



7th into 8th Grade Summer Reading Suggestions 2021

We encourage parents and guardians of students entering 6th- 8th grade to be actively involved in the book selection process. The [Middletown Township Public Library](#) offers digital library cards for all students. Parents and students may also want to consider trading, swapping, or borrowing books from friends or relatives. **Students are required to read at least two books during the summer months.**

Furthermore, when selecting a book, the list below is suggested. With parental guidance, **students may choose an alternate title** (or titles). In the parent letter, there is a permission slip that must be filled out for any book that is not a suggested title. This permission slip must be handed to the student's teacher on the first day of school.

To gain a better understanding of the titles below we have provided the following links to guide you with brief book descriptions.

- [Amazon](#)
- [Barnes & Noble](#)
- [Common Sense Media](#)
- [Goodreads](#)
- [NY Times Middle-Grade Book List](#) [Young Adult](#)

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Title	Author
Nowhere Boy	Katherine Marsh
Dress Coded	Carrie Firestone
Screaming at the Ump	Audrey Vernick
The Schwa was Here	Neal Shusterman
Rick	Alex Gino
We are All Made of Molecules	Susin Nielson
Love and Gelato	Jenna Evans Welch
Black Canary: Ignite	Meg Cabot

Genre: Fantasy/Dystopian

Title	Author
The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes	Suzanne Collins
Renegades (series)	Marissa Meyer
York: The Shadow Cipher	Laura Ruby
Outwalkers	Fiona Shaw
Dreambenders	Ronald Kidd

Genre: Historical Fiction

Title	Author
The Librarian of Auschwitz	Antonio Iturbe
Lifeboat 12	Susan Hood
Once (series)	Morris Gleitzman
Resistance	Jennifer Nielsen
The Last Cherry Blossom	Kathleen Burkinshaw

Genre: Nonfiction

Title	Author
Mindfulness for Teens in 10 Minutes a Day: Exercises to Feel Calm, Stay Focused & Be Your Best Self	Jennie Marie Battistin
Mighty Moe: The True Story of a Thirteen-Year-Old Women's Running Revolutionary	Rachel Swaby and Kit Fox
Terrible But True: Awful Events in American History	Dinah Williams
Navy Seal Dogs: My Tale of Training Canines for Combat	Mike Ritland