

Summer Reading Suggestions for Students in Grade 6 & 7

Here are some suggested reading. Check in with our Children's Department for more recommendations and wider selection.

Realistic Fiction

Armstrong & Charlie – Steven Frank
As Brave As You – Jason Reynolds
Ashes to Ashville – Sarah Dooley
Because of Mr. Terupt (series) – Rob Buyea
Beyond the Bright Sea – Lauren Wolk (Historical)
Booked – Alexander Kwame (Sports; Novel in Verse)
The Boundless – Kenneth Oppel (Adventure)
Braced – Alyson Gerber
Counting by 7s – Holly Goldberg Sloan
Dead End in Norvelt – Jack Gantos
The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate – Jacqueline Kelly (Historical)
Fish in a Tree – Lynda Mullaly Hunt
Forever, Or A Long, Long Time – Caela Carter
Game Changers (Game Changers series) – Mike Lupica (Sports)
Gertie's Leap to Greatness – Kate Beasley
Ghost – Jason Reynolds (Sports)
Greenglass House – Kate Milford (Mystery)
Hello, Universe – Erin Estrada Kelly
It All Comes Down to This – Karen English (Historical)
The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl – Stacy McAnulty
Moon Over Manifest – Clare Vanderpool (Historical)
The Mysterious Benedict Society – Trenton Lee Stewart (Adventure, Mystery)
Patina – Jason Reynolds (Sports Fiction)
The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale Of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, And A Very Interesting Boy – Jeanne Birdsall
Refugee – Alan Gratz (Historical)
See You in the Cosmos – Jack Cheng (Humorous)
Surviving the Applewhites – Stephanie Tolan (Humorous)
The Thing About Jellyfish – Ali Benjamin
Thornhill – Pam Smy (Mystery)
Three Times Lucky (Three Times Lucky series) – Sheila Turnage (Mystery)
Treasure Hunters (Treasure Hunters series) – James Patterson (Adventure)
The War That Saved My Life – Kimberly Brubaker Bradley (Historical)
Wonder – R.J. Palacio
The Worst Years of My Life (Middle School series) – James Patterson (Humorous)
You Go First – Erin Estrada Kelly
Zen and the Art of Faking It – Jordan Sonneblick (Humorous)

Fantasy & Science Fiction

Aru Shah and the End of Time -- Roshani Chokshi
Beyonders (series) – Brandon Mull

Fablehaven (series) – Brandon Mull
A Face Like Glass – Frances Hardinge
The Girl Who Drank the Moon – Kelly Barnhill
The Giver — Lois Lowry
Larklight: a rousing tale of dauntless pluck in the farthest reaches of space (Larklight series) – Philip Reeve
The Lightning Thief (Percy Jackson series) – Rick Riordan
The Lost Hero (Trials of Olympus series) – Rick Riordan
Magnus Chase and the Sword of Summer (Magus Chase and the Gods of Asgard) – Rick Riordan
Mortal Engines (The Hungry City Chronicles) – Philip Reeve
The Red Pyramid (Kane Chronicles series) – Rick Riordan
The Screaming Staircase (Lockwood & Co. series) – Jonathan Stroud
Story Thieves (Story Thieves series) – James Riley
The Unwanteds (The Unwanteds series) – Lisa McMann
When You Reach Me – Rebecca Stead
The Wishing Spell (Land of Stories series) – Chris Colfer
A Wrinkle in Time – Madeleine L'Engle

Graphic Novels

All Summer Long – Hope Larson
All's Faire in Middle School – Victoria Jamieson
Awkward (*Brave series*) – Svetlana Chmakova
El Deafo – Cece Bell
Inquisitor's Tale: Or, The Three Magical Children and Their Holy Dog – Adam Gidwitz
The Last Kids on Earth – Max Brallier
The Lumberjanes series – Noelle Stevenson
Mighty Jack (series) – Ben Hatke
Nightlights – Lorena Alvarez
Nimona – Noelle Stevenson
Real Friends – Shannon Hale
Roller Girl – Victoria Jamieson
Smile – Raina Telgemeier (Also by Raina: *Sisters, Drama, Ghosts*)
Swing It Sunny – Jennifer Holm

Nonfiction & Biography

Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl — Anne Frank
Brown Girl Dreaming – Jacqueline Woodson
Bubonic Panic: When Plague Invaded America – Gail Jarrow
The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind – William Kamkwamba
Isaac the Alchemist – Mary Losure
Life In Motion: An Unlikely Ballerina — Misty Copeland
The Playbook: 52 Rules to Aim, Shoot, and Score in This Game Called Life — Alexander Kwame
Sachiko: A Nagasaki Bomb Survivor's Story -- Caren Barzelay Stelson
The Whydah: A Pirate Ship Feared, Wrecked, and Found – Sandler Martin