

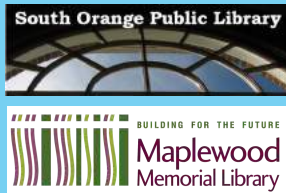
CHOICES

Summer Reading Suggestions for grades 6-8

This summer, you have *choices*. Read what you want, when you want.

The intent of Summer Reading is to encourage the habit of lifelong reading. With this goal in mind, the summer reading selections offer a range of reading choices based on grade-level ability, topics of interest, and genre...all centered around the top “must-read” middle school books selected by your Middle School ELA teachers, Middle School Media Specialists/Librarians and our very own Public Librarians. The hope is that students will read throughout the summer in varying formats. Reading is a skill that is needed in all disciplines and the summer is a great opportunity to continue to enrich reading ability from previous years.

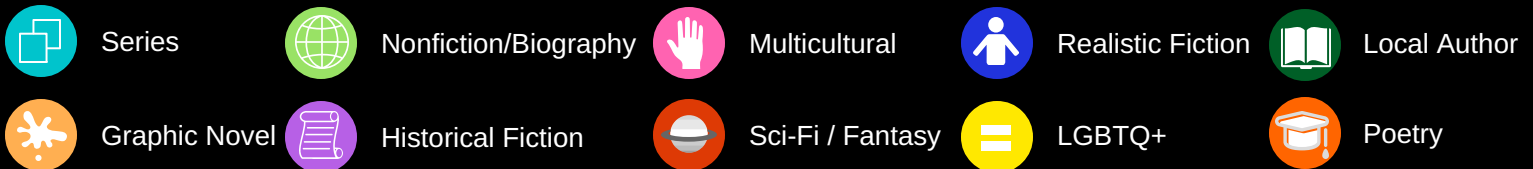
To assist in student readiness for the courses taken during the upcoming school year, students are required to read one book of choice, from the summer reading list below, over the summer. At the end of the first week of school, each student will participate in a BOOK TALK activity with their ELA class, where teachers and students will get together and discuss the book they chose to read over the summer.



If you have any questions, feel free to contact:
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Have a safe and enjoyable summer and Happy Reading!

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57 Bus by Dashka Slater ●

After the Shot Drops by Randy Ribay ●

All American Boys by Brendan Kiely and Jason Reynolds ●

All's Faire in Middle School by Victoria Jamieson ●











Allegedly by Tiffany Jackson ●●

All the Ways the World Can End by Abby Sher ●●

American Street by Ibi Zoboi ●●











- The Astonishing Color of After* by Emily Pan ●●●
- The Beauty that Remains* by Ashley Woodfolk ●●
- Becoming Kareem: Growing Up On and Off the Court* ●●
by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar
- Beyond the Bright Sea* by Lauren Wolk ●●
- Bingo Love* by Tee Franklin ●●
- Binti: Home* by Nnedi Okorafor ●●●
- The Book of Dust* by Philip Pullman ●●●
- Brave* by Svetlana Chmakova ●●●
- Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson ●●●
- Changers* by T.S. Cooper ●●●
- Counting by 7s* by Holly Goldberg Sloan ●●
- Counting Thyme* by Melanie Conklin ●●
- Defy the Stars* by Claudia Gray ●●
- Divergent* by Veronica Roth ●●
- El Deafo* by CeCe Bell ●●
- Everything Everything* by Nicola Yoon ●●
- Far From the Tree* by Robin Benway ●●
- Fault Lines in the Constitution: The Framers, Their Fights,* ●●
and the Flaws that Affect Us Today
by Cynthia & Sanford Levinson
- Feminism 3.0: Reinventing the F Word* by Nadia Higgins ●●
- Geek Girl* by Holly Smale ●●
- Ghost* by Raina Telgemeier ●●
- The Girl Who Drank the Moon* by Kelly Regan Barnhill ●●
- The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas ●●
- The Hazel Wood* by Melissa Albert ●●
- Here We Are: Feminism for the Real World* ●●
by Kelly Jensen

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-  Historical Fiction
-  Multicultural
-  Sci-Fi / Fantasy
-  Realistic Fiction
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-  Poetry











- Hidden Figures (Young Readers' Edition)* ●●
- by Margot Lee Shetterly
- How Dare the Sun Rise* by Sandra Uwiringiyimana ●
- The Imitation Game: Alan Turing Decoded* ●●
- by Jim Ottaviani
- I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter* ●●
- by Erika Sanchez
- The Iron Trial* by Holly Black and Cassandra Clare ●●
- Jane, Unlimited* by Kristin Cashore ●
- Kindred: A Graphic Novel Adaptation* ●●●
- by Octavia Butler
- Landscape with Invisible Hand* by M.T. Anderson ●
- Leah on the Offbeat* by Becky Albertalli ●●●
- Learning to Swear in America* by Katie Kennedy ●●
- Listen Slowly* by Thanhha Lai ●●
- Long Way Down* by Jason Reynolds ●●●
- Love, Hate and Other Filters* by Samira Ahmed ●●
- Lumberjanes Vol. 6: Sink or Swim* by Shannon Watters ●●
- March Trilogy* by John Lewis, Andrew Aydin, ●●●
- & Nate Powell
- Marley Dias Gets It Done: and So Can You!* ●
- by Marley Dias
- The Marrow Thieves* by Cherie Dimaline ●●
- The Maze Runner* by James Dashner ●●
- Moon Girl & Devil Dinosaur Vol. 1: BFF* ●●
- by Amy Reeder and Brandon Montclare
- Ms. Marvel Vol. 1: No Normal* by G. Willow Wilson ●
- Nimona* by Noelle Stevenson
- North of Happy* by Adi Alsaid ●●
- One Last Word* by Nikki Grimes ●●

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- Piecing Me Together* by Renee Watson ●●
- Poet X* by Elizabeth Acevedo ●●
- Queer, There, and Everywhere: 23 People Who Changed the World* by Sarah Prager ●●
- Ready Player One* by Ernest Cline ●
- Red Queen* by Victoria Aveyard ●●
- Remember My Name* by Mo'ne Davis ●
- The Sky At Our Feet* by Nadia Hashimi ●●
- Solo* by Kwame Alexander ●
- Spill Zone* by Scott Westerfeld ●●
- Spinning* by Tillie Walden ●●
- Strange the Dreamer* by Laini Tayler ●
- They Both Die at the End* by Adam Silvera ●
- Trials of Apollo* by Rick Riordan ●●
- Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom* by Lynda Blackmon Lowery ●●
- Turtles All the Way Down* by John Green ●
- Undefeated: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team* by Steve Sheinkin ●●
- An Uninterrupted View of the Sky* by Melanie Crowder ●●
- The Upside of Unrequited* by Becky Albertalli ●●
- Vincent and Theo: the Van Gogh Brothers* by Deborah Heiligman ●
- Watched* by Marina Budhos ●●●
- What Girls are Made Of* by Elana K. Arnold ●
- When Dimple Met Rishi* by Sandhya Menon ●●
- You Bring the Distant Near* by Mitali Perkins ●●

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