

Suggested Summer Reading

Ramapo Ridge Middle School

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The following selections are geared for readers at the middle school level, covering reading levels and interests from grades 5 through 9. However, please note that while movies have ratings to help parents and students make decisions about what material may or may not be appropriate, there are no such ratings in the publishing world. We trust that our students, with the help of their parents, can make appropriate choices for themselves.

AUTHOR	TITLE	TOPICS/THEMES/GENRES
Alexander, Kwame	<i>The Crossover; Rebound (Crossover prequel)</i>	Basketball fiction; Realistic fiction
Applegate, Katherine	<i>The Last</i>	Animal Fantasy; Quests; Human/Animal relationships
Applegate, Katherine	<i>The One and Only Ivan</i>	Children's stories; First person narratives
Barnhill, Kelly	<i>The Girl Who Drank the Moon</i>	Witches fiction; Magic fiction; Friendship fiction, Fantasy
Blake, Ashley Herring	<i>Ivy Aberdeen's Letter to the World</i>	Artists fiction; LGBTQIA; Family life fiction; Friendship fiction
Bosch, Pseudonymous	<i>Secret</i> series	Adventure stories; Fantasy mystery stories
Boyne, John	<i>The Boy in the Striped Pajamas: A Fable</i>	Concentration camps fiction; Historical fiction; Nazis fiction; Holocaust fiction
Bradbury, Ray	<i>Fahrenheit 451</i>	Book burning fiction; Science fiction
Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker	<i>The War That Saved My Life</i>	World War 1939-1945; Brothers and sisters; People with disabilities
Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker	<i>Fighting Words</i>	Middle school; Sisters; Suicidal behavior; Foster children; Fiction
Choldenko, Gennifer	<i>Al Capone Does My Shirts; Al Capone Shines My Shoes; Al Capone Does My Homework</i>	Autism fiction, Alcatraz; Historical fiction
Clare, Cassandra	<i>Mortal Instruments series; Infernal Devices series; Dark Artifacts series</i>	Magic fiction; Vampires fiction; Supernatural fiction
Colfer, Chris	<i>Land of Stories</i> series	Fairy tales; Magic; Siblings; Twins
Colfer, Eoin	<i>Artemis Fowl</i> series	Magic fiction; Fairies fiction, Fantasy
Collins, Suzanne	<i>The Hunger Games</i> series	Survival fiction, Contests; Television programs; Science fiction
Courtney, Nadine Jolie	<i>All-American Muslim Girl</i>	Muslims; Family life; Prejudices; Fiction
Craft, Jerry	<i>New Kid</i>	African Americans; Middle school boys; Graphic novel

Dashner, James	<i>Maze Runner</i> series	Survival skills fiction; Science fiction
DiCamillo, Kate	<i>Flora and Ulysses</i>	Girls fiction; Squirrels fiction; Superheroes fiction; Fantasy
DiCamillo, Kate	<i>Tiger Rising</i>	Tigers fiction; Friendship; Animal welfare fiction; Realistic fiction
Druitt, Tobias	<i>Corydon</i> series	Greek Mythology fiction; Adventure fiction
Erskine, Kathryn	<i>Mockingbird</i>	Asperger's Syndrome fiction; Schools fiction; Death fiction
Flanagan, John	<i>The Ranger's Apprentice</i> series	Adventure stories; Heroes and heroines fiction; Fantasy fiction
Friend, Natasha	<i>Perfect</i>	Grief and Death fiction; Bulimia fiction, Realistic fiction
Gibbs, Stuart	<i>Spy School</i> series	Action and adventure fiction; Spies fiction; Schools fiction; Thrillers
Gratz, Alan	<i>Projekt 1065</i>	Historical fiction; Action and adventure fiction; Survival stories; World War II
Han, Jenny	<i>To All the Boys I've Loved Before</i> series	Dating; Sisters; Love stories; fiction
Heiligman, Deborah	<i>Charles and Emma: the Darwins' Leap of Faith</i>	Charles Darwin Biography; Emma Darwin Biography; Naturalists
Hiaasen, Carl	<i>Hoot; Scat; Flush; Chomp; Squirm</i>	Environmental protection fiction; Wildlife conservation fiction; Realistic fiction
Horowitz, Anthony	<i>Alex Rider</i> series	Spies fiction; Adventure fiction
Hunter, Erin	<i>Warriors</i> series	Cats fiction; Adventure fiction; Fantasy fiction
Jamieson, Victoria	<i>Roller Girl</i>	Roller derby -- Comic books, strips, etc; Best friends; Sports stories
Jordan, Sophie	<i>Firelight</i> series	First person narratives; Paranormal romances; Urban fantasy fiction
Kamkwamba, William	<i>The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind</i>	Inventors Biography; Malawi; Windmills; Wind power
Keller, Tae	<i>When You Trap a Tiger</i>	Korean Folklore; Family relationships; Friendship fiction
Kelly, Erin Entrada	<i>Hello Universe</i>	Bullies fiction; Friendship fiction

