

## **Recommended Summer Reading List 6-7**

You are not required to choose from this list, but here are some suggestions:

### **Adventure and Mystery**

*My Side of the Mountain* by Jean Craighead George  
*Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen  
*The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin  
*The Total Eclipse of Nestor Lopez* by Adrianna Cuevas

### **Animal Stories**

*Dogsong* by Gary Paulsen  
*Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls  
*Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell  
*Flush or Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen  
*Soldier Dog* by Sam Angus

### **Sci-fi and Fantasy**

*Gathering Blue, Messenger, or Son* by Lois Lowry  
*A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle  
*The City of Ember* by Jeanne DuPrau  
*Wings of Fire Series (any book)* by Tui T. Sutherland  
*Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky* by Kwame Mbalia  
*The Girl Who Drank the Moon* by Kelly Barnhill  
*Tuck Everlasting* by Natalie Babbitt  
*Sal and Gabi Break the Universe* by Carlos Hernandez and Paola Santiago

### **Facing Difficult Circumstances**

*Goodbye Stranger* by Rebecca Stead  
*The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton  
*Wonder* by R.J. Palacio  
*Walk Two Moons* by Sharon Creech  
*Ghost Boys* by Jewell Parker Rhodes  
*Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis  
*Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* by Mildred Taylor

### **Sports**

*The Contract* by Derek Jeter  
*Crossover and/or Rebound* (prequel) by Kwame Alexander  
*Wonderstruck* by Brian Selznick  
*The Hero Two Doors Down* by Sharon Robinson

### **Historical Fiction**

*Sugar* by Jewell Parker Rhodes- 6  
*The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak-7  
*Code Talker* by Joseph Bruchac  
*Projekt 1065* by Alan Gratz  
*Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry  
*Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan

## **Recommended Summer Reading List 8th**

You are not required to choose from this list, but here are some suggestions:

### **Adventure and Mystery**

*My Side of the Mountain* by Jean Craighead George  
*Storm Warriors* by Elisa Carbone  
*Take Me to the River* by Will Hobbs  
*Into the Wild* by Jon Krakauer

### **Animal Stories**

*Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls  
*Life of Pi* by Yann Martel  
*Beastly Brains: Exploring How Animals Think, Talk, and Feel* by Nancy Castaldo (nonfiction)

### **Sci-fi and Fantasy**

*Uglies Trilogy* by Scott Westerfeld  
*Divergent Series* by Veronica Roth  
*Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury  
*Children of Blood and Bone* or *Children of Virtue and Vengeance* by Tomi Adeyemi

### **Facing Difficult Circumstances**

*The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton  
*A Monster Calls* by Patrick Ness  
*Walk Two Moons* by Sharon Creech  
*The First Rule of Punk* by Celia Perez  
*Okay for Now* by Gary D. Schmidt  
*Rain Reign* Ann M. Martin

### **Sports**

*Crossover and/or Rebound* (prequel) by Kwame Alexander  
*A Matter of Heart* by Amy Fellner Dominy  
*Tangerine* by Edward Bloor  
*Friday Night Lights* by Buzz Bissinger

### **Historical Fiction**

*The Storyteller's Daughter* by Jean Thesman  
*Breaking Stalin's Nose* by Eugene Yelchin  
*Ties that Bind, Ties That Break* by Lensey Namioka  
*Song of the Buffalo Boy* by Sherry Garland  
*The Watsons go to Birmingham – 1963* by Christopher Paul Curtis  
*Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson  
*Revolution is Not a Dinner Party* by Ying Chang Compestine  
*One Crazy Summer* by Rita Williams-Garcia  
*Any of The Sixties Trilogy* (*Countdown, Revolution, Anthem*) by Deborah Wiles

### **Nonfiction- These titles also correspond to the social studies curriculum.**

*The Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion, and the Fall of Imperial Russia* by Candace Fleming  
*Chasing King's Killer: The Hunt for Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Assassin* by James L. Swanson