Recommended Book Series

These are series that have been enjoyed by many middle school students at Dalton over the years. Bracketed numbers are used when there are distinct suggested grade levels, whether to indicate the minimum readership maturity (some books are best encountered when the readers are older) or to indicate the maximum grade level appeal (for titles that are specifically meant for younger readers.) The lack of bracketed numbers indicate readability and appeal for all grade levels.

QUICK LINKS TO GENRES
[Fantasy] [Suspense and Horrors] [Classics]
[Realistic Fiction] [Science Fiction] [Adventures] [Non-fiction]

FANTASY

- **Abhorsen** (Garth Nix) [5+]
  Sabriel – Lirael – Abhorsen
- **Amulet** (Kazu Kibuishi – Graphic Novels) [4-6]
- **Artemis Fowl** (Eoin Colfer)
- **Avatar: The Last Airbender** (Gene Luen Yang – Graphic Novels)
  Avatar: The Promise – Avatar: The Search – Avatar: The Rift – Avatar: Smoke and Shadow - Avatar - North & South
- **The Bartimaeus Trilogy** (Jonathan Stroud) [5+]
  The Amulet of Samarkand – The Golem’s Eye – Ptolemy’s Gate - The Ring of Solomon (prequel)
- **Beka Cooper** (Tamora Pierce) [6+]
  Terrier – Bloodhound – Mastiff
- **The Belgariad** (David Eddings) [6+]
  Pawn of Prophecy – Queen of Sorcery – Magician’s Gambit – Castle of Wizardry – Enchanter’s End Game
- **Chrestomanci Books** (Diana Wynne Jones)
- **Chronicles of Prydain** (Lloyd Alexander)
  The Book of Three – The Black Cauldron – Castle of Llyr – Taran Wanderer – The High King
• The Dark is Rising Sequence (Susan Cooper)
  Over Sea, Under Stone (prequel) – The Dark is Rising -Greenwitch – The Grey King – Silver on the Tree
• Daughter of Smoke and Bone (Laini Taylor)
• Discworld Universe (Terry Pratchett)
  Too many titles to list all here but perhaps start with Wee Free Men or The Color of Magic
• Earthsea (Ursula LeGuin) [6+]
  A Wizard of Earthsea – The Tombs of Atuan – The Farthest Shore – Tehanu
• Enchanted Forest Chronicles (Patricia Wrede)
  Dealing with Dragons – Searching for Dragons – Calling on Dragons – Talking to Dragons
• The Grimm series (Adam Gidwitz)
  A Tale Dark and Grimm – In a Glass Grimmy – The Grimm Conclusion
• Half Bad (Sally Green)
  Half Bad – Half Wild – Half Lost
• Harry Potter (J.K. Rowling)
• The Heroes of Olympus (Rick Riordan)
  The Lost Hero – The Son of Neptune – The Mark of Athena
• His Dark Materials (Philip Pullman) [5+]
  The Golden Compass – The Subtle Knife – The Amber Spyglass
• The Immortals (Tamora Pierce)
• The Inheritance Cycle (Christopher Paolini)
  Eragon – Eldest – Brisingr – Inheritance
• Keys to the Kingdom (Garth Nix)
  Mister Monday – Grim Tuesday – Drowned Wednesday – Sir Thursday – Lady Friday – Superior Saturday – Lord Sunday
• Lord of the Rings (J.R.R. Tolkien) [6+]
  Hobbit (prequel) [4+] – Fellowship of the Ring – The Two Towers – The Return of the King
• The Lost Years of Merlin (T.A. Barron)
• Magic Circle (Tamora Pierce)
  Tris’s Book – Sandry’s Book – Daja’s Book – Briar’s Book
• Misborn (Brandon Sanderson) [6+]
  The Final Empire – The Well of Ascension – The Hero of Ages
• The Mortal Instruments (Cassandra Clare)
  City of Bones – City of Ashes – City of Glass – City of Fallen Angels/Clockwork Angel (prequel)
Percy Jackson and the Olympians (Rick Riordan)

The Queen’s Thief (Megan Whelan Turner) [6+]
The Thief – The Queen of Attolia – The King of Attolia – A Conspiracy of the Kings

The Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel (Michael Scott)

Song of the The Lioness (Tamora Pierce)
Alanna: the First Adventure – In the Hand of a Goddess – The Woman Who Rides Like a Man – Lioness Rampant

