

Summer Reading

Suggested Titles by New Providence MS/HS Teachers

Recommendations by Grade – Some titles are appropriate for only one grade level while others are appropriate for a range of students. The titles listed for older grades include more mature topics. Families are encouraged to look at [Common Sense Media](#) or [GoodReads](#) for more information on making the best decision for their child.

NOTE: DO NOT SELECT

Harry Potter series

Percy Jackson series

Holes

Hatchet

Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret

Wonder

The Giver

The Hunger Games series

The Outsiders

Mike Lupica titles

To Kill A Mockingbird

The Great Gatsby

Of Mice and Men

Raisin in the Sun

The Scarlet Letter

The Crucible

Night

Middle School:

Fiction:

The Divergent series – Veronica Roth (grade 7 only)
The Maze Runner series – James Dashner (grade 7 only)
To All the Boys I've Loved Before series – Jenny Han (grade 7 only)
Summer series – Jenny Han (grade 7 only)
Paper Towns – John Green (grade 7 only)
Looking For Alaska – John Green (grade 7 only)
The Fault in our Stars – John Green (grade 7 only)
Matched series – Ally Condie (Grades 7 & 8)
Lunar Chronicles series – Marissa Meyer (Grades 7 & 8)
The Mortal Instruments series – Cassandra Clare (Grades 7 & 8)
Siren – Kiera Cass (Grades 7 & 8)
The Selection series – Kiera Cass (Grades 7 & 8)
One of Us is Lying – Karen McManus (Grades 7 & 8)
One of Us is Next – Karen McManus (Grades 7 & 8)
One of Us is Back – Karen McManus (Grades 7 & 8)
The Cousins – Karen McManus (Grades 7 & 8)
Two Can Keep a Secret – Karen McManus (Grades 7 & 8)
You'll Be the Death of Me – Karen McManus (Grades 7 & 8)
Nothing More to Tell – Karen McManus (Grades 7 & 8)
Such Charming Liars – Karen McManus (Grades 7 & 8)
The Testing series – Joelle Charbonneau (Grades 7 & 8)
14 Ways to Die – Vincent Ralph (Grades 7 & 8)
Lock the Doors – Vincent Ralph (Grades 7 & 8)
Secrets Never Die – Vincent Ralph (Grades 7 & 8)
One House Left – Vincent Ralph (Grades 7 & 8)

Authors:

Jenny Han (grade 7 only)
Alan Gratz (grade 7 only)
James Dashner (grade 7 only)

Nonfiction: (grade 7 only)

I Got This: To Gold and Beyond by Laurie Hernandez
Finding the Edge: My Life on the Ice by Karen Chen
Hitler Youth by Susan Campbell Bartoletti
Beastly Brains by Nancy Castaldo

Grade 8 & HS:

Four Found Dead – Natalie D. Richards (grade 7-8 and HS)
Five Total Strangers – Natalie D. Richards (grade 7-8 and HS)
Six Months Later – Natalie D. Richards (grade 7-8 and HS)
We Were Liars – E. Lockhart (grade 7-8 and HS)
Family of Liars – E. Lockhart (grade 7-8 and HS)
Truly Devious series – Maureen Johnson (grade 7-8 and HS)
The Inheritance Games series – Jennifer Lynn Barnes (grade 7-8 and HS)
Red Queen series – Victoria Aveyard (grade 7-8 and HS)
Legend series – Marie Lu (grade 7-8 and HS)
I am Number Four series by Pittacus Lore (grade 7-8 and HS)
If I Stay series by Gayle Forman (grade 7-8 and HS)
Raven Boys series by Maggie Stiefvater (grade 7-8 and HS)
Bittersweet in the Hollow by Kate Pearsall (grade 7-8 and HS)
Half Life of Love by Brianna Bourne (grade 7-8 and HS)
The Princess Trials series – Cordelia Castle (grade 8 / HS only)
Shatter Me series – Tahereh Mafi (grade 8 / HS only)
How to Survive Your Murder – Danielle Valentine (grade 8 / HS only)
Two Sides to Every Murder – Danielle Valentine (grade 8 / HS only)
A Good Girl's Guide to Murder series – Holly Jackson (grade 8 / HS only)
Scythe series by Neil Shusterman (grade 8 / HS only)
Gone series by Michael Grant (grade 8 / HS only)
Their Vicious Games by Joelle Wellington (grade 8 / HS only)
Thieves Gambit series by Kayvion Lewis (grade 8 / HS only)
Lying in the Deep by Diana Urban (grade 8 / HS only)

Authors:

Jennifer Lynn Barnes (grade 7-8 and HS)
E. Lockhart (grade 7-8 and HS)
Vincent Ralph (grade 7-8 and HS)
Karen McManus (grade 7-8 and HS)
Natasha Preston (grade 7-8 and HS)
Natalie D. Richards (grade 7-8 and HS)
Ann Fraistat (grade 7-8 and HS)
Gretchen McNeil (grade 7-8 and HS)
Megan Miranda (grade 7-8 and HS)
Chelsea Ichaso (grade 8 / HS only)
Ryan LaSala (grade 8 / HS only)
Jessica Goodman (grade 8 / HS only)
Holly Jackson (grade 8 / HS only)
Kiersten White (grade 8 / HS only)

Nonfiction: (grade 8 / HS only)

The Radium Girls by Kate Moore

Astrophysics for Young People in a Hurry by Neil deGrasse Tyson

Reaching the Moon: the Autobiography of NASA Mathematician Katherine Johnson

The Grand Escape: The Greatest Prison Breakout of the 20th Century by Neil Bascomb

Becoming Kareem: Growing Up and On the Basketball Court by Kareem

Abdul-Jabbar

Outcasts United: The Story of a Refugee Soccer Team That Changed a Town.

by Warren St. John

Steve Jobs: the Man who Thought Differently by Karen Blumenthal

The Notorious Benedict Arnold: A True Story of Adventure, Heroism & Treachery by

Steve Sheinkin.

Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution by Ji-Li Jiang

Haven: The Dramatic Story of 1,000 World War II Refugees and How They Came to

America by Ruth Gruber

Friday Night Lights: A Town, a Team, and a Dream by H.G. Bissinger

All But My Life: A Memoir by Gerda Weissmann Klein

Of All the Tribes by Joseph Bruchac

This Indian Kid: A Native American Memoir by Eddie Chuculate

The Other Pandemic: An AIDS Memoir by Lynn Curlee

The Beatles Couldn't Read Music by Dan Gutman