

Summer Reading List 2009

For Students Entering Grades Seventh and Eighth

Parents,

I encourage you to include reading in your child's many summer adventures. The reading list provided here is a suggested starting point. Many of the authors have numerous titles in addition to those listed. I have attempted to include titles that are readily available at most libraries and bookstores. There are many literary award winners worth considering as well: [Newbery](#) Medal winners, the [National Book Award for Young People's Literature](#) (1996-present), and the [Printz](#) award for young adult literature. Seventh and Eighth graders will have the opportunity to participate in the [Battle of the Books](#) competition during the 2009-2010 school year. Interested students could begin reading books on this list over the summer.

The non-profit organization Reading is Fundamental (<http://www.rif.org/parents/>) is another great place for parents to gather information, activities, and ideas to promote reading. Many public libraries offer summer reading programming – check at your local branch. Have a great summer of reading.

Sincerely,

Ernie J. Cox
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Summer Reading List for Grades 7-8

- Little Women** by Louisa May Alcott (fiction)
- City of the Beasts** by Isabel Allende (fiction)
- Before We Were Free** by Julia Alvarez (fiction)
- Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World** by Jennifer Armstrong (history)
- Fahrenheit 451** by Ray Bradbury (science-fiction)
- Silent Spring** by Rachel Carson (science)
- And Then There Where None** by Agatha Christie (mystery)
- Code Orange** by Caroline Cooney (fiction)
- The Dark is Rising** by Susan Cooper (fantasy)
- Andromeda Strain** by Michael Crichton (fiction)
- Madame Curie: A Biography** by Eve Curie (biography)
- Poems** by Emily Dickinson (poetry)
- Adventures of Sherlock Holmes** by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (mystery)
- The Voice that Challenged a Nation** by Russell Freedman (history)
- Kon Tiki** by Thor Heyerdahl (history)
- The Lives of Christopher Chant** by Diana Wynne Jones (fantasy)
- Shoeless Joe** by W.P. Kinsella (sports fiction)
- Silent to the Bone** by E.L. Konigsburg (fiction)
- Call of the Wild** by Jack London (adventure)
- Travel Team** by Mike Lupica (sports fiction)
- An American Plague** by Jim Murphy (history)
- Slam!** by Walter Dean Myers (fiction)
- Project Mulberry** by Linda Sue Park (fiction)
- The Time Hacker's** by Gary Paulsen (fiction)
- Ender's Game** by Orson Scott Card (science-fiction)
- Killer Angels** by Michael Shaara (history)
- Frankenstein** by Mary Shelly (fiction)

Baseball in April and Other Stories by Gary Soto (sports fiction)

Milkweed by Jerry Spinelli (fiction)

The Pearl by John Steinbeck (fiction)

Treasure Island by Robert Stevenson (adventure)

Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain (fiction)

Journey to the Center of the Earth by Jules Verne (adventure)

Farewell to Manzanar by Jeanne Wakatsuki (biography)

Double Helix by James D Watson (science)