

CHOICES

Summer Reading Suggestions for grades 6-8

This summer, you have *choices*. Read what you want, when you want.

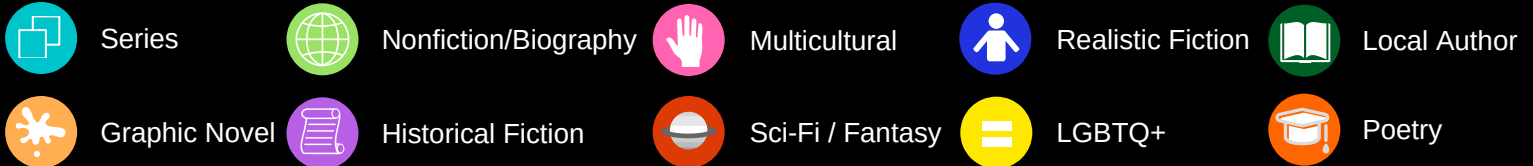
Reading is one of the most important lifelong skills we can develop in children. This list of summer reading suggestions was compiled by your librarians from the South Orange and Maplewood Middle and High Schools, public libraries and English Language Arts teachers, and is available online through the SOMSD website and the public library sites. We have included many great books to read over the summer.

All students are required to read one book of choice, from the summer reading list below, over the summer. At the end of the first week of school, each student will participate in a BOOK TALK activity with their English Language Arts class, where teachers and students will get together and discuss the book they chose to read.



Have a safe and enjoyable summer and Happy Reading!











Information Key



- 57 Bus* by Dashka Slater ●●
- A Few Red Drops: The Chicago Race Riot of 1919* by Claire Hartfield ●●
- The Acid King* by Jesse P. Pollack ●
- After the Shot Drops* by Randy Ribay ●
- All That I Can Fix* by Crystal Chan ●●
- All the Ways the World Can End* by Abby Sher ●●
- All's Faire in Middle School* by Victoria Jamieson ●
- An Uninterrupted View of the Sky* by Melanie Crowder ●●
- The Beauty that Remains* by Ashley Woodfolk ●
- Becoming Kareem: Growing Up On and Off the Court* by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar ●
- Between the Lines* by Nikki Grimes ●●
- Blanca & Roja* by Anna-Marie McLeMore ●●●
- The Book of Dust* by Philip Pullman ●●
- The Boy Who Went Magic* by A.P. Winter ●











The Boy, the Bird & the Coffin Maker by Matilda Woods ●
Brave by Svetlana Chmakova ●●
The Breadwinner by Deborah Ellis ●●
The Bridge Home by Padma Venkatraman ●●
Changers by T.S. Cooper ●●●
Check, Please! Hockey by Ngozi Ukazu ●●
Checked by Cynthia Kadohaya ●
Counting Thyme by Melanie Conklin ●●
Dear Martin by Nic Stone ●
El Deafo by CeCe Bell ●
The Electric War: Edison, Tesla, Westinghouse and the Race to Light the World by Mike Winchell ●
The Faithful Spy by John Hendrix ●
Far From the Tree by Robin Benway ●
Fault Lines in the Constitution: The Framers, Their Fights, and the Flaws that Affect Us Today by Cynthia & Sanford Levinson ●
Fly Girls: How Five Daring Women Defied All Odds and Made Aviation History by Keith O'Brien ●
Ghost by Raina Telgemeier ●
Google It by Anna Crowley Redding ●
Harbor Me by Jacqueline Woodson ●
The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas ●●
Hidden Figures (Young Readers' Edition) by Margot Lee Shetterly ●●
How to Properly Dispose of Planet Earth by Paul North ●●
I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter by Erika Sanchez ●●
I am Still Alive by Kate Alice Marshall ●
Inventing Victoria by Tonya Bolden ●
It's Trevor Noah. Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood by Trevor Noah ●
Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson ●
Kindred: A Graphic Novel Adaptation by Octavia Butler ●●●
Leah on the Offbeat by Becky Albertalli ●●
Learning to Swear in America by Katie Kennedy ●●
Like Vanessa by Tami Charles ●●
Listen Slowly by Thanhha Lai ●●

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Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds ●●●
Lu by Jason Reynolds ●●●
Lumberjanes Vol. 6: Sink or Swim by Shannon Watters ●●●
March Trilogy by John Lewis, Andrew Aydin, & Nate Powell ●●●●
Marley Dias Gets It Done: and So Can You! by Marley Dias ●●●
Merci Suarez Changes Gears by Meg Medina ●●●
Mirage by Somaiya Daud ●●●
Miss Communication (Babymouse: tales from the locker) ●●●
 by Jennifer Holm
Monday's Not Coming by Tiffany Jackson ●●●
Moon Girl & Devil Dinosaur Vol. 1: BFF ●●●
 by Amy Reeder and Brandon Montclare
Munmun by Jesse Andrews ●●●
New Kid by Jerry Craft ●●●
Night Owl From Dogfish by Holly Goldberg Sloan ●●●
 and Meg Wolitzer
On a Sunbeam by Tillie Walden ●●●
On the Come Up by Angie Thomas ●●●
Orphan Island by Laurel Snyder ●●●
Playing Atari with Saddam Hussein by Jennifer Roy ●●●
Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo ●●●
Power Coders: A Peculiar Sequence of Events by Amanda Vink ●●●
Pride by Ibi Zoboi ●●●
The Prince and the Dressmaker by Jen Wang ●●●
Proud: Living My American Dream by Ibtihaj Muhammad ●●●
Queer, There, and Everywhere: 23 People Who Changed the World ●●●
 by Sarah Prager
Ready Player One by Ernest Cline ●●●
Rebound by Kwame Alexander ●●●
Red Queen by Victoria Aveyard ●●●
Remember My Name by Mo'ne Davis ●●●
Rising Water by Marc Aronson ●●●
She Loves You (Yeah, Yeah, Yeah) by Ann Hood ●●●
The Sky At Our Feet by Nadia Hashimi ●●●
Small Spaces by Katherine Arden ●●●

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- Snow Lane* by Josie Angelini ●
- Song for a Whale* by Lynn Kelly ●
- Speak: The Graphic Novel* by Laurie Halse Anderson ●●
- Spinning* by Tillie Walden ●●
- The Terrible Two's* by Mac Barnett ●●
- To Kill a Mockingbird (graphic novel)* adapted by Fred Fordham ●
- Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom* by Lynda Blackmon Lowery ●●
- Turtles All the Way Down* by John Green ●
- Undefeated: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team* by Steve Sheinkin ●●
- The Unsung Hero of Birdsong, USA* by Brenda Woods ●●
- Watch Us Rise* by Renee Watson & Ellen Hagan ●
- Watched* by Marina Budhos ●●●
- What Girls are Made Of* by Elana K. Arnold ●
- When Dimple Met Rishi* by Sandhya Menon ●●
- When Light Left Us* by Leah Thomas ●
- White Rose* by Kip Wilson ●●
- Yes She Can: 10 Stories of Hope and Change from Young Female Staffers of the Obama White House* by Molly Dillion ●

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