

SUMMER READING

Reading is a vital skill. Students who read at least 3 books during the summer months will find themselves more ready for the upcoming school year. Here are some recommendations for students entering grades 6 or 7. Audiobooks can also be a great way for readers to engage with books.

FANTASY, SCIENCE FICTION & MAGIC

- Dragon Pearl by Yoon Ha Lee
- Bloom by Kenneth Oppel
- Small Spaces by Katherine Arden
- Aru Shah and the End of Time by Roshani Chokshi
- Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky by Kwame Mbalia
- The Door to the Lost by Jaleigh Johnson
- The Last Human by Lee Bacon
- The Way Back by Gavriel Savit
- Cinders and Sparrows by Stephan Bachmann

MYSTERY & ADVENTURE

- The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin
- Falcon Wild by Terry Lynn Johnson
- Journey of the Pale Bear by Susan Fletcher
- Canyon's Edge by Dusti Bowling
- Spaced Out by Stuart Gibbs
- The Nameless City by Faith Erin Hicks
- Deep Water by Watt Key

REALISTIC FICTION

- As Brave As You by Jason Reynolds
- Zenobia July by Lisa Bunker
- Return to Sender by Julia Alvarez
- A Good Kind of Trouble by Lisa Moore Ramee
- Drum Roll Please by Lisa Jenn Bigelow
- Ban This Book by Alan Gratz
- Halfway Normal by Barbara Dee
- Patina by Jason Reynolds
- The House That Lou Built by Mae Respicio
- Roll With It by Jamee Sumner
- Marcus Vega Doesn't Speak Spanish by Pablo Cortaya
- To Night Owl from Dogfish by Holly Goldberg Sloan and Meg Wolitzer
- Counting by 7s by Holly Goldberg Sloan
- The Next Great Paulie Fink by Ali Benjamin
- Just Like Jackie by Lindsey Stoddard
- The Best At It by Maulik Pancholy
- Wink by Rob Harrell
- Mockingbird by Kathryn Erskine
- The Someday Birds by Sally J Pla
- Genesis Begins Again by Alicia D. Williams
- Free Lunch by Rex Ogle
- Song for a Whale by Lynne Kelly

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INSPIRED BY HISTORY & CURRENT EVENTS

- Before We Were Free by Julia Alvarez
- I Can Make this Promise by Christine Day
- The Mighty Miss Malone by Christopher Paul Curtis
- The Story that Cannot be Told by Kasper Kramer
- Out of Left Field by Ellen Klages
- Land of the Cranes by Aida Salizar
- Ghost Boys by Jewell Parker Rhodes
- Nowhere Boy by Kaherine Marsh

PAGE TURNING NON FICTION

- It's Trevor Noah: Born a Crime (adapted for young readers) by Trevor Noah
- Chance Escape from the Holocaust by Uri Shulevitz
- Becoming Kareem: Growing Up On and Off the Court by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar & Raymond Obstfeld
- Women in Science: 50 Fearless Pioneers Who Changed the World by Rachel Ignotofsky
- Rhythm Ride: A Road Trip through the Motown Sound by Andrea Davis Pinkney
- What Color Is My World? The Lost History of African-American Inventors by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar & Raymond Obstfeld
- We are Displaced by Malala Yousafzai

GRAPHIC NOVELS

- Roller Girl by Victoria Jamieson
- Nimona by Svetlana Chmakova
- Real Friends by Shannon Hale
- The Prince and the Dressmaker by Jen Wang
- This was Our Pact by Ryan Andrews
- Brave by Svetlana Chmakova
- New Kid by Jerry Craft
- The Tea Dragon Society by Katie O'Neil
- Sita's Ramayana by Samhita Arni
- When Stars are Scattered by Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed

POETRY & NOVELS IN VERSE

- Lifeboat 12 by Susan Hood
- Forget Me Not by Ellie Terry
- Solo by Kwame Alexander
- Catching a Storyfish by Janice N. Harrington
- Other Words for Home by Jasmine Warga
- House Arrest by K.A. Holt
- Unbound by Anne Berg
- Brown Girl Dreaming by Jaqueline Woodson
- Kaleidoscope Eyes by Jen Bryant