

2021 Summer Reading Options: Grades 7 + 8

Dear Students,

Below you will find lists of summer reading book possibilities! This summer, we are asking you to choose a minimum of **2** books from **2 different genres**.

The Newbery, Printz, and Walden award winners and honorees are all middle grades or young adult books that have been distinguished as the best of the best in this past year! The PBS *Great American Read* list gives 100 different books that have been chosen as "essential reading" for Americans by the American public! This list spans all genres and levels from children's books to adult reading, but we have selected a handful of classics and modern classics we think you might enjoy!

You are welcome to purchase your own copy of the books you select, borrow them from a library, or read them digitally.

Please choose books you have NOT read before. You should be ready to discuss these books when we return to school!

As always, choosing a book should involve your parents, too! Together, consider:

- What will you enjoy?
- What might challenge you a little bit?

(You might be challenged by reading in a new-to-you genre, by reading about a culture with which you aren't as familiar, by reading a longer book, by trying a classic, etc.)

- What is appropriate for you and for your family?

(Commonsensemedia.org is a wonderful place to vet books for content!)

If you need additional help selecting books, please feel free to reach out to Mrs. O'Dell (7th grade) and Ms. Hazelton or Mrs. O'Dell (8th grade) during the summer!

Fondly,

Ms. Hazelton and Mrs. O'Dell

Newbery, Printz, and National Book Award Winners/Honorees, 2020-2021

Fiction/Realistic Fiction	<i>We Dream Of Space</i> (Kelly) <i>Before the Ever After</i> (Woodson) -- Novel in verse <i>King and the Dragonflies</i> (Callender) <i>We Are Not Free</i> (Chee) <i>Show Me a Sign</i> (LeZotte)
Graphic Novels	<i>Dragon Hoops</i> (Yang) <i>When Stars Are Scattered</i> (Jamieson)

Fantasy	<i>When You Trap a Tiger</i> (Keller) <i>A Wish in the Dark</i> (Soontornvat) <i>The Way Back</i> (Savit)
Memoir	<i>Everything Sad is Untrue</i> (Nayeri)
Non-Fiction	<i>All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team</i> (Soontornvat) <i>How We Got to the Moon</i> (Rocco)

Middle-School-Friendly Classics from the PBS *Great American Read* List that You Might Enjoy

A Separate Peace (Knowles)
A Tree Grows in Brooklyn (Smith)
Anne of Green Gables (Montgomery)
Call of the Wild (London)
Where the Red Fern Grows (Rawls)
Little Women (Alcott)
The Outsiders (Hinton)
Wuthering Heights (Bronte)
And Then There Were None (Christie)
The Chronicles of Narnia - Series (Lewis)
The Lord of the Rings (Tolkein)
Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy (Adams)