

OLD BRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL SUGGESTED SUMMER READING LIST

Here are some ideas to help you choose a book to enjoy this summer.

PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU CAN READ ANY AGE APPROPRIATE BOOK, EVEN IF IS NOT ON THIS LIST

*** = Award winner (RR) = Recommended for Reluctant Readers

Realistic Fiction

- *** *Loser or Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli
- *** *Olive's Ocean* by Kevin Henkes
- The Juvie Three, Schooled, Swindle or Zoobreak* by Gordan Korman
- *** *Moon Over Manifest* by Clare Vanderpool
- The Truth About Twinkie Pie* by Kat Yeh
- (RR) *Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life* series by James Patterson
- *** *Monster or others* by Walter Dean Myers
- (RR) *Dork Diaries* series by Rachel Renée Russell
- *** *Rules* by Cynthia Lord
- Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
- Out of my Mind* by Sharon Draper
- Mockingbird* by Katheryn Erskine
- 8th Grade Superzero* by Olugbemisola Rhuday-Perkovich
- The Girls* by Amy Kloss Goldman
- Ticket to India* by N.H. Senzai

Mystery/Thriller

- *** *Three Times Lucky* by Sheila Turnage
- (RR) *Alex Rider* series by Anthony Horowitz
- *** *The House of the Scorpion* by Nancy Farmer
- *** *The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman
- (RR) *Ashes* series by Ilsa J. Bick
- (RR) *Unwind* series by Neal Shusterman
- Collected Short Stories of Sherlock Holmes* by Arthur Conan Doyle
- And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie
- Chomp* by Carl Hiaassen
- Fuzzy Mud* by Louis Sachar
- (RR) *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library*
- The Screaming Staircase* (Lockwood and Co. series) by Jonathan Stroud

Graphic Novels

- (RR) *Bone* series by Jeff Smith
- Amulet: The Stone Keeper* by Kazu Kibuishi
- *** *El Deafo* by Cece Bell
- (RR) *The Dumbest Idea Ever* by Jimmy Gownley
- Rollergirls* by Victoria Jamieson 2016 Newbery
- Awkward* by Svetlana Chmakova
- Real Friends* by Shannon Hale
- Invisible Emmie* by Terri Libenson
- Brave* by Svetlana Chmakova

Animal Fiction

- *** *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate
- *** *The Call of the Wild* by Jack London
- (RR) *Silverwing* by Kenneth Oppel
- A Dog's Life: The Autobiography of a Stray* by Ann M. Martin
- No More Dead Dogs* by Gordon Korman

Science Fiction

- (RR) *Maximum Ride* series by James Patterson
- (RR) *Illuminae* by Amie Kaufman & Jay Kristoff
- *** *Cinder* series by Marissa Meyer
- The Martian Chronicles* by Ray Bradbury
- (RR) *I Am Number Four* series (Lorien Legacies) by Pittacus Lore
- *** *Ender's Game* series by Orson Scott Card
- *** *Incarceron* by Catherine Fisher
- Gone* by Michael Grant

Sports Fiction

- Swagger* by Carl Dueker
- (RR) *Fantasy League, Travel Team, The Underdogs, , or The Big Field* by Mike Lupica
- Jackie and Me* by Dan Gutman
- Baseball Genius* series by Tim Green and Derek Jeter

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Booked by Kwame Alexander

Among the Hidden series by Margaret

Peterson Haddix

The Scorpion Rules by Erin Bow

Survival/Outdoor Adventure

(RR) *Peak* by Roland Smith

Explorer by Kathleen Rundell

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

*** *The Living* by Matt de la Peña

Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo

Historical Fiction

*** *Dead End in Norvelt* series by Jack Gantos

*** *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee

Walking to the Bus-riider Blues by Harriet Gillem Robinet

*** *The Devil's Arithmetic* by Jane Yolen

*** *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry

My Brother Sam is Dead by Collier and Collier

*** *Fever 1793* by Laurie Halse Anderson

Prisoner B-3087 by Alan Gratz

Milkweed by Jerry Spinelli

*** *One Crazy Summer* by Rita Williams-Garcia

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain

Stella by Starlight by Sharon Draper

Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai

Fantasy

*** *Harry Potter* series by J.K. Rowling

The Grimm Legacy by Polly Shulman

(RR) *Gregor the Overlander* series by Suzanne Collins

*** *The Lightning Thief* series by Rick Riordan

*** *The Scorpio Races* by Maggie Stiefvater

The Iron Trial by Holly Black & Cassandra Clare

Shadow and Bone series by Leigh Bardugo

(RR) *Ranger's Apprentice* series by John Flanagan

The False Prince (Ascendance Trilogy) by Jennifer Nielson

Aru Shah and the End of Time by Roshani Chokshi

Non-Fiction

*** (RR) *Bomb: The Race to Build – and-Steal the World's Most Dangerous Weapon* by Steve Sheinkin

(RR) *How They Choked: Failures, Flops, and Flaws of the Awfully Famous* by Georgia Bragg

*** *A Black Hole is NOT a Hole* by Carolyn Cinami DeCristofano

D'Aulaires' Book of Greek Myths by Indri D'Aulaire and Edgar Parn D'Aulaire

Science in Ancient Rome by Jacqueline L. Harris

Abraham Lincoln & Frederick Douglass: The Story Behind an American Friendship by Russell Freedman

Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson

Blood, Bullets, and Bones by Bridget Heos

Dystopian Fiction

*** (RR) *The Hunger Games* series by Suzanne Collins

*** *Divergent* series by Veronica Roth

*** *Matched* series by Allie Conde

Red Queen series by Victoria Aveyard

(RR) *The Maze Runner* series by James Dashner

(RR) *Legend* series by Marie Lu

The Testing series by Joelle Charbonneau

*** *The City of Ember* series by Jeanne DuPrau

Life As We Knew It series by Susan Beth Pfeffer

*** *Shipbreaker* (then *Drowned Cities*) by Paolo Bacigalupi

*** *The Eleventh Plague* by Jeff Hirsch