**Grade 6 Summer Reading**

**Required Reading**   
**All students must read:**Number the Stars by Lois Lowry (Newbery Winner)  
Title available in paperback and as an e-book. MCPL has 46 copies.

**Recommended Reading**  
**Realistic Fiction / Mystery**  
I Kill the Mockingbird – Paul Acampora  
Chasing Vermeer (trilogy) - Blue Balliett  
The Penderwicks (series) - Jeanne Birdsall  
Masterpiece – Elise Broach  
Moo (other titles) - Sharon Creech  
Raymie Nightingale – Kate Di Camillo  
London Eye Mystery - Siobhan Dowd  
Out of My Mind - Sharon M. Draper  
Absolutely Truly – Heather Frederick  
Space Case (series and other series) – Stuart Gibbs  
Absolutely Almost – Lisa Graff  
My Louisiana Sky - Kimberly Willis Holt  
Fish in a Tree – Lynda Hunt  
Roller Girl (graphic novel) – Victoria Jamieson  
The Great Greene Heist (sequel) – Varian Johnson  
Rules - Cynthia Lord  
The Only Game (series) – Mike Lupica  
Rain Reign – Ann Martin  
Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life – Wendy Mass  
Wonder (sequel)– R.J. Palacio  
Hatchet (series) - Gary Paulsen  
Paint the Wind - Pam M. Ryan  
The Mysterious Benedict Society (series) - Trenton Lee Stewart

**Historical Fiction**  
The Shakespeare Stealer (trilogy) - Gary Blackwood  
The War That Saved My Life (Newbery) – Kimberly Bradley  
Stella by Starlight – Sharon Draper  
The Black Stallion (series) – Walter Farley  
Lily’s Crossing (Newbery)(series)– Patricia Reilly Giff  
Nathan Hale’s Hazardous Tales (graphic novel)(series) – Nathan Hale  
Our Only May Amelia (Newbery) (sequel) - Jennifer Holm  
Hero on a Bicycle – Shirley Hughes  
The Thieves of Ostia (Roman Mysteries series) - Caroline Lawrence  
Anne of Green Gables (series) – L. M. Montgomery  
Kensuke’s Kingdom (other titles)- Michael Morpurgo  
Island of the Blue Dolphins - Scott O’Dell  
On the Wings of Heroes – Richard Peck  
The Upstairs Room - Johanna Reiss  
Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry (Newbery)(trilogy) - Mildred Taylor

**Fantasy/Myths/Fables/Folklore**  
The One and Only Ivan ( Newbery) - Katherine Applegate  
Tuck Everlasting - Natalie Babbitt  
Circus Mirandus – Cassie Beasley  
The Iron Trial (sequel) – Holly Black  
Flunked (series) – Jen Calonita  
The Land of Stories (series) – Chris Colfer  
The Illiad –Gillian Cross  
Ranger’s Apprentice (series) - John Flanagan  
Inkheart (series) - Conelia Funke  
The Gammage Cup (Newbery) - Carol Kendall  
Savvy (trilogy) - Ingrid Law  
Ella Enchanted (other titles) – Gail Carson Levine  
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe (series) - C.S. Lewis  
Where the Mountain Meets the Moon (Newbery)(series) – Grace Lin  
Bliss (series) – Kathryn Littlewood  
A Snicker of Magic - Natalie Lloyd  
The Door by the Staircase – Katherine Marsh  
11 Birthdays (series) – Wendy Mass  
Percy Jackson and the Olympians (series and all other series) - Rick Riordan  
Harry Potter (series) - J.K. Rowling  
A Series of Unfortunate Events (series) – Lemony Snicket  
The Egypt Game (newbery) (sequel) – Zilpha Keatley Snyder  
The Secret Keepers – Trenton Lee Stewart  
Odysseus in the Serpent Maze - Jane Yolen & Robert J. Harris

**Autobiography/Biography/Nonfiction**  
Terrible Typhoid Mary – Susan Campbell Bartoletti  
Escape! The Story of the Great Houdini - Sid Fleischman  
Give Me Liberty (other titles) – Russell Freedman  
The Endless Steppe - Esther Hautzig  
The Story of Salt - Mark Kurlansky  
Untamed: The Wild Life of Jane Goodall – Anita Silvey  
The Frog Scientist (Any of the Scientists in the Field series) - Pamela S. Turner  
Big Top Burning – Laura Woollett

**For the first week of school, Sixth Graders are asked to:**

1. Have read **three** books - **one** required and at least **two** others from the recommended list.

2. Be prepared to discuss and take a quiz in class on the required book, Number the Stars by Lois Lowry.

3. Turn in a one-page typed report for each of the **two** other books from the recommended reading list. Half of the page should be a summary. The other half should include reactions, thoughts, and feelings about the book.

4. Turn in a list of all summer reading signed by parents. Include the title and author of each selection.

**Grade 7 Summer Reading**

**Required Reading**   
**All students must read:**A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park   
Title available in paperback and as an e-book. MCPL has 32 copies.

