30

Title: Uncle Tom's Cabin by Harriet Beecher Stowe, Harriet Beecher Stowe's powerful but sentimental and stereotyped anti-slavery novel, published in 1852, was an inspiration to the abolitionist cause.

Audience: Senior High



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