



## Books to Explore

The Alabama Cooperative Extension System at Alabama A&M University, champions Alabama Governor Kay Ivey's Summer Reading Challenge through its program Lend an Ear.

Visit [Summer Reading Challenge](#) to learn more about this initiative.

### Kindergarten

**Compost Stew: An A to Z Recipe for the Earth** by Mary McKenna Siddals

**Good Night Alabama** by Adam Gamble and Mark Jasper

**Over and Under the Pond** by Kate Messner

**The Lorax** by Dr. Seuss

**We Are Water Protectors** by Carole Lindstrom

**The Tree Lady** by H. Joseph Hopkins

### 1st Grade

**Alabama: My Home Sweet Home** by Charles Ghigna

**Over and Under the Snow** by Kate Messner

**The Curious Garden** by Peter

Brown **One Plastic Bag** by

Miranda Paul **The Water**

**Princess** by Susan Verde

**A Seed Is Sleepy** by Dianna Hutts Aston

## 2nd Grade

**The Great Kapok Tree** by Lynne Cherry

**A Boy and a Jaguar** by Alan Rabinowitz

**The Camping Trip That Changed America** by Barb Rosenstock

**The Watcher** by Jeanette Winter

**The Raft** by Jim LaMarche

**Where Once There Was a Wood** by Denise Fleming

## 3rd Grade

**Hoot** by Carl Hiaasen

**The Wild Robot** by Peter Brown

**A Whale of the Wild** by Rosanne Parry

**My Side of the Mountain** by Jean Craighead George

**The Last Wild** by Piers Torday

**Stitchin' and Pullin': A Gee's Bend Quilt** by Patricia C. McKissack

## 4th Grade

**Saturdays and Teacakes** by Lester L.

Laminack **The One and Only Ivan** by

Katherine Applegate **The Birchbark House**

by Louise Erdrich

**The Vanderbeekers and the Hidden Garden** by Karina Yan Glaser

**The Lost Rainforest: Mez's Magic** by Eliot Schrefer

**The Water Horse** by Dick King-Smith

## 5th Grade

**A Wolf Called Wander** by Rosanne Parry

**Seeds of Freedom** by Hester Bass

**The Last Wild** by Piers Torday

**The Line Tender** by Kate Allen

**The City of Ember** by Jeanne DuPrau

**The Green Ember** by S.D. Smith

## 6th Grade

**Flush** by Carl Hiaasen

**The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate** by Jacqueline

Kelly **The Girl Who Drew Butterflies** by

Joyce Sidman **The Last Cuentista** by Donna

Barba Higuera

**The Wolves of Willoughby Chase** by Joan Aiken

## 7th Grade

**A Long Walk to Water** by Linda Sue Park

**Dry** by Neal Shusterman and Jarrod Shusterman

**The Thing About Jellyfish** by Ali Benjamin

**The Carbon Diaries 2015** by Saci Lloyd

**Fashionopolis : the secrets behind the clothes we wear** by Dana Thomas

## 8th Grade

**Not a Drop to Drink** by Mindy McGinnis

**Where the River Runs Gold** by Sita Brahmachari

**Orleans** by Sherri L. Smith

**Girls who green the world : thirty-four rebel women out to save our planet**  
by Diana Kapp

**The Last Wild Trilogy** by Piers Torday