

To: Teachers and Media Specialists
From: Lincoln City Libraries Youth Services Staff
RE: Classroom Loan Bags

Lincoln City Libraries carries sets of multiple copies of particular titles written for children. Each set contains approximately 20-30 paperback copies of the same title.

These books have been used in our Read Aloud Please, Reading Together and TeensRead! programs during the summer. We make these bags available to teachers during the school year to use in their classrooms. Currently, we have over 100 book bags available. **As with any book, we recommend that teachers read the book before they use it in their classroom to determine if it is appropriate for their needs.**

The following guidelines apply to the use of these book bags:

The bags are reserved and check out for one calendar month at a time.

The borrower may renew the bag for an additional month if there are no reserves on it by the 25th of the month. **You must call the Youth Services Department to renew the bag before it is due.**

Bags may be picked up the first day of the month. Any bags not picked up by the 5th will be considered available for another teacher to use that month.

Bags are due back the 26th of the month. A charge of \$1.00 a day will be assessed for each day the bag is late.

- These bags must be checked out and returned to Bennett Martin Public Library.

-If you have decided not to use a bag you have reserved, please let us know as soon as possible so that other teachers may use it.

We would be pleased if you would take advantage of this offer! Bags may be reserved starting **August 1, 2011**. Following is a list of the books available, including grade level and a brief description. Please call our department at 441-8566 to place your reserves or if you would like more information about the program.

Regarding August 1 reservations: In-person reservations, in order of arrival, will take precedence over phone reservations, which will be honored in the order received.

Alcatraz vs. the Evil Librarians by Brandon Sanderson (gr. 4-6) **2010-2011 Golden Sower Nominee** On his thirteenth birthday, foster child Alcatraz Smedry receives a bag of sand which is immediately stolen by the evil Librarians who are trying to take over the world, and told that he must use it to save civilization.

Anna's Blizzard by Alison Hart (gr. 4-6) Twelve-year-old Anna discovers that she knows a few things about survival when the 1888 Children's Blizzard traps her and her classmates in their Nebraska schoolhouse.

Balto and the Great Race by Elizabeth Kimmel (gr. 2-4) Recounts how the sled dog Balto saved Nome, Alaska, in 1925 from a diphtheria epidemic by delivering medicine through a raging snowstorm.

Be a Perfect Person in Just Three Days by Stephen Manes (gr. 3-5) Milo wants to try a book, *Be a Perfect Person in Just Three Days*, but who's ever heard of wearing a stalk of broccoli around your neck for twenty-four hours? And that's only the first day. . . .

Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo (gr. 4-6) **2001 Newbery Honor Book.** Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all of the good things that happen to her because of her big ugly dog, Winn-Dixie.

Bunnicula by Deborah and James Howe (gr. 3-5). A dog named Harold tells the story of a rabbit many believe to be a vampire.

Chocolate Fever by Robert Kimmel Smith (gr. 2-5) Wacky adventures arise when Henry comes down with the only reported case of "chocolate fever."

Chocolate Touch by Patrick Skene Catling (gr. 3-5) A boy acquires a magical gift that turns everything his lips touch into chocolate.

***Closed for the Season** by Mary Downing Hahn (gr. 4-6) **Golden Sower Nominees 2011-2012** When Logan and his family move into a run-down old house in rural Virginia, he discovers that a woman was murdered there and becomes involved with his neighbor Arthur in a dangerous investigation to try to uncover the killer.

Dear America: The Journal of Jesse Smoke: A Cherokee Boy by Joseph Bruchac (gr. 4-6) Sixteen-year-old Jesse's journal, begun in 1837, records the stories of his people and the difficulties they faces along the Trail of Tears. (NA*)

Dear America: My Face to the Wind: The Diary of Sarah Jane Price, a Prairie Teacher by Jim Murphy (gr. 4-6) Following her father's death, a teenage girl must support herself. She records her experiences as a school teacher in Nebraska in 1881.

Defiance by Valerie Hobbs (gr. 4-6) While vacationing in the country, eleven-year-old Toby, a cancer patient, learns some important lessons about living and dying from an elderly poet and her cow.

Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney (gr. 4-6) Greg records his sixth-grade experiences in a middle school where he and his best friend, Rowley, undersized weaklings amid boys who need to shave twice daily, hope just to survive, but when Rowley grows more popular, Greg must take drastic measures to save their friendship.

Do Not Pass Go by Kirkpatrick Hill (gr. 4-6) **2010-2011 Golden Sower Nominee** When Deet's father is jailed for using drugs, Deet learns that prison is not what he expected, nor are other people necessarily the way he thought they were.

A Dog Called Kitty by Bill Wallace (gr. 2-5) Afraid of dogs since he was attacked by a mad one, Ricky resists taking in a homeless pup that shows up at the farm.

The Dog That Stole Football Plays by Matt Christopher (gr. 2-4) A boy and his psychic dog are able to steal plays from the opposing football team.

Donovan's Word Jar by Monalisa DeGross (gr. 2-4) His friends collect coins or comics, Donovan collects interesting words and puts them in a jar. (AF*)

***Dying To Meet You** by Kate Klise (gr. 4-6) **Golden Sower Nominees 2011-2012** Children's book author I. B. Grumpy gets more than he bargained for when he rents a quiet place to write for the summer, in this story told mostly through letters.

Earthquake Terror by Peg Kehret (gr. 4-6) When an earthquake hits the isolated island in northern California where his family has been camping, twelve-year-old Jonathan Palmer must find a way to keep himself, his partially paralyzed younger sister and their dog alive until help arrives.

Emmy and the Incredible Shrinking Rat by Lynne Jonell (gr. 4-6) **2010-2011 Golden Sower Nominee** When Emmy discovers that she and her formerly loving parents are being drugged by their evil nanny with rodent potions that can change people in frightening ways, she and some new friends must try everything possible to return things to normal.

Escaping the Giant Wave by Peg Kehret (gr. 4-6) When an earthquake creates a tsunami while 13-year-old Kyle is babysitting his sister during a family vacation at a Pacific Coast resort, he tries to save himself, his sister and a boy who has bullied him for years.

***The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate** by Jacqueline Tate (gr. 4-6) **Golden Sower Nominees 2011-2012**

In central Texas in 1899, eleven-year-old Callie Vee Tate is instructed to be a lady by her mother, learns about love from the older three of her six brothers, and studies the natural world with her grandfather.

***Extra Credit** by Andrew Clements (gr. 4-6) **Golden Sower Nominees 2011-2012** As letters flow back and forth--between the prairies of Illinois and the mountains of Afghanistan, across cultural and religious divides--sixth-grader Abby, ten-year-old Amira, and eleven-year-old Sadeed begin to speak and listen to each other.

Freedom's Wings: Corey's Diary by Sharon Dennis Wyeth (gr. 2-4) A nine-year-old slave keeps a diary of his journey to freedom along the Underground Railroad in 1857. (AF*)

Frindle by Andrew Clements (gr. 4-6) When he decides to turn his fifth grade teacher's love for the dictionary around on her, clever Nick Allen invents a new word and begins a chain of events that quickly moves beyond his control.

Full Tilt by Neal Shusterman (gr. 6-9) When sixteen-year-old Blake goes to a mysterious carnival, he somehow knows that it could save his comatose brother. He soon learns that much more is at stake if he fails to meet the challenge presented there by the beautiful Cassandra.

Gabriel's Horses by Alison Hart (gr. 4-6) **2010-2011 Golden Sower Nominee** In Kentucky, during the Civil War, the twelve-year-old slave Gabriel contends with a cruel new horse trainer and skirmishes with Confederate soldiers as he pursues his dream of becoming a jockey.(AF*)

Gossamer by Lois Lowry (gr. 4-6) While learning to bestow dreams, a young dream giver tries to save an eight-year-old boy from the effects of his abusive past and the nightmares inflicted by the frightening Sinisteads.

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen (gr. 4-6) **1988 Newbery Honor Book.** After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends fifty-four days in the wilderness, learning to survive initially with only the aid of a hatchet given to him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parents' divorce.

