

Michael E. Smith Middle School

Summer Reading 2021

Entering Grades 5 and 6



Studies have shown that reading over the summer helps students retain skills. Reading can be a part of the summer relaxation and fun that we all enjoy. This summer we encourage you to read “just right” books. You can choose from our suggested reading list of titles and authors, or you can choose books on your own. Enjoy your summer with reading that inspires, engages, or delights you!

How Do Readers Choose Books?

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Available Formats

Digital: Many titles can be found in a digital format -- text or audio. Check the public library’s OverDrive catalog or the school’s Destiny Discover catalog to find them.

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Destiny Discover (for returning students): <https://wbb40616.follettshelf.com/>

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Suggested Reading List: Entering 5th and Entering 6th

Suggested Books*	Genre
<i>Garvey's Choice</i> by Nikki Grimes	Realistic Fiction
<i>Good Dog</i> by Dan Gemeinhart	Animal Fantasy
<i>Tale Dark and Grimm</i> by Adam Gidwitz	Fantasy
<i>The Night Diary</i> by Veera Hiranandani	Historical Fiction
<i>Season of Styx Malone</i> by Kekla Magoon	Realistic Fiction
<i>Sweep: the Story of a Girl and her Monster</i> by Jonathan Auxier	Historical Fiction / Fantasy
<i>We're Not From Here</i> by Geoff Rodkey	Science Fiction
<i>You Go First</i> by Erin Entrada Kelly	Realistic Fiction
<i>One Crazy Summer</i> by Rita Williams-Garcia	Historical Fiction
<i>Who was...? / What was...?</i> series (various authors)	Nonfiction

*Other books by the same authors are also good choices.

Other Suggested Authors

Avi Blue Balliett Andrew Clements Sharon Creech Roald Dahl Kate DiCamillo Dan Gemeinhart	Stuart Gibbs Chris Grabenstein Gordon Korman Lois Lowry Mike Lupica Sarah Mlynowski James Patterson	Gary Paulsen Jason Reynolds Rick Riordan Lauren Tarshis Raina Telgemeier Sarah Weeks Eugene Yelchin
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Suggested Reading List: Entering 7th and Entering 8th

Suggested Books*	Genre
<i>Nemesis</i> by Brendan Reichs	Science Fiction
<i>A Time to Dance</i> by Padma Venkatraman	Realistic Fiction
<i>Scythe</i> by Neal Shusterman	Science Fiction
<i>Not If I Save You First</i> by Ally Carter	Adventure
<i>Crossing Ebenezer Creek</i> by Tonya Bolden	Historical Fiction
<i>Long Way Down</i> by Jason Reynolds	Realistic Fiction
<i>Skyward</i> by Brandon Sanderson	Science Fiction
<i>Crossover</i> by Kwame Alexander	Realistic Sports Fiction
<i>Piecing Me Together</i> by Renee Watson	Realistic Fiction
<i>Port Chicago 50</i> by Steve Sheinkin	Nonfiction
<i>The Grand Escape</i> by Neal Bascomb	Nonfiction

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Avi	Alan Gratz	Steve Sheinkin
Laurie Halse Anderson	Deborah Hopkinson	Neal Shusterman
Sharon Creech	Mike Lupica	Rebecca Stead
Sarah Dessen	Marissa Meyer	Cynthia Voigt
Lois Duncan	Walter Dean Myers	Jane Yolen
Margarita Engle	Jennifer Nielsen	Kacie West
John Feinstein	James Patterson	Scott Westerfeld
	Jason Reynolds	