

# 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*

*Fever*

## **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)

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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