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Summer Reading Adventures 2026

Middle School Book List

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!

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

*also available in electronic format

OO: On Order, title being purchased

FICTION

Anderson, Laurie Halse *YA AND & CHILDRENS AND
Rebellion 1776

Barnes, Derrick *YA BAR
The Incredibly Human Henson Blayze

Calonita, Jen *YA CAL
Isle of Ever

Cartaya, Pablo *YA CAR
A Hero's Guide to Summer Vacation (Spanish edition also available)

Collins, Suzanne *YA COL & DAB YA COL
Sunrise on the Reaping

Gemeinhart, Dan *OO YA GEM & CHILDRENS GEM
Busted

Gratz, Alan *YA GRA
War Games: A Novel of 1936 Berlin

Jackson, Tiffany *YA JAC
Blood in the Water

Lawrence, Lorien *YA LAW
The Many Hauntings of the Manning Family

Layton, T. Z. YA LAY
The Academy

YA LEG
Legendary Frybread Drive-In: Intertribal Stories

Mbalia, Kwame *OO YA MBA
Jax Freeman and the Phantom Shriek

Melleby, Nicole *YA MEL
Winnie Nash is Not Your Sunshine

Moulton, Deke *YA MOU
Don't Want to Be Your Monster

Nayeri, Daniel OO YA NAY & CHILDRENS NAY
The Teacher of Nomad Land: A World War II Story

Ponti, James *YA PON
City Spies

Rossell, Judith *OO YA ROS & CHILDRENS ROS
The Midwatch Institute for Wayward Girls

Safadi, Shifa Saltag YA SAF
Kareem Between

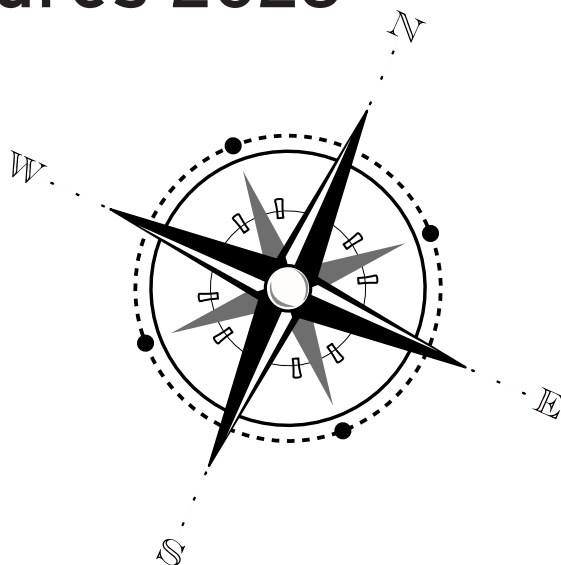
Saft, Allison *YA SAF
Wings of Starlight

Stevenson, ND *OO YA STE & CHILDRENS STE
Scarlet Morning

Sumner, Jamie *YA SUM
Please Pay Attention

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The White Guy Dies First: 13 Stories of Fear and Power

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GRAPHIC NOVELS

For call numbers, check **741.59** + the first letter of the author's last name on the children's, teen or adult graphic novel shelves.

Algarmi, Wahab		<i>Almost Sunset*</i>
Copeland, Cynthia L.	OO	<i>Drive *</i>
Kui, Ryoko		<i>Delicious in Dungeon, volume 1</i>
Larson, Hope		<i>Very Bad at Math *</i>
Liu, Marjorie M.		<i>Wingbearer</i>
Morikawa, Yuu		<i>Mr. Villain's Day Off, volume 1 *</i>
Page, Tyler	OO	<i>Extra Large *</i>
Snyder, Marker	OO	<i>First Kiss with Fangs *</i>
Suggs, Christine		<i>Ay, Mija!: My Bilingual Summer in Mexico *</i>
Telgemeier, Raina	OO	<i>The Cartoonists Club *</i>

NONFICTION

Siegel, Rebecca	*TEEN 001.944 S	<i>Loch Ness Uncovered: Media, Misinformation, and the Greatest Monster Hoax of All Time</i>
Levinson, Cynthia	*TEEN 342.7302 L	<i>Fault Lines in the Constitution: The Framers, Their Fights, and the Flaws that Affect Us Today</i>
Bajramovic, Hana	TEEN 342.73085 B	<i>Whose Right Is It? The Fourteenth Amendment and the Fight for Equality</i>
Robinson, James	*TEEN 362.41 R	<i>Whale Eyes: A Memoir About Seeing and Being Seen</i>
Tracy, Kristen	*TEEN 365.9 T	<i>The Unofficial Alcatraz Handbook: A Complete Guide to the Most Often Asked Questions About "The Rock"</i>
Day, Nicholas	TEEN & CHILDRENS 551.21D	<i>A World Without Summer: A Volcano Erupts, A Creature Awakens, and the Sun Goes Out</i>
Jenson-Elliott, Cindy	OO TEEN Nonfiction	<i>The Doomsday Detectives: How Walter and Luis Alvarez Solved the Mystery of Dinosaur Extinction</i>
	*TEEN & CHILDRENS 591.5 Y	<i>An Immense World: How Animals Sense Earth's Amazing Secrets</i>
Poliquin, Rachel	*TEEN 612.4 P	<i>The Gland Factory: A Tour of Your Body's Goops, Juices, and Hormones</i>
Fitzharris, Lindsey	*TEEN 614.5732 F	<i>Plague-Busters!: Medicine's Battles with History's Deadliest Diseases</i>

Grush, Loren	CHILDRENS 629.409 G	<i>The Six: The Untold Story of America's First Women Astronauts</i>
	TEEN 641.8653 B	<i>The Big, Fun Book of Fake-Out Cakes</i>
Logan, Jason	*TEEN 701.85 L	<i>How to Be a Color Wizard: Forage and Experiment with Natural Art Making</i>
Ross, Edward	TEEN 741.51 R	<i>Graphic Novel Builder: The Illustrated Guide to Making Your Own Comics</i>
	*TEEN 796.0866 A	<i>Athlete is Agender: True Stories of LGBTQ+ People in Sports</i>
Friedman, Tova	*TEEN 940.5318 F	<i>The Daughter of Auschwitz: The Girl who Lived to Tell Her Story</i>
Friddell, Claudia	TEEN 940.5486 F	<i>The Mysterious Virginia Hall: World War II's Most Dangerous Spy</i>
Kelly, Erin Entrada	TEEN 940.5486 K	<i>At Last She Stood: How Joey Guerrero Spied, Survived, and Fought for Freedom</i>
Yellowhorn, Eldon	*TEEN 971.00497 Y	<i>Ours to Tell: Reclaiming Indigenous Stories</i>
Jarrow, Gail	*TEEN 973.099 J	<i>White House Secrets: Medical Lies and Cover-Ups</i>
Bascomb, Neal	TEEN B GANDHI B	<i>The Salt Thief: Gandhi's Heroic March to Freedom</i>
Kendi, Ibram X.	TEEN B X K	<i>Malcolm Lives!: The Official Biography of Malcolm X for Young Readers</i>

EN ESPANOL

Collins, Suzanne	(Sp)YA COL	<i>Amanecer en la Cosecha</i>
Cartaya, Pablo	*OO TEEN WORLD LANGUAGE	<i>Manual de Un Heroe Para Las Vacaciones de Verano</i>
Layton, T. Z.	OO TEEN WORLD LANGUAGE	<i>La Academia</i>
Ponti, James	OO TEEN WORLD LANGUAGE	<i>City Spies (Spanish Edition)</i>

