2021 Read Aloud Indiana

Middle Grades

**Born to Fly** by Steve Sheinkin
The true story of the 1929 Air Derby, the first women’s air race. Flying from California over nine days, pioneering female pilots battled sabotage and sexism while racing to be the first woman to land in Ohio. Author Steve Sheinkin profiles some of the toughest, funniest, and most talented pilots in aviation history. Who will win the big race?

**The Bridge Home** by Padma Venkatraman
Two sets of siblings from similar predicaments find shelter on an abandoned bridge in Chennai. The children bond and form a family of sorts while scavenging for money and food. The children are forced from their haven and two of them fall sick, will they seek help from adults or hold on to their freedom?

**City Spies** by James Ponti
Four teens with amazing true-to-life abilities are brought together as junior agents of the British spy agency M16. When called upon, their mission is to both solve a deadly crime that could save the world as we know it and, to be a “regular” teenager...Which mission will win out?

**Clean Getaway** by Nic Stone
African-American William "Scoob" Lamar has an eye-opening Spring Break traveling in a RV with his white Grandma through 5 Southern states on a trip which she and her husband did not get to complete during the Civil Rights segregation era of the 1960s.

**Lintang and the Pirate Queen** by Tamara Moss
Join Lintang and the pirate crew of the Winda as they set off on an epic quest filled with pixies, mermaids, sea monsters, and deities. Trouble abounds when Lintang is around so be careful but have fun, she does as she explores a world of myth and adventure.

**Look Both Ways: A Tale Told in Ten Blocks** by Jason Reynolds
As students return home at the end of a school day, their life stories are beautifully woven together by author Jason Reynolds. The ten tales bring a neighborhood to life through the eyes of the children who live there.

**Other Words for Home** by Jasmine Warga
Jude moves with her mother out of her turbulent home country of Syria. How will she juggle a new life in the U.S., living with relatives, and middle school in a new culture? Jude looks to find her niche in acting, while she also wrestles with coming-of-age milestones that middle schoolers must navigate.

**Scary Stories for Young Foxes** by Christian McKay Heidicker
This is a tale of survival as two young foxes separated from their litters and thrown into a dangerous world. It’s told in a succession of short stories, each one weaving into the next, with a wonderful conclusion that ties everything together. Heartbreaking, scary and thought-provoking, this story also introduces readers to a fictional dark-side of Beatrix Potter!

**Wink** by Rob Harrell
Semi biographical, Wink is a book about Ross, a 7th grader who has been diagnosed with a rare eye cancer. Harrell paints a realistic picture of everything Ross goes through from how people treat him, since his diagnosis, to the treatment of his cancer. Ross deals with his diagnosis through his art (Bat Pig), humor and a new interest in guitar playing, and a new genre of music.

**Winterborne Home for Vengeance and Valor** by Ally Carter
Moving from foster care to the infamous Winterborne House, April joins the four other orphans in a non-stop adventure to find the missing Winterborne heir and determine how April’s coat-of-arms crested key locket reveals a lost family legacy.