



Dear Middle School BB&N Family,

As you prepare for the summer, we hope this summer reading information will help guide your reading journey over the next several weeks.

This package includes the 2025 **required** History Summer Reading book:

<u>7th Grade</u>	<u>8th Grade</u>
<i>Enrique's Journey: A True Story of a Boy Determined to Reunite with His Mother (Young Adult Adaptation)</i> by Sonia Nazario	<i>Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You</i> by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X Kendi

Please keep in mind this book is 1 of 4 of your reading expectations this summer

There are additional reading expectations for the History, English, and Science* departments that can be seen on our dedicated Summer Reading Expectations pages:

[History Summer Reading Expectations](#)

[English Summer Reading Expectations](#)

[Science Summer Reading Expectations \(Grade 7 Only\)*](#)

I have also included the list of titles in the attached pages and a QR code to scan below.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at cdominiquepierre@bbns.org.



History Summer Reading



English Summer Reading



Science Summer Reading

Happy Reading!

Christina Dominique-Pierre
Middle School Library Director

*Unlikely available in your library's E-book system or BB&N SORA

**Some Mature Content or Heavy Themes: A novel that is accessible to our middle school students, although parents/guardians may want to be involved in book choice.

*Science Summer Reading for 7th grade ONLY



HISTORY

Choose **ONE** of the following to read this summer **in addition to the required reading book**. You do not have to take active reading notes, but you should write up a brief summary (3-5 sentences) when you complete the book so you remember what it was about. Most, if not all, of these books are available through your local library, your local library's E-book system, and the BB&N E-book library through SORA. If you are having access issues, please contact Ms. Dominique-Pierre (MS Library Director) at cdominiquepierre@bbns.org or Mr. Billings (MS History Dept Chair) at mbillings@bbns.org.

Incoming 7th Grade

(Required reading and 1 additional title from the list below)

1. *Enrique's Journey: A True Story of a Boy Determined to Reunite with his Mother (Young Adult Adaptation)* by Sonia Nazario **(REQUIRED READING)**
2. *A Promise to Keep* by Mario BenCastro
3. *Across So Many Seas* by Ruth Behar
4. *An Uninterrupted View of the Sky* by Melanie Crowder
5. *Caminar* by Skila Brown
6. *Hold Tight, Don't Let Go* by Laura Rose Wagner
7. *Silver People** by Margarita Engle
8. *The Circuit: Stories from the Life of a Migrant Child* by Francisco Jimenez
9. *The Circuit: The Graphic Novel* by Francisco Jimenez
10. *The Distance Between Us (Young Reader's Edition)* by Reyna Grande
11. *The Everything I Have Lost* by Sylvia Aguilar-Zéleny
12. *The Queen of Water* by Laura Resau

Incoming 8th Grade

(Required reading and 1 additional title from the list below)

1. *Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You* by Ibram X. Kendi and Jason Reynolds **(REQUIRED READING)**
2. *All the President's Men* by Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein
3. *Becoming (Adapted for Young Readers)* by Michelle Obama
4. *Bomb: The Race to Build–And Steal–The World's Most Dangerous Weapon* by Steven Sheinkin
5. *Getting Away with Murder: The True Story of the Emmett Till Case* by Chris Crowe
6. *I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban* by Malala Yousafzai
7. *Just Mercy: A True Story of the Fight for Justice (Young Adult Adaptation)* by Bryan Stevenson
8. *Notorious RBG Young Readers' Edition: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg* by Irin Carmon & Shana Knizhnik
9. *The Color of a Lie* by Kim Johnson
10. *The Poisoned City: Flint's Water and the American Urban Tragedy* by Anna Clark

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ENGLISH

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Incoming 7th Grade (Read 1 title from the list below)

