

MIDDLE SCHOOL BOOK LIST SUMMER READING 2025

Developed by Howard County Public School Library Media Specialists and Instructors & Research Specialists from Howard County Library System.

The titles selected for this Summer Reading list were chosen especially for those students leaving grades 6-8. Titles included are just a sampling of the books you may enjoy reading during the summer. Many of the authors on this list have written more than one book. Check out some of those titles, too!



* also available in electronic format

FICTION

Allen, Damara CHILDRENS ALL
The Skeleton Flute

Davis, Tanita CHILDRENS DAV
The Science of Friendship

Fitzgerald, Maria Jose *CHILDRENS FIT
Turtles of the Midnight Moon

Kelly, Erin Entrada CHILDRENS KEL
The First State of Being

Magoon, Kekla *CHILDRENS MAG
The Secret Library

Rundell, Katherine
*CHILDRENS RUN & CHILDRENS LP RUN
Impossible Creatures

Sepetys, Ruta *CHILDRENS SEP
The Bletchley Riddle

Winston, Sherri CHILDRENS WIN
Shark Teeth

*YA ALL
All These Sunken Souls: A Black Horror Anthology

Allen, Autumn *YA ALL
All You Have to Do

Baptiste, Tracey YA BAP
Boy 2.0

Harrell, Rob *YA HAR
Popcorn

Hiranandani, Veera YA HIR
Amil and the After

Isler, Emily Barth YA ISL
The Color of Sound

Little Badger, Darcie *YA LIT
Sheine Lende: A Prequel to Elatsoe

Mejia, Tehlor Kay YA MEJ
It Happened to Anna

Oh, Axie YA OH
XOXO

Sass, A.J. *YA SAS
Just Shy of Ordinary

Schu, John *YA SCH
Louder Than Hunger

Siddiqui, Maleeha YA SID
Any Way You Look

Sortino, Anna *YA SOR
On the Bright Side

Sutanto, Jesse Q. YA SUT
Didn't See That Coming

Walker, David F. YA WAL
The Second Chance of Darius Logan

Wilde, Jen YA WIL
Paige Not Found

Wyman, Christina YA WYM
Slouch

Zhao, Kyla *YA ZHA
May the Best Player Win

GRAPHIC NOVELS

Calin, Cassandra *CHILDRENS 741.59 C
The New Girl

Cartaya, Pablo *CHILDRENS 741.59 C
Curveball

Galligan, Gale CHILDRENS 741.59 G
Fresh Start

Patton, Jay Jay CHILDRENS 741.59 P
Dear Dad: Growing Up with a Parent in Prison—and How We Stayed Connected

Akiduki, Sorata 741.59 A
Snow White with the Red Hair, Vol. 1

Cho, Hyon A. 741.59 C
Your Letter

Muro, Jennifer & Krajewski, Thomas 741.59 M
Primer: A Superhero Graphic Novel

Santat, Dan *741.59 S
A First Time for Everything

Sattin, Samuel *741.59 S
Side Quest: A Visual History of Roleplaying Games

Suzuki, Julietta 741.59 S
Kamisama Kiss, Vol. 1



NONFICTION

Kleinrock, Liz & Pritchard, Caroline Kusun
CHILDRENS 305.8924 K
What Jewish Looks Like

Jones, Dan SaSuWeh CHILDRENS 371.82997 J
*Stealing Little Moon: The Legacy of the American Indian
Boarding Schools*

Messner, Kate CHILDRENS 509.22 M
*The Next Scientist: The Unexpected Beginnings and
Unwritten Future of the World's Greatest Scientists*

Lorencen, Vicky CHILDRENS 616.047 L
*The Big Book of Barf: A Spewnamo of Sick Science,
Hurled History, and Body Oddities*

*CHILDRENS 641.5123 M
Marvelously Revolting Recipes

Drimmer, Stephanie Warren CHILDRENS 685.31 D
Sneakers: The Cool Stories and Facts Behind Every Pair

McMillan, Kate CHILDRENS 720.47 M
*Sustainable Structures: 15 Eco-Conscious Buildings
Around the World*

Grandits, John CHILDRENS 811.6 G
Dog & Cat: Concrete Poems & Conversations

Kassis, Reem CHILDRENS 956.94 K
*We Are Palestinian: A Celebration of Culture and
Tradition*

Hopkinson, Deborah *CHILDRENS B SNOW H
*Evidence!: How Dr. John Snow Solved the Mystery of
Cholera*

Marcus, Erica B. *TEEN 153.733 M
*Attention Hijacked: Using Mindfulness to Reclaim Your
Brain from Tech*

Chatzky, Jean TEEN 332.4 C
*How to Money: Your Ultimate Visual Guide to the
Basics of Finance*

Cooper, Candy J. *TEEN 364.134 C
*Shackled: A Tale of Wronged Kids, Rogue Judges,
and a Town that Looked Away*

Aronson, Marc & Paul Freedman TEEN 394.12 A
*Bite by Bite: American History Through Feasts, Food,
and Side Dishes*

Loveless, Gina *TEEN 612.661 L
Puberty is Gross but Also Really Awesome

Marshmello TEEN 641.5973 M
Cooking with Marshmello: Recipes with a Remix

Goodman, Shawn *TEEN 646.7008 G
*How to Survive Your Parents: A Teen's Guide to
Thriving in a Difficult Family*

Boxer, Elisa *TEEN 650.1082 B
*Dear Younger Me: What 35 Trailblazing Women Wish
They'd Known as Girls*

Scurlock, Fenley TEEN 658.11 S
*Down to Business: 51 Industry Leaders Share Practical
Advice on how to Become a Young Entrepreneur*

Macy, Sue TEEN 796.357 M
*A Whole New Ball Game: The Story of the All-American
Girls Professional Baseball League*

Fleming, Candace TEEN 940.5486 F
*The Enigma Girls: How Ten Teenagers Broke Ciphers,
Kept Secrets, and Helped Win World War II*

Lee, Erika & Soontornvat, Christina *TEEN 973.0495 L
Made in Asian America: A History for Young People

Nakahira, Sam TEEN B ASAWA N
Ruth Asawa: An Artist Takes Shape

Chuculate, Eddie TEEN B CHUCULATE
This Indian Kid: A Native American Memoir

Moss, Marissa TEEN B FRIEDMAN M
*Spying on Spies: How Elizebeth Smith Friedman Broke
the Nazis' Secret Codes*

EN ESPAÑOL

Cartaya, Pablo CHILDRENS 741.59 C On Order (Sp)
Curveball