Suspect/Horror Stories

39 Clues (Rick Riordan and other authors) ** [4-6]

Alex Rider Adventures (Anthony Horowitz)
Stormbreaker – Point Blank – Skeleton Key – Eagle Strike – Scorpia – Ark Angel – Snakehead – Crocodile Tears – Scorpia Rising

Cirque du Freak (Darren Shaan)

The Enemy (Charlie Higson) [5+]
The Enemy – The Dead – The Fear – The Sacrifice –

Face on the Milk Carton (Caroline B. Cooney)

FunJungle (Stuart Gibbs)
Belly Up - Big Game - Poached - Panda-monium

The Gallagher Girls (Ally Carter)
I’d Tell You I Love You, but Then I’d Have to Kill You – Cross My Heart and Hope to Spy – Don’t Judge a Girl by Her Cover – Only the Good Spy Young

The Gatekeepers (Anthony Horowitz)
Raven’s Gate – Evil Star – Nightrise – Necropolis

The Hardy Boys (Franklin Dixon)

Hercule Poirot Mysteries (Agatha Christie) [5+]
Murder in Mesopotamia – The A.B.C. murders – Murder in Mesopotamia – Evil under the sun – … and others
- **Jane Marple Mysteries (Agatha Christie) [5+]**
  A Pocket Full of Rye – Three Blind Mice and Other Stories – … and others
- **Johny Dixon Mysteries (John Bellairs)**
- **The Last Apprentice (Joseph Delaney)**
  Revenge of the Witch – Curse of the Bane – Night of the Soul Stealer – Attack of the Fiend – Wrath of the Bloodeye – Clash of the Demons
- **Lewis Barnavelt Mysteries (John Bellairs)**
  The House with a Clock in Its Walls – The Figure in the Shadows – The Letter, the Witch and the Ring – Ghost in the Mirror
- **Maximum Ride (James Patterson) [5+]**
  The Angel Experiment – School’s Out Forever – Saving the World and Other Extreme Sports – The Final Warning – Max – Fang
- **Moon Base Alpha (Stuart Gibbs)**
  Space Case - Space Out
- **The Mysterious Benedict Society (Trenton Lee Stewart)**
- **Nancy Drew (Carole Keene)**
- **Regarding the … (Kate Klise) [4-6]**
  Regarding the Fountain – Regarding the Sink – Regarding the Trees – Regarding the Bathrooms – Regarding the Bees
- **The Roman Mysteries (Caroline Lawrence)**
- **Ruby Redfort (Lauren Child)**
  Ruby Redfort: Look into My Eyes – Ruby Redfort: Take Your Last Breath – Ruby Redfort: Catch Your Death
- **The Secret series (Pseudonymous Bosch) [4-6]**
  The Name of This Book Is Secret – If You’re Reading This, It’s Too Late – This Book Is Not Good For You – This Isn’t What It Looks Like – You Have to Stop This
- **A Series of Unfortunate Events (Lemony Snicket)**

- **Sherlock Holmes (Sir Arthur Conan Doyle)**
  The mysterious adventures of Sherlock Holmes – The extraordinary cases of Sherlock Holmes – The great adventures of Sherlock Holmes – The hound of the Baskervilles

- **Sisters Grimm (Michael Buckley) [4-6]**
  Fairy-Tale Detectives – The Unusual Suspects – The Problem Child – Once Upon a Crime – Magic and Other Misdemeanors – Tales from the Hood – The Everafter War

- **The Sports Beat series (John Feinstein)**
  Last Shot: A Final Four Mystery – Vanishing Act: Mystery at the U.S. Open – Cover-Up: Mystery at the Super Bowl – Change-up: Mystery at the World Series – The Rivalry: Mystery at the Army-Navy Game – Rush for the Gold: Mystery at the Olympics

- **Spy School (Stuart Gibbs)**
  Spy School - Spy Camp - Evil Spy School - Spy Ski School

- **Witch Series (Phyllis Reynolds Naylor) [5+]**

- **Young Bond (Charlie Higson)**
  Silver Fin – Blood Fever – Double or Die – Hurricane Gold – By Royal Command – Danger Society

### Classics

- **Betsy-Tacy (Maud Hart Lovelace)**
  Betsy-Tacy – Betsy-Tacy and Tib – Betsy and Tacy Go over the Big Hill – Betsy and Tacy Go Downtown – Heaven to Betsy – Betsy in Spite of Herself – Betsy Was a Junior – Betsy and Joe
  Betsy and the Great World – Betsy’s Wedding

