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Bradby, Marie. *More than Anything Else*
Browne, Anthony. *I like Books*
Bruss, Deborah. *Book! Book! Book!*
Bunting, Eve. *The Wednesday Surprise*
Deedy, Carmen Agra. *The Library Dragon*
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George, Kristine O’Connell. *Book!*
Hopkins, Lee Bennett. *Good Books, Good Times*
Levinson, Nancy. *Clara and the Bookwagon*
Lyon, George Ella. *Book*
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McPhail, David. *Edward and the Pirates*
Miller, William. *Richard Wright and the Library Card*
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Polacco, Patricia. *Thank you, Mr. Falker*
Polacco, Patricia. *The Bee Tree*
Polacco, Patricia. *Aunt Clara and the Triple Creek Dam Affair.*
Sierra, Judy. *Wild About Books*
Stewart, Sarah. *The Library*
Williams, Suzanne. *Library Lil*
Winters, Kay and Carpenter, Nancy. *Abe Lincoln The Boy who Loved Books*

Novels:
Christian, Peggy. *The Bookstore Mouse*
A mouse living in an antiquarian bookstore learns the true power of words when he literally falls into a medieval tale and helps defeat the dragon. 134 pages

Funke, Cornelia. *Inkheart.*
Twelve-year-old Meggie learns that her father, who repairs and binds books for a living, can "read" fictional characters to life when one of those characters abducts them and tries to force him into service. 534 pages

Scieszka, Jon. *Summer Reading is Killing Me!*
At the beginning of summer vacation Joe, Sam, and Fred find themselves trapped inside their summer reading list, involved in a battle between good and evil characters from well-known children's books. 73 pages

The lives of four young people in different circumstances are changed by their encounters with books. 148 pages
Reader's Oath

Thanks to Debra Angstead of Missouri-NEA for this inspiring oath. In one of the most wonderful events in Read Across America's history, Steven G. Breyer, Justice of the United States Supreme Court, administered this oath to a group of Washington, D.C. students. Gathered in the hallowed halls of the Supreme Court Library, the children promised to become life-long readers. Your students can do the same. Invite a local judge to officiate, or your principal or other appropriate individual.
"To acquire the habit of reading is to construct for yourself a refuge from almost all the miseries of life"

W. Somerset Maugham

Reader's Oath

I promise to read
Each day and each night.
I know it's the key
To growing up right.

I'll read to myself,
I'll read to a crowd.
It makes no difference
If silent or loud.

I'll read at my desk,
At home and at school,
On my bean bag or bed,
By the fire or pool.

Each book that I read
Puts smarts in my head,
'Cause brains grow more thoughts
The more they are fed.

So I take this oath
To make reading my way
Of feeding my brain
What it needs every day.

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