1. [*A Snake Falls to Earth*](#) by Darcie Little Badger
2. [*Carry Me Home*](#) by Janet Fox
3. [*Coyote Lost and Found*](#) by Dan Gemeinhart
4. [*Dress Coded*](#) by Carrie Firestone
5. [*Game Changer*](#) by Tommy Greenwald
6. [*Iveliz Explains It All*](#) by Andrea Beatriz Arango**
7. [*Kareem Between*](#) by Shifa Saltagi Safadi
8. [*Little Women*](#) by Louisa May Alcott
9. [*Mani Semilla Finds Her Quetzal Voice*](#) by Anna Lapera
10. [*Not Nothing*](#) by Gayle Forman
11. [*Racing in the Rain: My Life as a Dog*](#) (Young Reader's Edition) by Garth Stein
12. [*Refugee*](#) by Alan Gratz
13. [*Rolling Warrior: The Incredible, Sometimes Awkward, True Story of a Rebel Girl on Wheels Who Helped Spark a Revolution*](#) by Judith Heumann
14. [*Safiyah's War*](#) by Hiba Noor Kahn
15. [*Summer at Squee*](#) by Andrea Wang
16. [*The Call of Wild*](#) by Jack London
17. [*The Color of Sound*](#) by Emily Barth Isler
18. [*Ultraviolet*](#) by Aida Salazar
19. [*What Happened to Rachel Riley*](#) by Claire Swinarski

SCIENCE

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Incoming 7th Grade (Read 1 title from the list below)

1. [*Dry*](#) by Neal Shusterman
2. [*Haven Jacobs Saves the Planet*](#) by Barbara Dee
3. [*Paradise on Fire*](#) by Jewel Parker Rhodes
4. [*The Twenty-One: The True Story of the Youth Who Sued the US Government Over Climate Change*](#) by Elizabeth Rusch
5. [*Thirst*](#) by Varsha Bajaj
6. [*Two Degrees*](#) by Alan Gratz

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Incoming 8th Grade (Read 2 titles from the list below)

1. [*Amari and the Great Game \(Book 2 Amari\)*](#) by B.B. Alston
2. [*American Street*](#) by Ibi Zoboi**
3. [*Between Shades of Gray*](#) by Ruta Sepetys
4. [*Children of Blood and Bone*](#), [*Children of Virtue and Vengeance*](#), and/or [*Children of Anguish and Anarchy*](#) by Tomi Adeyemi**
5. [*Darius the Great is Not Okay*](#) by Adib Khorram**
6. [*Fahrenheit 451*](#) by Ray Bradbury
7. [*Here to Stay*](#) By Sara Farizan
8. [*Imposter Syndrome and Other Confessions of Alejandra Kim*](#) by Patricia Park**
9. [*Internment*](#) by Samira Ahmed**
10. [*It's Trevor Noah: Born A Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood*](#) (Young Readers Edition) by Trevor Noah
11. [*King and the Dragonflies*](#) by Kacen Callender**
12. [*Northanger Abbey*](#) by Jane Austen
13. [*Poet X*](#) by Elizabeth Acevedo**
14. [*Pretties \(Book 2 Uglies\)*](#) by Scott Westerfeld
15. [*Prodigy \(Book 2 Legend\)*](#) by Marie Lu
16. [*Quiet Power: The Secret Strengths of Introverts*](#) by Susan Cain
17. [*Signs of Survival: A Memoir of the Holocaust*](#) by Renee Hartman & Joshua Green
18. [*Slay*](#) by Brittany Morris**
19. [*Sunrise on the Reaping \(Prequel of Hunger Games\)*](#) by Suzanne Collins
20. [*Sunshine*](#) by Jarrett J. Krosoczka** (graphic novel)
21. [*The Boys in the Boat: The True Story of an American Team's Journey to Win Gold at the 1936 Olympics*](#) by Gregory Mone & Daniel James Brown
22. [*The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*](#) by Mark Haddon**
23. [*This Wicked Fate \(Book 2 This Poison Heart Series\)*](#) by Kaylann Bayron
24. [*Tokyo Ever After*](#) and/or [*Tokyo Dreaming*](#) by Emiko Jean
25. [*Watch Us Rise*](#) by Renée Watson and Ellen Hagan**

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