Holes by Louis Sachar (gr. 4-6) **1999 Newbery Medal Winner** As further evidence of his family's bad fortune which they attribute to a curse on a distant relative, Stanley Yelnats is sent to a hellish correctional camp in the Texas desert where he finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a new sense of himself.

The Homework Machine by Dan Gutman (gr.4-6) Four fifth-grade students—a geek, a class clown, a teacher's pet and a slacker—as well as their teachers and mothers, each relate events surrounding a computer programmed to complete homework assignments. .

How Angel Peterson Got His Name by Gary Paulsen (gr. 4-6) Author Gary Paulsen relates outrageous tales about extreme sports from his youth in a small town in northwestern Minnesota in the late 1940's and early 1950's.

How to Steal a Dog by Barbara O'Connor (gr. 4-6) Living in the family car in their small North Carolina town after their father leaves them virtually penniless, Georgina persuades her younger brother to help her in an elaborate scheme to get money by stealing a dog and then claiming the reward that the owners are bound to offer.

***Jake Ransom and the Skull King's Shadow** by James Rollins (gr. 4-6) **Golden Sower Nominees 2011-2012** Jake and his older sister Kady are transported by a Mayan artifact to a strange world inhabited by a mix of people from long-lost civilizations who are threatened by prehistoric creatures and an evil alchemist, the Skull King.

Joyful Noise by Paul Fleischman (gr. 3-6) **1989 Newbery Medal Winner.** Written to be read aloud by two voices--sometimes alternating, sometimes simultaneous--here are irresistible poems that celebrate the insect world.

***Kenny and the Dragon** by Tony DiTerlizzi (gr. 4-6) **Golden Sower Nominees 2011-2012** Book-loving Kenny the rabbit has few friends in his farming community, so when one, bookstore owner George, is sent to kill another, gentle dragon Grahame, Kenny must find a way to prevent their battle while satisfying the dragon-crazed townspeople.

The Lemonade War by Jacqueline Davies (gr. 4-6) **2009-2010 Golden Sower Nominee** Evan and his younger sister, Jesse, react very differently to the news that they will be in the same class for fourth grade and they battle it out through lemonade stands, each trying to be the first to earn 100 dollars. Includes mathematical calculations and tips for running a successful lemonade stand.

The Liberation of Gabriel King by K.L. Going (gr. 4-6) In Georgia during the summer of 1976, Gabriel, a white boy who is being bullied, and Frita, an African American girl who is facing prejudice, decide to overcome their many fears together as they enter fifth grade. (AF*)

Long Shot by Mike Lupica (gr. 4-6) **2010-2011 Golden Sower Nominee** Pedro, an avid basketball player, decides to run for class president, challenging a teammate who is also one of the most popular boys in school. (HIS*)

Lunch Money by Andrew Clements (gr. 4-6) Twelve-year-old Greg, who has always been good at moneymaking projects, is surprised to find himself teaming up with his lifelong rival, Maura, to create a series of comic books to sell at school.

***The Magic Thief** by Sarah Prineas (gr. 4-6) **Golden Sower Nominees 2011-2012** A young thief is drawn into a life of magic and adventure after picking the pocket of the powerful wizard Nevery Flinglas, who has returned from exile to attempt to reverse the troubling decline of magic in Wellmet City.

Martin Bridge Ready for Takeoff by Jessica Scott Kerrin (gr. 2-4) Meet Martin Bridge, a most special and ordinary boy whose well-meant plans sometimes go awry.

Mary on Horseback: Three Mountain Stories by Rosemary Wells. (gr. 4-6) True-to-life stories of families who were helped by the work of Mary Breckinridge, the first nurse to go into the Appalachian Mountains to care for the isolated inhabitants.