- **The Borrowers (Mary Norton) [4-6]**

- **Chronicles of Narnia (C.S. Lewis)**
  The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe – Prince Caspian – The Voyage of the Dawn Treader
  The Silver Chair – The Horse and His Boy – The Magician’s Nephew – The Last Battle

- **Color Fairy Books (Andrew Lang)**

- **Little Women (Louisa May Alcott) [6+]**
  Little Women – Little Men – Jo’s Boys

- **Mary Poppins (P.L. Travers)**
  Mary Poppins – Mary Poppins Comes Back – Mary Poppins Opens the Door –
Realistic Fiction

- **Alice (Phyllis Reynolds Naylor) [5+]**
The Agony of Alice – Alice in Rapture, Sort Of – Reluctantly, Alice – All But Alice – Alice in April – Alice In-Between – Alice the Brave – Alice in Lace – Outrageously Alice – Achingly Alive – Alice on the Outside – The Grooming of Alice – Alice Alone – Simply Alice – Patiently Alice – Including Alice – Alice on Her Way – Alice in the Know – Dangerously Alice – Almost Alice – Intensely Alice – Alice in Charge – Incredibly Alice – Alice on Board – Now I’ll Tell You Everything

- **Anastasia Krupnik (Lois Lowry)**
Anastasia Krupnik – Anastasia Again! – Anastasia, At Your Service – Anastasia, Ask Your Analyst – Anastasia on Her Own – Anastasia Has the Answers – Anastasia’s Chosen Career – All About Sam – Anastasia at This Address – Attaboy, Sam! – Anastasia Absolutely – See You Around, Sam! – Zooman Sam

- **Angus Thongs and Full Frontal Snuggling (Louise Rennison) – [7+]**
Angus Thongs and Full Frontal Snuggling – On the Bright Side, I’m Now the Girlfriend of a Sex God – Knocked Out By My Nunga-Nungas – Dancing in My Nuddypants : Even Further Confessions of Georgia Nicolson - Away Laughing on a Fast Camel – Then He Ate My Entrancers – Startled by His Furry Shorts – Stop in the Name of Pants

- **Camp Confidential (Melissa Morgan) [4-5]**

- **Diary of a Wimpy Kid (Jeff Kinney) [4-5]**

- **Dork Diaries (Rachel Renee Russell) [4-5]**
Tales From a Not-So-Fabulous Life – Tales From a Not-So-Popular Party Girl
- Tales From a Not-So-Talented Pop Star – How to Dork Your Diary – Tales From a Not-so-Graceful Ice Princess – Tales From a Not So Smart Miss Know-It-All – Tales from a Not-So-Happy Heartbreaker – Tales from a Not-So-Glam TV Star
  - Gaither Sisters (Rita Williams-Garcia)
    One Crazy Summer – P.S. Be Eleven – Gone Crazy in Alabama
  - Hatchet series (Gary Paulson)
    Hatchet – Brian’s Hunt – Brian’s Return – Brian’s Winter – The River
  - Jack Henry (Jack Gantos)
    Jack Adrift (4th grade) – Jack on the Tracks (5th Grade) – Heads or Tails (6th Grade) – Jack’s New Power (7th Grade) – Jack’s Black Book (8th Grade)
  - Joey Pigza (Jack Gantos)
  - Million Dollar (Dan Gutman) [4-5]
  - The Mother Daughter Book Club (Heather Vogel Frederick) [5-7]
  - Origami Yoda (Tom Angleberger) [4-6]
  - Pink and Green series (Lisa Greenwald) [4-6]
    My Life in Pink and Green – My Summer of Pink and Green – Pink and Green Is the New Black
  - Princess Diaries (Meg Cabot) [5+]
  - The Tapper Twins (Geoff Rodkey)
    The Tapper Twins go to War (With Each Other) – The Tapper Twins Tear Up New York – The Tapper Twins Run for President (to be published in September, 2016)
  - The Winnie Years (Lauren Myracle) [4-6]
    Ten – Eleven – Twelve – Thirteen – Thirteen Plus One
  - Willow Falls (Wendy Mass) [4-6]
    11 Birthdays – Finally – 13 Gifts – The Last Present – Graceful

