

# Middle School (6-8)



## Regular English Summer Reading List

We believe summer reading should empower students to develop an appreciation for reading and enable them to become lifelong readers and learners. **Students entering regular English in grades 6-8 should read at least one book over the summer. In September, students will complete an in-class activity on their book.** Students should work with their parents/guardians to select an age-appropriate book of their choosing. The lists below are provided to give students and parents a starting point for selecting a book for summer reading. While the titles on the lists below have been identified for middle-school-aged students, the titles span a broad range of reading and maturity levels. We encourage parents/guardians to take an active role in helping their students to select a book that best fits the student and their family. Copies of these books may be available in the schools, at public libraries, and at local book stores.

### Virginia Readers' Choice

The books below have been identified for middle school students as part of Virginia Readers' Choice. This program is administered by the Virginia State Reading Association. To see the complete lists or to learn more about the selection process please visit [www.vusra.org](http://www.vusra.org).

### Virginia Readers' Choice 2017-2018

#### Title

[House Arrest](#)

[Booked](#) e

[Orbiting Jupiter](#) \*e

[Roller Girl](#) \*

[The Thing About Jellyfish](#) \*e

[The Boys Who Challenged Hitler: Knud Pedersen and the Churchill Club](#) \*

[A Night Divided](#) \*

[Space Case](#) \*

#### Author

K.A. Holt

Kwame Alexander

Gary Schmidt

Victoria Jamieson

Ali Benjamin

Phillip Hoose

Jennifer A. Nielsen

Stuart Gibbs

### Virginia Reader's Choice 2016-2017

#### Title

[Fort](#) \*

[All the Answers](#) \*

[The Thicket: A Path Begins](#) \*e

[The Eighth Day](#) \*

[The Paper Cowboy](#) \*

[Red Madness](#) \*

[Echo](#) \*

[The Screaming Staircase](#) \*

#### Author

Cynthia DeFelice

Kate Messner

J.A. White

Dianne K. Salerni

Kristin Levine

Gail Jarrow

Pam Munoz Ryan

Jonathan Stroud

### Virginia Readers' Choice 2015-2016

#### Title

[The Boy on the Wooden Box](#) \*

[Counting by 7s](#) \*

[Half a Chance](#) \*e

[The President Has Been Shot!: Assassination of John F. Kennedy](#) \*

[Prisoner B-3087](#) \*

[Seeing Red](#) \*

[Shadow](#) \*

[Twerp](#) \*

[Under the Egg](#) \*

[Zero Tolerance](#) \*

#### Author

Leon Leyson

Holly Sloan

Cynthia Lord

James L. Swanson

Alan Gratz

Katheryn Erskine

Michael Morpurgo

Mark Goldblatt

Laura Marx Fitzgerald

Claudia Mills

## Association for Library Service to Children (2015)

### Title

[Better Nate Than Ever](#) \*  
[Dogs of War](#) \*  
[The Dolphins of Shark Bay](#) \*  
[Fish in a Tree](#) \*  
[Flunked](#) \*e  
[The Fourteenth Goldfish](#) \*e  
[The Great Green Heist](#) \*  
[I Kill the Mockingbird](#) \*  
[The Iron Trial](#) \*  
[Lowriders in Space](#) \*  
[The Mark of the Dragonfly](#) \*e  
[Mark of the Thief](#) \*e  
[Masterminds](#) \*  
[The Port Chicago 50: Disaster, Mutiny, and the Fight for Civil Rights](#) \*  
[Road Trip](#) \*e  
[Sisters](#) \*  
[A Song for Bijou](#)  
[Tesla's Attic](#) \*  
[Titanic: Voices from the Disaster](#) \*

### Author

Tim Federle  
Sheila Keenan  
Pamela S. Turner  
Lynda Mullaly Hunt  
Jen Calonita  
Jennifer L. Holm  
Varian Johnson  
Paul Acampora  
Holly Black & Cassandra Clare  
Cathy Camper  
Jaleigh Johnson  
Jennifer A. Nielson  
Gordon Korman  
Steve Sheinkin  
Gary Paulsen & Jim Paulsen  
Raina Telgemeier  
Josh Farrar  
Neil Shusterman & Eric Elfman  
Deborah Hopkinson

Click on the titles of the books to learn more.

\* indicates book is available through the York County Public Library (limited quantities, first-come, first-served)

e indicates electronic book (eBook) is available through the York County Public Library (limited quantities, first-come, first-served)

Did none of the previous titles interest you? No problem! Along with your parent/guardian, you may select an age-appropriate book that is not included on this list. If you select to read a book that is not on this list, **please be sure to have your parent sign and date the permission slip below.** You will need to submit the signed parent permission slip to your English teacher on the first day of English class in September.

Parents: Need help for selecting an age-appropriate book with your child? Here are some helpful sites to get you started having conversations with your child about a book of interest to read this summer.

- <https://www.commonsemmedia.org/blog/10-books-for-middle-schoolers-to-read-over-the-summer>
- [http://www.phschool.com/curriculum\\_support/reading\\_list/middle\\_school.html](http://www.phschool.com/curriculum_support/reading_list/middle_school.html)

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### Parent Permission Slip

I give my child, \_\_\_\_\_, a student at \_\_\_\_\_ Middle School permission to select a summer reading book that is not included on the recommended summer reading list. The title of the book is \_\_\_\_\_. I have discussed the selection of an alternate text with my child, and together we have selected an age-appropriate book of interest to read in completion of this assignment.

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Parent Signature

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Date