

Genre Types

**** Students are to read books that are on their level, not too easy or too hard. ****

Award Winner: A book that has received an award from a recognizable organization.

Nonfiction: writing that is based on facts, real events, and real people.

Historical Fiction: Historical fiction describes fictionalized stories that are set in the documented past. The details of the time and place are usually authentic and accurate and may contain actual historical figures.

Science Fiction: Science fiction describes futuristic settings, settings based in outer space, different worlds or dimensions.

Informational: Informational books are those which explain known facts about specific topics. These texts must not only be accurate but they must also present the information so that it is easily understood. Illustrations are often included to extend the concepts as described in the books.

Mystery: Mystery novels emphasize plot. Usually, the protagonist is seeking an answer to a crime or to a mysterious event. Characteristics of this style of writing include suspense and a fast paced style.

Myth/Folklore:

- *Myth* is a legendary or a traditional story that usually concerns an event or a hero, with or without using factual or real explanations.
- *Folklore* refers to the tales people tell – folk stories, fairy tales, “tall tales,” and even urban legends.

Poetry: Poetry encompasses many diverse forms and subjects. Some of these include free verse, blank verse, limericks, haiku, and so on. Poetry expresses intense emotions and reflections as it is usually written in a compressed form.

Biography: A biography, or simply bio, is a detailed description of a person's life.

Free Choice: A book of your choice that interests you, it can be any genre.