

Maple Place Middle School

Suggested Summer Reading List, 2019

Please note, this list is *merely* a suggestion. Any and **all** forms of reading are encouraged and accepted (nonfiction or fiction books, audiobooks, magazines, comics, newspapers, poetry, play scripts, atlases, blogs, encyclopedias, travel brochures, etc...). The list below includes a variety of recommendations that span a wide range of reading levels and content. Regarding text complexity and appropriateness, please use personal judgement when selecting reading material.

Barnes and Noble/P.T.O. Recommendations:

Incoming 5th Grade:

Rollergirl by Victoria Jamieson (graphic novel)
Breakout by Kate Messner (fiction)
Freak the Mighty by Rodman Philbrick (fiction)
The Boy of a Thousand Faces by Brian Selznick (fiction)
Strange But True: Our Weird, Wild, Wonderful World by DK (non fiction)
The Stonekeeper by Kazu Kibuishi (graphic novel)
Sad Underwear and Other Complications by Judith Viorst (poetry)

Incoming 6th Grade:

Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer (fiction)
The Chronicles of Narnia by C.S. Lewis (fiction)
The Unwanteds Series by Lisa McCann (fiction)
Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell (fiction)
The Maze Runner by James Dashner (fiction)
Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli (fiction)
Awkward by Svetlana Chmakova (graphic novel)
Neighborhood Odes by Gary Soto (poetry)

Incoming 7th Grade:

When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit by Judith Kerr (historical fiction)
Al Capone Does My Shirts by Gennifer Choldenko (fiction)
Wolf Hollow by Lauren Wolk (fiction)
The Inheritance series by Christopher Paolini (fiction)
Foiled by Jane Yolen (graphic novel)
Chasing Lincoln's Killer by James Swanson (nonfiction)
My Life as a Goldfish and Other Poems by Rachel Rooney (poetry)

Incoming 8th Grade:

The Red Kayak by Priscilla Cummings (fiction)
Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper (fiction)
The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins (fiction)
Bud Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis (historical fiction)
The Witch Boy by Molly Knox Ostertag (graphic novel)
Girl Code:Gaming, Going Viral, and Getting it Done by Andrea Gonzales (nonfiction)
Voices in the Air by Naomi Shihab Nye (poetry)

Audiobook Apps/Resources:

<https://www.audiobooksync.com/> (Age 13+, free downloadable books)

[audible.com](https://www.audible.com/) (free books with initial sign up)

Google Play Books

LibriVox

Libby

Oodles

Kobo

Popular Series:

Harry Potter

Percy Jackson and the Olympians

The Kane Chronicles

The Heroes of Olympus

Hunger Games Trilogy

The Divergent Series

The Maze Runner Series

Middle School, the Worst Years of My Life

Lunar Chronicles

Unwind Dystology

The Uglies

Graphic Novels:

Drama

Smile

Amulet Series

The Bone Series

Ghosts

Other possibilities: <http://www.ala.org/yalsa/great-graphic-novels>

Magazines for Kids:

National Geographic: <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/>

National Geographic Kids: <https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/>

Kids' Guide to Helping Animals: <https://www.petakids.com/spotlight/free-kids-guide-helping-animals-magazine/>

Sports Illustrated for Kids: <https://www.sikids.com/>

LEGO Life Magazine: <https://www.lego.com/en-us/life/magazine>

Scholastic News Online: <https://scholasticnews.scholastic.com/>

Smithsonian: <https://www.si.edu/kids/>

Zoobooks: <https://www.zoobooks.com/>

Kids Discover: <http://www.kidsdiscover.com/kids-discover-online/>

TIME for Kids: <https://www.timeforkids.com/>

Fiction:

- *The Glory Field* – Walter Dean Myers
- *Year of Impossible Goodbyes* – Sook Nyui Choi
- *The Little Prince* – Antoine De Saint-Exupery
- *The Cat Ate My Gymsuit* – Paula Danziger
- *Nothing But the Truth* – Avi
- *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle* – Avi
- *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* – Arthur Conan Doyle
- *A Single Shard* – Linda Sue Park
- *The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants* – Ann Brashares
- *Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key* – Jack Gantos

- *Anpao: An American Indian Odyssey* – Jamake Highwater
- *My Angelica* – Carol Lynch Williams
- *A Wrinkle in Time* – Madeleine L. Engle
- *The Snow Goose* – Paul Gallico
- *The Maze* – Will Hobbs
- *The Princess Bride* – William Goldman
- *Replay* – Sharon Creech
- *The Westing Game* – Ellen Raskin
- *Baseball in April* – Gary Soto
- *Bloomability* – Sharon Creech
- *Bridge to Terabithia* – Katherine Paterson

Fantasy/Folklore/Science Fiction:

