

Prince William County Public Schools
Summer Reading Suggested Reading List
6th Grade

The purpose of the Prince William County Public Schools Summer Reading Suggested Reading List is for students to enjoy quality literature and to continue developing their independent reading skills to support critical thinking, creative thinking, communication, collaboration, and citizenship. Student participation in the challenge is voluntary. Students who choose to participate will read books they self-select. Students that read during the summer can grow and explore new experiences to support life-long reading habits.

The following titles are suggestions to help foster a love of reading for pleasure. Other books selected by the student with guidance from a parent, guardian, or librarian, are also acceptable.

| Author | Title | Publication Date | Annotation |
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| Alexander, Kwame | <i>Rebound, or any middle school book by Kwame Alexander</i> | 2016 | In the summer of 1988, twelve-year-old Chuck Bell is sent to stay with his grandparents, where he discovers jazz and basketball and learns more about his family's past. |
| Auxier, Jonathan | <i>Sweep: The Story of a Girl and Her Monster</i> | 2018 | In nineteenth-century England, after her father's disappearance Nan Sparrow, ten, works as a "climbing boy," aiding chimney sweeps, but when her most treasured possessions end up in a fireplace, she unwittingly creates a golem. |
| Bartoletti, Susan Campbell | <i>Terrible Typhoid Mary: A True Story of the Deadliest Cook in America, or any middle school book by Susan Campbell Bartoletti</i> | 2015 | (nonfiction) True story of Mary Mallon, a cook who unwittingly infected dozens with typhoid in the early 1900s, and the efforts of doctors and scientists to identify the cause and stop the spread of the disease. |
| Becker, Helaine | <i>Dirk Daring, Secret Agent, or any middle school book by Helaine Becker</i> | 2014 | The spy missions of Darren Dirkowitz (aka Dirk Daring, Secret Agent) are interrupted when his stepbrother gets hold of his top-secret notebook. |
| Bunce, Elizabeth C. | <i>Premeditated Myrtle, or any Myrtle Hardcastle mystery book by Elizabeth C. Bunce</i> | 2020 | When twelve-year-old aspiring detective Myrtle Hardcastle learns her neighbor in quiet Swinburne, England, a breeder of rare flowers, has died she is certain it was murder and that she must find the killer. |
| Cisneros, Ernesto | <i>Efrén Divided</i> | 2020 | While his father works two jobs, seventh-grader Efrén Nava must take care of his twin siblings, kindergartners Max and Mia, after their mother is deported to Mexico. Includes glossary of Spanish words. |

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| Haddix, Margaret Peterson | <i>The Strangers</i> , or any middle school book by Margaret Peterson Haddix | 2019 | Told from separate viewpoints, Chess, Emma, and Finn Greystone, ages twelve, ten, and eight, investigate why their mother went missing and uncover their ties to an alternate world. |
| Higuera, Donna Barba | <i>Lupe Wong Won't Dance</i> | 2020 | Lupe Wong is going to be the first female pitcher in the Major Leagues. She's also championed causes her whole young life. So, when the horror that is square dancing rears its head in gym. Obviously she's not going to let that slide. |
| Jamieson, Victoria, and Omar Mohamed | <i>When Stars Are Scattered</i> | 2020 | (graphic novel) Omar and his younger brother Hassan live in a refugee camp, and when an opportunity for Omar to get an education comes along, he must decide between going to school every day or caring for his nonverbal brother. |
| Johnson, Varian | <i>Twins</i> , or any middle school book by Varian Johnson | 2020 | (graphic novel) Maureen and Francine Carter are twins and best friends. But just before the girls start sixth grade, Francine becomes Fran -- a girl who wants to join the chorus, run for class president, and dress in ways that set her apart from Maureen. The sisters are growing apart and there's nothing Maureen can do to stop it. |
| Keller, Tae | <i>When You Trap a Tiger</i> , or any middle school book by Tae Keller | 2020 | When Lily, her sister Sam, and their mother move in with her sick grandmother, Lily traps a tiger and makes a deal with him to heal Halmoni. |
| Korman, Gordon | <i>Supergifted</i> , or any book by Gordon Korman | 2018 | After years at the Academy for Scholastic Distinction, all Noah dreams of is the opportunity to fail if he wants to and he's landed in the perfect place to do it-Donovan's school. |
| Levy, Joshua S. | <i>Seventh Grade vs. the Galaxy</i> | 2019 | What was supposed to be the last day of seventh grade turns into the first day of saving the world. |
| McManis, Charlene Willing | <i>Indian No More</i> | 2020 | When Regina's Umpqua tribe is legally terminated and her family must relocate from Oregon to Los Angeles, she goes on a quest to understand her identity as an Indian despite being so far from home. |
| Medina, Meg | <i>Merci Suarez Changes Gears</i> , or any middle school book by Meg Medina | 2018 | Merci attends sixth grade in a private school in Florida as a scholarship student and deals daily with problem girls. At home, her beloved grandfather begins forgetting things and becomes clumsy and angry. When the other adults in her life aren't really helping her, Merci changes gears to help herself. |
| Reynolds, Jason | <i>Patina</i> , or any book in the Track series by Jason Reynolds | 2017 | A newbie to the track team, Patina must learn to rely on her teammates as she tries to outrun her personal demons. |

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| Soontornvat, Christina | <i>A Wish in the Dark</i> | 2020 | Set in a Thai-inspired fantasy world, Christina Soontornvat's twist on Victor Hugo's <i>Les Misérables</i> is a dazzling, fast-paced adventure that explores the difference between law and justice -- and asks whether one child can shine a light in the dark. |
| Swanson, James | <i>"The President Has Been Shot!" The Assassination of John F. Kennedy</i> , or any middle school book by James Swanson | 2013 | (nonfiction) A breathtaking and dramatic account of the JFK assassination. |
| Telgemeier, Raina | <i>Guts</i> , or any middle school book by Raina Telgemeier | 2019 | (graphic novel) After a particularly bad bout of the flu in fourth grade, Raina keeps having stomach aches and intense feelings about food and germs. The thought of being near a sick person sends her into a panic, and conflicts among her friends at school and embarrassment about bodily functions in general certainly don't help matters. |
| Warga, Jasmine | <i>Other Words for Home</i> | 2019 | Sent with her mother to the safety of a relative's home in Cincinnati when her Syrian hometown is overshadowed by violence, Jude worries for the family members who were left behind as she adjusts to a new life with unexpected surprises. |
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