



Summer Reading - 2015

Students Entering Grade 7

Please Note: All suggested summer reading titles are recommended for the 7th grade reading level.

Your Summer Reading Goal:

READ FOUR OR MORE BOOKS!

“Harvard University assistant education professor James Kim has found that students who read four or more at-level books over the summer do better than those who did not when they return to school in the fall.” – Scholastic Magazine

Top Suggestions!

Check them off as you read! See how many you can finish this summer!

___ *Wonder* – R. J. Palacio

August Pullman was born with a facial deformity that, up until now, has prevented him from going to a mainstream school. Starting 5th grade at Beecher Prep, he wants nothing more than to be treated as an ordinary kid—but his new classmates can't get past Auggie's extraordinary face.

___ *Al Capone Does My Shirts* – Gennifer Choldenko

A twelve-year-old boy named Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935 when guards' families were housed there and has to contend with his extraordinary new environment in addition to life with his autistic sister.

___ *Chew on This* – Eric Schlosser

A look at fast food, what's in it, how it's made, and what it does to our bodies.

___ *The Last Olympian* – *Percy Jackson Series* – Rick Riordan

The long-awaited prophecy surrounding Percy Jackson's sixteenth birthday unfolds as he leads an army of young demigods to stop Kronos in his advance on New York City, while the Olympians struggle to contain the rampaging monster, Typhon.

___ *The Hunger Games Trilogy* – Suzanne Collins

Sixteen-year-old Katniss Everdeen accidentally becomes a contender in the annual Hunger Games, a grave competition hosted by the Capitol where young boys and girls are pitted against one another in a televised fight to the death.

___ *The Running Dream* – Wendelin Van Draanen

When a school bus accident leaves sixteen-year-old Jessica an amputee, she returns to school with a prosthetic limb and her track team finds a wonderful way to help rekindle her dream of running again.

___ *Cinder* - Marissa Meyer

Cinder, a gifted mechanic and a cyborg with a mysterious past, is blamed by her stepmother for her stepsister's illness while a deadly plague decimates the population of New Beijing, but when Cinder's life gets intertwined with Prince Kai's, she finds herself at the center of an intergalactic struggle.

___ *Paperboy* – Vince Vawter ***Newbery Honor Book - 2014**

When an eleven-year-old boy takes over a friend's newspaper route in July, 1959, in Memphis, his debilitating stutter makes for a memorable month.

Additional Suggested Titles

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___ ***Soul Surfer : A True Story of Faith, Family, and Fighting to Get Back on the Board*** – Hamilton

Bethany Hamilton shares the story of her lifelong love of surfing, and tells how she was able to recover and return to competition with the help of her family, friends, and faith after losing her arm in a shark attack at the age of thirteen.

___ ***Chasing Lincoln's Killer*** – James L. Swanson

Recounts the twelve-day pursuit and capture of John Wilkes Booth, covering the chase through Washington D.C., Maryland, and Virginia, with a discussion of Abraham Lincoln as a father, husband, and friend that examines the impact of his death on those close to him.

___ ***Matched*** – Allie Condie

Cassia has always had complete trust in the Society to make decisions for her, but when she is being paired with her ideal mate, a second face flashes on the screen, and Cassia begins to doubt the Society's infallibility as she tries to decide which man she truly loves.

___ ***Fever, 1793*** – Laurie Halse Anderson

Sixteen-year-old Matilda Cook, separated from her sick mother, learns about perseverance and self-reliance when she is forced to cope with the horrors of the yellow fever epidemic in Philadelphia in 1793.

___ ***Seraphina*** – Rachel Hartman

In a world where dragons and humans coexist in an uneasy truce and dragons can assume human form, Seraphina, whose mother died giving birth to her, grapples with her own identity amid magical secrets and royal scandals, while she struggles to accept and develop her extraordinary musical talents.

___ ***Okay for Now*** – Gary D. Schmidt

Fourteen-year-old Doug Swietek faces many challenges, including an abusive father, a brother traumatized by Vietnam, suspicious teachers and police officers, and isolation, but when he meets a girl known as Lil Spicer, he develops a close relationship with her and finds a safe place at the local library.

___ ***Anne Frank: Her Life in Words and Pictures*** – Menno Metselaar

A photographic introduction to the life and experiences of Anne Frank, who along with her family

and others lived in hiding from the Nazis in a secret annex from July 1942 until their capture in August 1944.

___ ***The Face on the Milk Carton*** – Caroline B. Cooney

A photograph of a missing girl on a milk carton leads Janie on a search for her real identity.

___ ***Treasure Island*** - Robert Louis Stevenson

While going through possessions of a deceased guest who owed them money, the mistress of an inn and her son find a treasure map that leads them to a pirate's fortune.

___ ***Tales of the Greek Heroes*** - Roger Lancelyn Green

For fans of Greek mythology, this collection retells nineteen Greek myths, including the stories of Prometheus, Hercules, Hermes and Apollo, the first fall of Troy, and the battle of the Giants.

___ ***Smile*** – Raina Telgemeier (Graphic Novel)

The author relates, in graphic form, her experiences after she injured her two front teeth and had to have surgeries and wear embarrassing braces and headgear, all while also dealing with the trials and tribulations of middle school.

___ ***SilverFin: Young Bond #1*** - Charles Higson

Young James Bond, a student at boarding school in the 1930s, travels to his aunt's Scotland estate for the holidays where he becomes caught up in investigating the disappearance of a local boy, a crime allegedly linked to a madman with a plot for global domination.

___ ***The Giver*** - Lois Lowry**Movie coming soon!

Given his lifetime assignment at the Ceremony of Twelve, Jonas becomes the receiver of memories shared by only one other in his community and discovers the truth about the society in which he lives.

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