Kelly, Erin Entrada	<i>We Dream of Space</i>	Challenger Spacecraft; Brothers and sisters; Science projects; Historical fiction
Kelly, Jacqueline	<i>The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate</i>	Nature fiction; Family Life Texas fiction; Historical fiction
Kinney, Jeff	<i>Diary of a Wimpy Kid</i> series	Middle School; Friendship fiction; Humorous stories
Korman, Gordon	<i>Restart</i>	Bullies fiction; Internersonal relationships fiction; Amnesia fiction; Self-perception fiction
Lord, Cynthia	<i>Rules</i>	Autism; Siblings; Realistic fiction
Lowry, Lois	<i>Son</i>	Mother child relationship; Dystopias; Science fiction
Lu, Marie	<i>Legend</i> series	Science fiction; War; Resistance to government; Siblings
Lupica, Mike	<i>Batting Order</i>	Baseball fiction; Parent and child fiction; Self-confidence fiction
Lupica, Mike	<i>The Only Game</i>	Baseball fiction; Grief; Bullies; Friendship
Lupica, Mike	<i>Travel Team; Summer Ball</i>	Basketball fiction; Realistic fiction
McAnulty, Stacy	<i>The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl</i>	Middle schools fiction; Interpersonal relationships fiction; Obsessive-compulsive disorders fiction
Medina, Meg	<i>Merci Suárez Changes Gears</i>	Hispanic Americans fiction; Schools fiction, Friendship fiction
Messenger, Shannon	<i>Keeper of the Lost City</i> series	Fantasy fiction; Elves fiction; Identity fiction; Psychic Abilities fiction
Mull, Brandon	<i>Beyonders</i> series	Heroes and heroines; Magic; Revolutions; Space and time; Fantasy fiction
Myers, Walter Dean	<i>Scorpions</i>	Gangs Fiction; African Americans fiction.
Patron, Susan	<i>The Higher Power of Lucky</i>	Abandoned children Fiction; Interpersonal relations Fiction; Runaways Fiction
Patterson, James	<i>Maximum Ride</i> series	First person narratives; Multiple perspectives; Science fiction
Patterson, James	<i>Middle School</i> series	Collaborative novels; Realistic fiction
Philbrick, W. R.	<i>The Mostly True Adventure of Homer P. Figg</i>	Orphans fiction; Historical fiction; Adventure fiction

Pullman, Philip	<i>His Dark Materials</i> series (<i>The Golden Compass</i>)	Experiments; Good and Evil; Fantasy fiction
Reynolds, Jason	<i>Ghost; Patina; Sunny; Lu</i> (<i>Track</i> series)	Running fiction; Track and Field fiction; African Americans fiction; Friendship fiction
Reynolds, Jason	<i>All American Boys</i>	Race relations; Racism; Police brutality; Fiction
Riordan, Rick	<i>Percy Jackson & the Olympians</i> series; <i>Heroes of Olympus</i> series; <i>Trials of Apollo</i> series	Greek Mythology fiction; Camps fiction; Monsters fiction
Rowling, J. K.	<i>Harry Potter</i> series	Boy Wizards, Magic, Fantasy fiction
Russell, Rachel Renée	<i>Dork Diaries</i> series	Friendship; Popularity; Artists; School stories
Ryan, Pam Muñoz	<i>Echo</i>	Harmonica; Music; Fate and fatalism; Germany; Historical fiction
Selznick, Brian	<i>Wonderstruck</i>	Family life fiction; Deaf fiction; People with disabilities fiction
Shusterman, Neal	<i>Skinjacker</i> series	Death fiction; Ghost stories; Future life fiction
Snicket, Lemony	<i>All the Wrong Questions</i> series	Mystery fiction; Humorous fiction
Snicket, Lemony	<i>A Series of Unfortunate Events</i>	Orphans; Siblings; Humorous fiction
Soontornvat, Christina	<i>All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team</i>	Survival stories; Non-fiction; Biography
Soontornvat, Christina	<i>A Wish in the Dark</i>	Prisoners; Juvenile fiction; Fantasy
Stewart, Trenton Lee	<i>Mysterious Benedict Society</i> series	Adventure; Friendship; School stories; Science fiction
Sutherland, Tui	<i>Wings of Fire</i> series	Dragons; Prophecy; Identity; Fantasy fiction; Action and adventure fiction
Tahir, Sabaa	<i>An Ember in the Ash</i> series	Siblings; Slaves; Fantasy; Romance fiction
Telgemeyer, Raina	<i>Smile; Drama</i> (sequel)	Middle School; Friendship fiction; Comic Strips
Telgemeyer, Raina	<i>Guts</i>	Autobiography; Anxiety; Stress; Comic Strips
Warga, Jasmine	<i>Other Words for Home</i>	Emigration and immigration; Syrian Americans; Juvenile fiction

Yang, Kelly	<i>Front Desk; Three Keys</i> (sequel)	Asian Americans; Friendship fiction; Immigrants fiction
Yoon, Nicola	<i>Everything, Everything</i>	Friendship; Allergy; Romance; Racially mixed people; Fiction
Yoon, Nicola	<i>The Sun is Also a Star</i>	Teenagers; Fate and Fatalism; Romance; Fiction
Yousafzai, Malala	<i>I am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Changed the World</i>	Education; Human rights -- Pakistan; Biography

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