Science Fiction

- Amulet (Kazu Kibuishi)
- **Divergent (Veronica Roth) [6+]**
  *Divergent – Insurgent – Allegiant*

- **Dune (Frank Herbert) [6+]**
  *Dune – Dune Messiah – Children of Dune – God Emperor of Dune – Heretics of Dune – Chapterhouse: Dune*

- **Ender’s Game (Orson Scott Card) [5+]**
  *Ender’s Game – Ender in Exile – Speaker for the Dead – Xenocide – Children of the Mind*

- **Ender’s Shadow (Orson Scott Card) [5+]**
  *Ender’s Shadow – Shadow of the Heggemon – Shadow Puppets*

- **Foundation (Asimov)**
  *Foundation – Foundation and Empire – Second Foundation – Foundation’s Edge – Foundation and Earth – Prelude to Foundation – Forward the Foundation*

- **GONE (Michael Grant)**
  *Gone – Hunger – Lies – Plague – Fear – Light*

- **H.I.V.E. (Mark Walden)**

- **Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy (Douglas Adams) [6+]**
  *The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy – The Restaurant at the End of the Universe – Life, the Universe, and Everything – So Long, and Thanks for All the Fish – The Salmon of Doubt*

- **Hunger Games (Suzanne Collins) [6+]**
  *Hunger Games – Catching Fire – Mockingjay*

- **I Am Number Four (Pittacus Lore)**
  *I Am Number Four – The Power of Six – The Rise of Nine – The Fall of Five – The Revenge of Seven*

- **Last Survivors (Susan Beth Pfeffer) [6+]**
  *Life as We Knew It – The Dead and the Gone – This World We Live In – The Shade of the Moon*

- **Legend (Marie Lu) [5+]**
  *Legend – Prodigy – Champion*

- **Life As We Knew It (Susan Beth Pfeffer) [6+]**
  *Life As We Knew It – The Dead and The Gone – The World We Live In – The Shade of the Moon*

- **Matched ( Ally Condie)**
  *Matched – Crossed – Reached*

- **Mortal Engines Quartet (Philip Reeve) [5+]**
  *Mortal Engines – Predator’s Gold – Infernal Devices – A Darkling Plain*

- **Pendragon (D.J. MacHale)**

- **My Teacher is An Alien (Bruce Coville) [4-5]**
  *My Teacher is an Alien – My Teacher Glows in the Dark – My Teacher Fried mY Brain – My Teacher Flunked the Planet*
Adventures

- **The Time Quintet (Madeleine L'Engle)**
  A Wrinkle in Time – A Wind in the Door – A Swiftly Tilting Planet – Many Waters – An Acceptable Time

- **Delilah Dirk (Tony Cliff)**
  Delilah Dirk and the Turkish Lieutenant - Delilah Dirk and the King’s Shilling

- **Five Ancestors (Jeff Stone)**
  Tiger – Monkey – Snake – Crane – Eagle – Mouse – Dragon

- **Kiki Strike (Kirsten Miller)**
  Kiki Strike: Inside the Shadow City – Kiki Strike: The Empress’s Tomb – Kiki Strike: The Darkness Dwellers

- **Ranger’s Apprentice (John Flanagan)**

- **Redwall (Brian Jacques)**

- **Warriors (Erin Hunter) [4-6]**
  Into the Wild – Fire and Ice – Forest of Secrets – Rising Storm – A Dangerous Path – The Darkest Hour

- **Warriors: The New Prophecy (Erin Hunter) [4-6]**
  Midnight – Moonrise – Dawn – Starlight – Twilight – Sunset

Nonfiction

- **Scientists in the Field (Houghton Mifflin)**

- **Nathan Hale’s Hazardous Tales (Graphic Novel) (Nathan Hale)**
  One Dead Spy – Big Bad Ironclad – Treaties, Trenches, Mud, and Blood – Donner Dinner Party – The Underground Abductor – Alamo All-Stars

- **Giants of Science (Kathleen Krull/Viking)**

- **Horrible Histories (Scholastic/Scholastic UK)**
  Wicked Words – Rowdy Revolutions – Rotten Rulers – Ruthless Romans –
Awful Egyptians – Groovy Greeks – Measly Middle Ages – Terrifying Tudors –
Slimy Stuarts – Gorgeous Georgians – Vile Victorians – Frightful First World War
– Woeful Second World War – And many other titles in this series!