Masterpiece by Elise Broach. (gr. 4-6) **2010-2011 Golden Sower Nominee** After Marvin, a beetle, makes a miniature drawing as an eleventh birthday gift for James, a human with whom he shares a house, the two new friends work together to help recover a Durer drawing stolen from the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Mayfield Crossing by Vaunda Micheaux (gr. 3-6) When their school is closed, the kids from Mayfield Crossing must attend a larger school, and facing prejudice, organize a baseball game in hopes of breaking down the racial barriers. (AF*)

The Million Dollar Strike by Dan Gutman (gr. 4-6) Best friends Ouchie and Squishy, who love bowling and horror movies respectively, meet the eccentric owner of a local bowling alley and try to help him save Bowl-A-Rama from the wrecking ball and a destructive psychotic lunatic.

Mr. Popper's Penguins by Richard Atwater (gr. 3-6) The unexpected delivery of a large crate containing an Antarctic penguin changes the life and fortunes of Mr. Popper, a house painter obsessed by dreams of the Polar regions.

***Night of the Spadefoot Toads** by Bill Harley (gr. 4-6) **Golden Sower Nominees 2011-2012** When his family moves from Tucson, Arizona to Massachusetts, fifth-grader Ben has a hard time leaving the desert he loves, but when he finds a kindred spirit in his science teacher and ends up trying to help her with some of her problems, he finally begins to feel at home.

Night of the Twisters by Ivy Ruckman (gr. 4-6) A fictional account of the night freakish and devastating tornadoes hit Grand Island, Nebraska, as experienced by a twelve-year-old, his family and friends.

Number the Stars by Lois Lowry (gr. 4-7) **1990 Newbery Medal Winner.** 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.

The One in the Middle is the Green Kangaroo by Judy Blume (gr. 1-3) Second grader Freddy Dissel has that left-out kind of feeling, squeezed between an older brother and a little sister like “the peanut butter part of a sandwich”. Now it’s Freddy’s chance to show everyone how special he is, including himself.

Paint the Wind by Pam Munoz Ryan (gr. 4-6) **2010-2011 Golden Sower Nominee** After her overprotective grandmother has a stroke, Maya, an orphan, leaves her extremely restricted life in California to stay with her mother’s family on a remote Wyoming ranch, where she discovers a love of horses and encounters a wild mare that her mother once rode.

Pioneer Girl: Growing Up on the Prairie by Andrea Warren (gr. 4-6) Tells about the daily life and activities of a pioneer girl growing up on the prairies of Nebraska.

Rescue on the Outer Banks by Candice F. Ransom (gr. 2-4) Sam Deal and his horse, Ginger, help an African-American lifesaving crew rescue shipwreck victims off the coast of North Carolina in 1896. (AF*)

The Road to Paris by Nikki Grimes (gr. 4-6) Inconsolable at being separated from her older brother, eight-year-old Paris is apprehensive about her new foster family; but just as she learns to trust them, she faces a life-changing decision. (AF*)

Room One by Andrew Clements (gr. 4-6) Ted Hammond, the only sixth grader in his small Nebraska town’s one-room schoolhouse, searches for clues to the disappearance of a homeless family.

Rules by Cynthia Lord (gr. 2-4) Frustrated at life with an autistic brother, twelve-year-old Catherine longs for a normal existence, but her world is further complicated by a friendship with a young paraplegic.

Runt by Marion Dane Bauer (gr. 4-6) Runt, the smallest wolf cub in the litter, seeks to prove himself to his father, King, and the rest of the pack and to earn a new name.

Savvy by Ingrid Laws (gr. 4-6) **2010-2011 Golden Sower Nominee** As Mibs Beaumont awaits her thirteenth birthday when her “savvy” (a magical power unique to each member of her family) will be revealed, her father is injured in a terrible accident.

Sheep by Valerie Hobbs (gr. 4-6) After a fire destroys the farm where he was born, a young border collie acquires a series of owners and learns about life as he seeks a home and longs to fulfill his life’s purpose of shepherding sheep.

Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor (gr. 3-6) **1992 Newbery Medal Winner.** When he finds a lost beagle in the hills behind his West Virginia home, Marty tries to hide it from his family and the dog's real owner, a mean-spirited man known to shoot deer out of season and to mistreat his dogs.

