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Dear Great Hearts Live Oak Parents and Guardians,

Books are at the core of a classical, liberal arts education. At Great Hearts Academies, it has always been the tradition for students to develop a personal library of books which constitute the core reading of a Great Hearts education. We call these books “Classics to Keep.” Parents and guardians are strongly encouraged to purchase these books for their students’ personal collections so that they can thoughtfully annotate them during class discussions and then keep them for years after—allowing students to develop their own impressive personal library of classics over the course of their academic career with Great Hearts.

The 2026-2027 “Classics to Keep” list can be found below. When purchasing Classics to Keep, families may choose whichever vendor they wish; however, **it is imperative that the ISBN is an exact match to the linked text.** This promotes effective instruction and high-level engagement by ensuring that all students are literally “on the same page.” For families who do not purchase the texts, their student will be given access to a copy of these books and will be asked to return the books in good condition once their class has finished working with them. **Caution: Search engines for Amazon and used book vendors may take you to an edition that does not match the required ISBN.**

Finally, it is important to note that the “Classics to Keep” booklist is by no means exhaustive of the rich literature read as part of our curriculum. In addition to the books listed below, there is an impressive list of poetry, short stories, and books read aloud at every grade level.

Happy reading!

Headmaster Boyd



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Title	ISBN
<i>Little Bear</i>	9780064440042
<i>Mouse Soup</i>	9780064440417
<i>Aesop's Fables</i>	9780486280202
<i>Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel</i>	9780395259399
<i>The Story of Jumping Mouse</i>	9780688087401
<i>The Velveteen Rabbit</i>	9780380002559

1ST GRADE

Title	ISBN
<i>A Bargain for Frances</i>	9780064440011
<i>Bedtime for Frances</i>	9780064434515
<i>Frog and Toad Collection</i>	9780060580865
<i>My Father's Dragon</i>	9780440421214
<i>Owl at Home</i>	9780064440349
<i>The Beatrix Potter Collection</i>	9780723258599



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2ND GRADE

Title	ISBN
<i>Elmer & The Dragon</i>	9780440421368
<i>Dragons of Blueland</i>	9780440421375
<i>Charlotte's Web</i>	9780064400558
<i>The Cricket in Times Square</i>	9780374390402
<i>Little House in the Big Woods</i>	9780064400015
<i>The Boxcar Children</i>	9780807508527

3RD GRADE

Title	ISBN
<i>The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe</i>	9780064471046
<i>Little House on the Prairie</i>	9780064400022
<i>Trumpet of the Swan</i>	9780064408677
<i>Pinocchio</i>	9781463714413
<i>Alice in Wonderland</i>	9798749522310
<i>The Jungle Book</i>	9780486410241



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4TH GRADE

Title	ISBN
<i>The Wonderful Wizard of Oz</i>	9781950435432
<i>The Adventures of Robin Hood</i>	9781890517168
<i>Carry On, Mr. Bowditch</i>	9780618250745
<i>Prince Caspian</i>	9780064471053
<i>The Phantom Tollbooth</i>	9780394820378
<i>The Princess and The Goblin</i>	9780141332482

5TH GRADE

Title	ISBN
<i>The Voyage of the Dawn Treader</i>	9780064471077
<i>Island of the Blue Dolphins</i>	9780547328614
<i>The Secret Garden</i>	9780064401883
<i>Where the Red Fern Grows</i>	9780440412670
<i>Across Five Aprils</i>	9780425182789
<i>Grimm's Fairy Tales</i>	9781435172289