- *Redwall* (series) – Brian Jacques
- *Howl's Moving Castle* – Diana Wynne Jones
- *Dandelion Wine* – Ray Bradbury
- *A Series of Unfortunate Events* (series) – Lemony Snicket
- *Eragon* – Christopher Paolini
- *The Hobbit* – J.R.R. Tolkien
- *A Walk in Wolf Wood* – Mary Stewart
- *Spirited (Once Upon a Time)* – Nancy Holder
- *Once Upon a Marigold* – Jean Ferris
- *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* – C.S. Lewis
- *The Shepherd Moon* – H.M. Hoover
- *Tuck Everlasting* – Natalie Babbitt
- *The Book of Three* – Lloyd Alexander
- *The Secret of NIMH* – Robert C. O'Brien
- *Ella Enchanted* – Gail Carson Levine
- *Touching Spirit Bear* – Ben Mikaelson
- *Eva* – Peter Dickinson
- *Loch* – Paul Zindel
- *A Monster Calls* – Patrick Ness

Historical Fiction:

- *Across Five Aprils* – Irene Hunt
- *Lyddie* – Katherine Paterson
- *Grandfather's Journey* – Allen Say
- *Child of the Owl* – Laurence Yep
- *The Life History of a Star* – Kelly Easton
- *Bull Run* – Paul Fleischman
- *Steal Away* – Jennifer Armstrong
- *After the Dancing Days* – Margaret Rostkowski
- *The Night Journey* – Kathryn Lasky
- *Crispin: The Cross of Lead* – Avi
- *The Witch of Blackbird Pond* – Elizabeth George Speare
- *The Slave Dancer* – Paula Fox
- *Fair Weather* – Richard Peck
- *Double Dutch* – Sharon Draper
- *Torn Thread* – Anne Isaacs
- *My Brother Sam Is Dead* – James Lincoln Collier
- *The Midwife's Apprentice* – Karen Cushman
- *The Borning Room* – Paul Fleischman
- *Jacob, Have I Loved* – Katherine Paterson
- *Rifles for Watie* – Harold Keith

- *Out of the Dust* - Karen Hesse

Poetry:

- *Where the Sidewalk Ends* – Shel Silverstein (1-5)
- *The Pied Piper of Hamelin* – Robert Browning (1-5)
- *Goops and How to Be Them* – Gelett Burgess (1-5)
- *When the Frost Is on the Punkin* – James Whitcomb Riley (1-5)
- *Over the River and Through the Woods* – Lydia Maria Child (1-5)
- *Sad Underwear and Other Complications: More Poems for Children and Their Parents* - Judy Viorst (2-6)
- *Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices* - Paul Fleischman (3-7)
- *Wet Cement: A Mix of Concrete Poems* - Bob Raczka (3-6)
- *Vanishing Trick* - Ros Asquith (3-7)
- *Freedom Over Me* - Ashley Byran (3-7)
- *How to Eat a Poem: A Smorgasbord of Tasty and Delicious Poems for Young Readers* - The American Poetry and Literacy Project (3-8)
- *Poetry for Young People: Emily Dickinson* - Frances Schoonmaker Bolin (3-7)
- *A Kick in the Head: An Everyday Guide to Poetic Forms* - Paul B. Janeczko (3-9)
- *Hip-Hop Speaks to Children: A Celebration of Poetry with a Beat* - Nikki Giovanni (4-8)
- *The Crossover* - Kwame Alexander
- *Brown Girl Dreaming* - Jacqueline Woodson

Nonfiction:

- *Fire in Their Eyes: Wildfires and the People Who Fight Them* – Karen Magnuson Beil
- *Ice Story: Shackleton's Lost Expedition* – Elizabeth Cody Kimmel
- *Rosie the Riveter: Women Working on the Home Front in World War II* – Penny Colman
- *Cheaper by the Dozen* – Frank B. Gilbreth and Ernestine Gilbreth Carey
- *Whole New Ballgame* – Sue Macy
- *A Night to Remember* – Walter Lord
- *You Want Women to Vote, Lizzie Stanton?* – Jean Fritz
- *Boy* – Roald Dahl
- *Mistakes That Worked* – Charlotte Jones and John O'Brien
- *A Boy Called Slow: The True Story of Sitting Bull* – Joseph Bruchac
- *Zlata's Diary: A Child's Life in Sarajevo* – Zlata Filipovic
- *Eleanor Roosevelt: A Life of Discovery* – Russell Freedman
- *I Was a Teenage Professional Wrestler* – Ted Lewin
- *The Great Fire* – Jim Murphy
- *Wildlife Rescue: The Work of Dr. Kathleen Ramsay* – Jennifer Dewey
- *Cathedral: The Story of Its Construction* – David Macaulay
- *Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World: The Extraordinary True Story of Shackleton and the Endurance* – Jennifer Armstrong
- *Orphan Train Rider: One Boy's True Story* – Andrea Warren
- *The Rifle* – Gary Paulsen
- *Guts* – Gary Paulsen
- *I Am Malala* - Malala Yousafzai

Other Resources: [Newsela](#), [Myon](#)