



2014 Middle and High School Summer Recommended Reading List

Grades 6-8

A Long Walk to Water: Based on a True Story, Linda Sue Park
A Long Way from Chicago, Richard Peck
Any Which Wall, Laurel Snyder,
Artemis Fowl: the Arctic Incident, Eoin Colfer
Breaking Stalin's Nose, Eugene Yelchin
Bridge to Terabithia, Katherine Paterson
Carver, a Life in Poems, Marilyn Nelson
Dead End in Norvelt, Jack Gantos
Dragonwings, Laurence Yep
Eragon, Christopher Paolini
Escape! The Story of the Great Houdini, Sid Fleischman
Esperanza Rising, Pam Munoz Ryan
Fire From the Rock, Sharon Draper
Flush, Carl Hiaasen
Football Genius, Tim Green
Freedom Walkers: The Story of the Montgomery Bus Boycott, Russell Freedman
Gifted Hands: The Story of Ben Carson, Ben Carson
Heart of a Samurai, Margi Preus
Hugo Cabret, Brian Schnick
Little Women, Louisa May Alcott
Lockdown, Walter Dean Myers
Lost in the River of Grass, Ginny Rorby
Magnificent Voyage: An American Adventurer on Captain James Cook's Final Expedition, Laurie Lawlor
Mockingbird, Kathryn Ervine
Moon over Manifest, Clare Vanderpool
Old Yeller, Fred Gipson
One Crazy Summer, Rita Williams-Garcia
Peter and the Starcatchers, Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson
Saving the Ghost of the Mountain: An Expedition Among Snow Leopards in Mongolia, Sy Montgomery and Nic Bishop
Scat, Carl Hiaasen
Slob, Ellen Potter
Tasting the Sky: A Palestinian Childhood Ibtisam Barakat
The Anybodies, N.E. Bode
The Lightning Thief, Rick Riordan
The Lost Hero, Richard Riordan
The Man Who Went to the Far Side of the Moon: The Story of Apollo 11 Astronaut Michael Collins, Bea Uusma Schyffert
The Road Not Taken, Robert Frost
The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle, Avi
The Trumpet of the Swan, E.B. White
The View from Saturday, E.L. Konigsburg
The Wednesday Wars, Gary D. Schmidt
The Wright Sister: Katharine Wright and Her Famous Brothers, Richard Maurer
Treasure Island, Robert Louis Stevenson
Twelve Rounds to Glory: The Story of Muhammed Ali, Charles R. Smith

Wangari's Tree of Peace, Jeanette Winter
When the Wolves Returned: Restoring Nature's Balance in Yellowstone, Dorothy Hinshaw Patent
Where the Red Fern Grows, Wilson Rawls
Wild Things, Clay Carmichael

Grades 9-12

A Separate Peace, John Knowles
Allegiant, Veronica Roth
All Quiet on the Western Front, Erich Maria Remarque
Bunheads, Sophie Flack
Cloaked, Alex Flinn
Cookie & Me, Mary Jane Ryals
Divergent, Veronica Roth
Ender's Game, Orson Scott Card
Florida Cowboys, Carlton Ward Jr.
Gifted Hands: The Ben Carson Story, Ben Carson
Imaginary Enemy, Julie Gonzalez
Insurgent, Veronica Roth
Kon-Tiki: Across the Pacific by Raft, Thor Heyerdahl
Looking for the New Deal, Elna C. Green
Marcelo in the Real World, Francisco Stork
Money Hungry, Sharon Flake
Monster, Walter Dean Myers
Music Was It: Young Leonard Bernstein, Susan Goldman Rubin
Night, Elie Wiesel
November Blues, Sharon Draper
Pilgrim in the Land of Alligators: More Stories about Real Florida, Jeff Klinkenberg
Poof: A Play, David Auburn
Resurrecting Lazarus, Texas, Nathan Barber
Reubin O'D. Askew and the Golden Age of Florida Politics, Martin A. Dyckman
Silent Spring, Rachel Carson
Solomon, Marilyn B. Shaw
Southern Comforts: Rooted in a Florida Place, Sudye Cauthen
Sugar Changed the World: A Story of Magic, Spice, Slavery, Freedom and Science, Marc Aronson and Marina Budhos
Taken, Edward Bloor
The Book Thief, Markus Zusak
The Diving Bell and the Butterfly: A Memoir of Life in Death, Jean-Dominique Bauby
The Everglades: River of Grass, Marjorie Stoneman Douglas
The First Hollywood Florida and the Golden Age of Silent Filmmaking, Shawn Bean
The Great Wide Sea, M. H. Herlong
The Hot Zone: A Terrifying True Story, Richard Preston
The House on Mango Street, Sandra Cisneros
The Notorious Benedict Arnold: A True Story of Adventure, Heroism, & Treachery, Steve Sheinkin
The Old Man and the Sea, Ernest Hemingway
The Real Question, Adrian Fogelin
The Shakespeare Stealer, Gary Blackwood
The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference, Malcolm Gladwell
The Yearling, Marjorie K. Rawlings
Things Fall Apart, Chinua Achebe
Through Her Eyes, Jennifer Archer
We Beat the Street: How a Friendship Pact Led to Success, Sampson Davis, George Jenkins, Rameck Hunt and Sharon Draper
Wheels of Change: How Women Rode the Bicycle to Freedom (With a Few Flat Tires Along the Way), Sue Macy

When You Reach Me, Rebecca Stead

Whispers from the Bay, John Tkac

Written in Bone: Buried Lives of Jamestown and Colonial Maryland, Sally M. Walker

More selections are recommended for middle and high school readers at www.justreadflorida.com. Scroll down to the “Students” header and find suggested reading “For Teens, by Teens.”

Below are a few websites that will provide reading levels for many of the books listed above. Please feel free to use one of these to find a reading level or use any similar tool that may be available to you. Librarians and teachers are also experts in helping pair students with appropriate books.

- AR BookFinder: <http://www.arbookfind.com/default.aspx>
- Lexile Find a Book: <http://www.lexile.com/search/filters/results/>
- Scholastic Book Wizard: <http://www.scholastic.com/bookwizard/>
- If a reader tackles a book above his or her reading level, consider what additional instruction or lower-level reading resources might help.
- Ask the reader to keep track of unknown words within the book and look them up together.
- Take turns reading aloud to each other to help process the information into smaller portions.