***Shooting the Moon** by Frances O’Roark Dowell (gr. 4-6) **Golden Sower Nominees 2011-2012** When her brother is sent to fight in Vietnam, twelve-year-old Jamie begins to reconsider the army world that she has grown up in.

Small Steps: The Year I Got Polio by Peg Kehret (gr. 4-6) The author describes her battle against polio at age thirteen and her efforts to overcome its debilitating effects.

Some Frog! by Eve Bunting (gr. 2-4) Billy is disappointed when his father doesn’t show up to help him catch a frog for the frog-jumping competition at school, but the one he and his mother catch wins the championship and Billy begins to accept his father’s absence.

The SOS File by Betsy Byars (gr. 4-6) The students in Mr. Magro’s class submit stories for the SOS file about their biggest emergencies, and then they read them aloud for extra credit.

Stink: The Incredible Shrinking Kid by Megan McDonald (gr. 2-4) The shortest kid in second grade, James Moody, also known as Stink, learns about the shortest president of the United States, James Madison. Every morning, Judy Moody measures Stink; every day it’s the same: three feet, eight inches, until one day....is Stink shrinking?

Stolen Children by Peg Kehret (gr. 4-6) **2010-2011 Golden Sower Nominee** When 14-year-old Amy fills in for a wealthy family’s nanny, she and her three-year-old charge, Kendra, are kidnapped. Amy uses her wits to keep Kendra safe, send clues to the police, and also try to escape from the kidnapers.

Stone Fox by John Reynolds Gardiner (gr. 2-4) Little Willie hopes to pay the back taxes on his grandfather's farm with the prize money from a dog sled race he enters.

***Storm Chaser** by Chris Platt (gr. 4-6) **Golden Sower Nominees 2011-2012** When a fire forces her family to turn their home into a guest ranch, aspiring horse trainer Jessica finds herself working once again with her favorite horse, Storm Chaser, to tame the wild filly for snobbish, spoiled Ariel, Storm Chaser's future owner.

Swindle by Gordon Korman (gr. 4-6) **2010-2011 Golden Sower Nominee** After unscrupulous collector S. Wendell Palomino cons him out of a valuable baseball card, sixth-grade Griffin Bing puts together a band of misfits to break into Palomino’s heavily guarded store and steal the car back, planning to use the money to finance his father’s failing invention, the SmartPick fruit picker.

The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo (gr. 4-6) **2004 Newberry Medal Winner** The adventures of Despereaux Tilling, a small mouse of unusual talents, the princess that he loves, the servant girl who longs to be a princess, and a devious rat determined to bring them all to ruin.

Through My Eyes by Ruby Bridges (gr. 4-6) Ruby Bridges recounts the story of her involvement, as a six-year-old, in the integration of her school in New Orleans in 1960. (AF*)

A Week in the Woods by Andrew Clements (gr. 4-6) The fifth grade's annual camping trip in the woods tests Mark's survival skills and his ability to relate to a teacher who seems out to get him.

The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin (gr. 5-9) **1979 Newbery Medal Winner**. The mysterious death of an eccentric millionaire brings together an unlikely assortment of heirs who must uncover the circumstances of his death before they can claim their inheritance.

Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls (gr. 4-6) A young boy living in the Ozarks achieves his heart's desire when he becomes the owner of two redbone hounds and teaches them to be champion hunters.

Wild Horses by George Edward Stanley (gr. 2-4) Non-fiction, this book tells of wild horses of the past, today and tomorrow, and wild horses found in different places around the world.

The World According to Humphrey by Betty G. Birney (gr. 4-6) Sent to live in Room 26, Humphrey, the class hamster, begins to learn a lot about humans through simple observation from his cage, in an amusing tale about a curious creature who takes full advantage of his educational opportunities.

The Year of the Panda by Miriam Schlein (gr. 2-5) A Chinese boy rescues a starving baby panda, and, in the process, learns why pandas are endangered, and what the government is doing to save them. (AS*)

AF*= African-American characters or themes

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***Denotes titles new for 2011-2012 school year**