**Literature suggestions for ELP students**

1. Best resource for book suggestions for gifted readers is **Some of My Best Friends are Books** by Judith Wynn Halsted

2. Here is a great series to try, it tackles some of the issues students have to deal with, and exceptional readers really identify with: **The Mysterious Benedict Society** by Trenton Lee Stewart (three books in the series) A favorite of many ELP students. Main characters all have unique abilities and have exciting and humorous adventures. Also check out their website: [http://www.mysteriousbenedictsociety.com/index.html](http://www.mysteriousbenedictsociety.com/index.html)

3. **Hoagies Gifted Education Page** [http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/reading_lists.htm](http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/reading_lists.htm) has many lists by genre, interest, level. A few selected are below, please visit the site for annotations.

**Classics**

- **Black Beauty** by Anna Sewell
- **Call of the Wild** by Jack London  Also, **White Fang**
- **The Good Liar** by Gregory Maguire
- **The Great Gilly Hopkins** by Katherine Paterson
- **Harriet the Spy** by Louise Fitzhugh
- **The Last Dog on Earth** by Daniel Ehrenhaft (upper elementary and up)
- **Leaping Beauty: And Other Animal Fairy Tales** by Gregory Maguire
- **Little Women** by Louisa May Alcott  (My note: You might think modern readers wouldn’t enjoy this, but the struggles of the family resonate with having a father away at war, and societies expectations of girls/boys)
- **The Secret Garden** by Frances Hodgson Burnett
- **The Sword in the Stone** by T. H. White
- **Treasure Island** by Robert Louis Stevenson
- **The Voyages of Dr. Doolittle** by Hugh Lofting
- The Wind in the Willows—Kenneth Grahame (who can resist the incorrigible Mr. Toad?)
- **The Wizard of Oz** by L. Frank Baum
- **Roald Dahl's...** The BFG, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator (the sequel), James and the Giant Peach, Matilda, Danny the Champion of the World, Rudyard Kipling's... The Jungle Book
- **E. B. White's...** Charlotte's Web, Charlotte's Web, Stuart Little, The Trumpet of the Swan
Pre-Teen and Teens

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time by Mark Haddon (pre-teen and up)

Alex Rider Adventure, by Anthony Horowitz (pre-teen to teen)
  Stormbreaker
  Point Blank
  Skeleton Key
  Eagle Strike
  Scorpia

The Boy, by Gary Paulson (chapter books, pre-teen and up)
  The Cookcamp, The Quilt, Alida's Song

Surviving the Applewhites by Stephanie S. Tolan (chapter books to adult)
  Newbery Honor title!

The ICCSD website has many more resources for parents and students, its embedded pretty deeply so here’s the path: Curriculum-Curricular Areas-Extended Learning Program then ELP Parent/Student Resources and Links

http://www.iccsd.k12.ia.us/Schools/CorCentral/ELPmain/ELP_Resources.html