

Summer 2018

Suggested Reading List for Rising 7th Graders



FOR: Future Golden Eagles

WHY: Get ready for middle school English... and for fun!

WHAT: Read ***at least 3 books*** this summer (FCPS requires 1)

ASSIGNMENT: Come prepared to discuss what you read & do a summer reading activity during the first 2 weeks of school... be prepared!

ABOUT THE LIST

This list includes a wide variety of books to appeal to the interests and reading levels of many students, recommended by the current 7th grade English staff & school librarian.

Parents are encouraged to review book selections with their children in order to help them make appropriate choices.

Students may select books ***they have not read before*** from this list, or they may read comparable age & grade level books that are approved by their parents.

Additional suggestions can also be found in reading lists developed by the FCPS Middle School Language Arts “What to Read Next” website: <http://bit.ly/WhatToReadNext> (middle school books grades 6 and up are in **gray**, grades 8 and up are in **green** and high school books grades 10 and up are in **blue**), Fairfax County Public Library for their Summer Reading Adventure program (read 5 books from June 15- September 1): <https://research.fairfaxcounty.gov/summer-reading>, and Virginia Readers’ Choice at: <http://readvirginia.org/virginia-readers-choice/>

FICTION

Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech
The View from Saturday by E.L. Konigsberg
Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse
The Seventh Most Important Thing by Shelley Pearsall
Salt to the Sea by Ruta Sepetys
The War that Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
The Eighth Day by Dianne K. Salerni
War Horse by Michael Morpurgo
The City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau
The Jason Reynolds Track Series:
Ghost, Patina, Sunny, Lu
All American Boys by Jason Reynolds
I Am Princess X by Cherie Priest
Witness by Karen Hesse
A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness
The Pigman by Paul Zindel
Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card
The Hound of the Baskervilles by Arthur C. Doyle
I Am the Cheese by Robert Cormier
The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin
The Time Machine by H.G. Wells
A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith
American Street by Ibi Zoboi
Lucky Broken Girl by Ruth Behar
The Selection Series by Kiera Cass
Uglies by Scott Westerfeld
Awkward by Svetlana Chmakova [graphic novel]
Sunny Side Up by Jennifer Holm [graphic novel]
Drama by Reina Telgemeier [graphic novel]
The Crossover by Kwame Alexander
The Testing series by Joelle Charbonneau
Lawn Boy by Gary Paulsen
Schooled by Gordon Korman
Mockingbird by Kathryn Erskine
Code Talker by Joseph Bruchac
Distant Waves by Suzanne Weyn
Monster by Walter Dean Myers
Endangered by Eliot Schrefer
Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper
Stanford Wong Flunks Big Time by Lisa Yee
House Arrest by K.A. Holt
Wild Bird by Wendelin Van Draanen
Geekerella by Ashley Poston
Wishtree by Katherine Applegate

Miles Morales by Jason Reynolds

* Refugee by Alan Gratz

* Prisoner B-3087 by Alan Gratz

* Alan Gratz is coming to Thoreau on October, 15!

NONFICTION

I Will Always Write Back by Martin Ganda & Liz Welch
The Boys Who Challenged Hitler by Phillip Hoose
The Plot to Kill Hitler by Patricia McCormick
Bomb by Steve Sheinkin
Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson
Drowned City by Don Brown
The Diary of Anne Frank by Anne Frank
The Surrender Tree: Poems of Cuba's Struggle for Freedom by Margarita Engle
How I Discovered Poetry by Marilyn Nelson
Most Dangerous by Steve Sheinkin
Popular: A Memoir - Vintage Wisdom for a Modern Geek by Maya Van Wagenen
Bombs Over Bikini by Connie Goldsmith
Chasing Lincoln's Killer by James Swanson
The Boy on the Wooden Box by Leon Leyson
How Angel Peterson Got His Name by Gary Paulsen
March series by John Lewis [graphic novels]

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