

**Suggested Pleasure Reading Books  
for students entering Grades 7 or 8 in the fall of 2022**

**Please choose a book from the following lists to read over the summer.**

**(All Students in 6/7/8 will read an additional book to discuss in a cross-grade book club format in the fall.)**

**CULTURAL COMPETENCY**

Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe by Ben Saen  
A Time to Dance by Padma Venkatraman  
Alan Cole is Not a Coward by Eric Bell  
Amal Unbound by Aisha Saeed  
Anything but Typical by Nora Baskin  
Ashes to Asheville by Sarah Dooley  
Black Enough: Stories of being Young and Black in America ed by Ibi Zoboi  
Bone Sparrow by Zana Fraillon  
Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson  
Counting by 7's by Holly Sloan  
Concrete Rose by Angie Thomas  
Crossover by Alexander Kwame  
Curious Incident of the Dog at Night by Mark Haddon  
Epic Fall of Arturo Zamora by Pablo Cartaya  
Escape from Aleppo by N.H. Senzai  
Ghost Boys by Jewell Parker Rhodes  
Goodbye Stranger by Rebecca Stead  
I Lived on Butterfly Hill by Marjorie Agosin  
I Will Always Write Back by Caitlin Alifirenka & Martin Ganda  
It Wasn't Me, by Dana Alison Levy  
Lily and Dunkin by Donna Gephart  
The Lines We Cross by Randa Abdel-Fattah  
Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park  
Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds  
Look Both Ways: A Tale Told in Ten Blocks, by Jason Reynolds  
Lost Names by Richard E. Kim  
Luna by Julie by Anne Peters  
Marcus Vega Doesn't Speak Spanish, by Pablo Cartaya  
Monster by Walter by Dean Myers  
Nowhere Boy, by Katherine Marsh  
On the Come Up by Angie Thomas  
Parker Inheritance by Varian Johnson  
Persepolis by Marjane Satrapi

Piecing Me Together by Renee Watson  
Rebound by Kwame Alexander  
Return to Sender by Julia Alvarez  
Same but Different by Holly Robinson Peete  
Simon vs the Homo Sapiens Agenda by Becky Albertelli  
Secret Keepers by Mitali Perkins  
Seeing Red by Kathryn Erskine  
Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You, by Jason Reynolds and Ibrahm X Kendi  
Stella by Starlight by Sharon Draper  
The Benefits of Being an Octopus by Ann Braden  
The Downstairs Girl by Stacey Lee  
The Conch Bearer by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni  
The Dollar Kids by Jennifer Jacobson  
The Girl with the Louding Voice by Abi Dare  
The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas  
The Marrow Thieves by Cherie Dimaline  
The Schwa was Here by Neal Shusterman  
The Sun is Also a Star by Nicola Yoon  
Undefeated by Steve Sheinkin  
Untwine by Edwidge Danticat  
With the Fire on High by Elizabeth Acevedo  
When I Was Puerto Rican by Esmeralda Santiago  
Where the Heart Is by Johanna Knowles  
Zane and the Hurricane by W.R. Philbrick

## **CLASSICS**

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn, by Betty Smith  
Anne of Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery  
Banner in the Sky, by James Ramsey Ullman  
Call of the Wild, by Jack London  
Chocolate War, The by Robert Cormier  
Diary of a Young Girl, by Anne Frank  
Dracula, by Bram Stoker  
Great Gatsby, by F. Scott Fitzgerald  
Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, by JK Rowling  
Hobbit, by J.R.R. Tolkien  
Huckleberry Finn, by Mark Twain  
Jacob Have I Loved by Katherine Paterson  
Julie and the Wolves, by Jean Craighead George  
Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, The by C.S. Lewis  
Little Women, by Louisa May Alcott

Lord of the Flies, by William Golding  
My Side of the Mountain, by Jean Craighead George  
Phantom Tollbooth, by Norton Juster  
Princess Bride, The by William Goldman  
Redwall, by Bryan Jacques  
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry, by Mildred D. Taylor  
Secret Garden, by F. H. Burnett  
Sign of the Beaver, by E. G. Speare  
Swiss Family Robinson, by Johann Wyss  
Mary Poppins, by P. L. Travers  
Treasure Island, by R.L. Stevenson  
Watership Down, by Richard Adams

## **HISTORICAL FICTION**

Allies, by Alan Gratz  
Ballad of Lucy Whipple, Karen Cushman  
Between Shades of Grey, Ruta Sepetys  
Boy in the Striped Pajamas, John Boyne  
Code Talker, Joseph Bruchac  
Countdown, Deborah Wiles  
Dragon's Gate, Lawrence Yep  
Fever, 1793 Laurie Halse Anderson  
Going Solo, by R. Dahl (8th)  
Heart of a Samurai, Margi Preus  
If We Survive, Andrew Klavan  
Milkweed, Jerry Spinelli  
Navigating Early, Clare Vanderpool  
Out of the Dust Karen Hesse  
Paperboy, Vince Vawter  
Power of One, by Bryce Courtnay  
Refugee, by Alan Gratz  
Rodzina, Karen Cushman  
Salt to the Sea, Ruta Sepetys  
Soldier's Heart, Gary Paulson  
The Enigma Game by Elizabeth Wein  
The Fountains of Silence, by Ruta Sepetys  
The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg by Rodman Philbrick  
Under the Blood Red Sun, Graham Salisbury  
Under the Persimmon Tree, by Suzanne Staples  
Wednesday Wars, Gary Schmidt  
Weedflower, Cynthia Kadohata

Wolf Hollow by Lauren Wolk  
Woods Runner by Gary Paulsen

## **MYSTERY**

Alex Ryder Series

And Then There Were None, by A. Christie  
Art of Secrets, by James Klise  
Burning Up, by Caroline Cooney  
Deadly Game of Magic, A. by Joan Lowery Nixon  
Down the Rabbit Hole, by Peter Abrahams  
Eye of the Crow, by Shane Peacock  
Face on the Milk Carton, by Caroline B. Cooney  
Hound of the Baskervilles, by Arthur Conan Doyle  
Killer's Cousin, Nancy Werlin  
Liar Society, by Laura and Lisa Roecker  
Lie Tree, The by Frances Hardinge  
London Eye Mystery, by Siobhan Dowd.  
Monster, Walter Dean Myers  
Murder on the Orient Express, by Agatha Christie  
Mysterious Benedict Society, by Trenton Stewart  
Mystery of the Third Lucretia, by Susan Runholt  
No. 1 Ladies Detective Series, by Alexander McCall Smith  
Paper Towns, by John Green  
Picture Me Gone, by Meg Rosoff  
Rat Rule 79: An Adventure by Rivka Galchen  
Revolver, by Marcus Sedgwick  
Shakespeare's Secret, by Elise Broach  
Spy in the House, A. by A. S. Lee  
Study in Charlotte, A. by Brittany Cavallero  
Suite Scarlett, by Maureen Johnson  
Tangerine, Edward Bloor  
Westing Game by Ellen Raskin