**Recommended Reading**   
**Realistic Fiction/ Mystery**  
Close to Famous – Jane Bauer  
My name is Parvana (series) - Deborah Ellis  
The Honest Truth – Dan Geimeinhart  
My Side of the Mountain (series) – Jean Craighead George  
Spy School (series and other series) – Stuart Gibbs  
Lost in the Sun – Lisa Graff  
New Kid (other titles) – Tim Green  
Theodore Boone (series) – John Grisham  
The Outsiders - S.E. Hinton   
One for the Murphys – Lynda Hunt  
Fish in a Tree – Lynda Hunt  
Listen, Slowly – Thanhha Lai  
Fast Break (series) – Mike Lupica  
A Mango-shaped Space (other titles) – Wendy Mass  
Greenglass House – Kate Milford   
The Red Pencil – Andrea Pinkney  
Murder Is Bad Manners (series) – Robin Stevens  
Wolf Hollow – Lauren Wolk

**Historical Fiction**Fever 1793 - Laurie Anderson  
Al Capone Does My Shirts (series) – Gennifer Choldenko  
Chasing Secrets - Gennifer Choldenko  
Secrets of the Terra-Cotta Soldier - Ying Chang Compestine  
The Ballad of Lucy Whipple - Karen Cushman  
Homesick, My Own Story - Jean Fritz  
Salt – Helen Frost  
Dead End in Norvelt (Newbery) - Jack Gantos  
The Great Trouble – Deborah Hopkinson  
Cracker! The Best Dog in Vietnam - Cynthia Kadohata  
Weedflower - Cynthia Kadohata  
Lions of Little Rock – Kristin Levine  
Little White Duck: A Childhood in China (graphic novel) – Andres Martinez  
War Horse – Michael Morpurgo  
A Single Shard - Linda Sue Park  
When My Name Was Keoko - Linda Sue Park  
Heart of a Samurai (Newbery)(sequel) – Margi Preus  
The Case of the Missing Marquess: an Enola Holmes Mystery (series) - Nancy Springer  
The Romeo and Juliet Code (sequel) – Phoebe Stone  
Moon Over Manifest (Newbery) - Clare Vanderpool   
Paperboy (Newbery) – Vince Vawter

**Fantasy/Myths/Folklore**Nick of Time - Ted Bell  
Jinx (series) – Sage Blackwood  
Ranger’s Apprentice (series) - John Flanagan  
Princess Academy (other titles) - Shannon Hale  
13 Treasures (series)- Michelle Harrison  
Warriors (series) - Erin Hunter  
Beauty - Robin McKinley  
Keys to the Kingdom (series) - Garth Nix  
The Boundless – Kenneth Opel  
The Nest – Kenneth Opel  
Eragon (series) – Christopher Paolini  
Archer’s Quest – Linda Sue Park  
Pax – Sarah Pennypacker  
Percy Jackson’s Greek Gods (other titles) - Rick Riordan  
Echo: A Novel – Pam Nunoz Ryan  
Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel (series) - Michael Scott  
The Silver Bowl - Diane Stanley  
Emerald Atlas (trilogy) – John Stephens  
The Bartimaeus Trilogy - Jonathan Stroud  
Demon Dentist (other titles) – David Walliams

**Classics**  
Watership Down - Richard Adams   
The Odyssey – Gillian Cross  
Gris Grimly’s Tales from the Brothers Grimm – Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm  
Across Five Aprils (Newbery) – Irene Hunt  
The Jungle Book - Rudyard Kipling  
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer - Mark Twain  
Around the World in Eighty Days - Jules Verne  
The Sword in the Stone - T. H. White

**Autobiography/Biography/Nonfiction**Trapped – Marc Aronson  
Emancipation Proclamation – Tonya Bolden  
Boys in the Boat (Young Readers Edition) – James Brown  
Presenting Buffalo Bill – Candace Fleming  
Cheaper by the Dozen (sequel) – Frank Gilbreth  
Titanic: Voices from the Disaster - Deborah Hopkinson  
The Mysterious Universe (Any of the Scientists In The Field series) - Ellen B. Jackson   
Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution - Ji-li Jiang  
An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever of 1793 - Jim Murphy The Great Fire – Jim Murphy  
Bomb (Newbery) – Steve Sheinkin  
Port Chicago 50 – Steve Sheinkin  
Team Moon, How 400,000 People Landed Apollo 11 on the Moon - Catherine Thimmesh  
Brown Girl Dreaming (Newbery) – Jacqueline Woodson  
I Am Malala (Young Readers Edition) – Malala Yousafzai

**For the first week of school, Seventh Graders are asked to:**

1. Have read **three** books - **one** required and at least **two** others from the recommended list.

2. Be prepared to discuss and take a quiz in class on the required book, A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park.

3. Turn in a one-page typed report for each of the two other books from the recommended reading list. Half of the page should be a summary. The other half should include reactions, thoughts, and feelings about the book.

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**8th Grade Summer Reading**

**Required Reading**   
**All students must read:**The False Prince by Jennifer A. Nielsen. If you wish, you may read the trilogy!  
This title is available in paperback and as an e-book. MCPL has 73 copies.

**Recommended Reading**   
**Realistic Fiction/Mystery**Crossover (Newbery) (sequel) – Kwame Alexander  
The Scandalous Sisterhood of Prickwillow Place – Julie Berry  
Heist Society (series) – Ally Carter  
Cat Among the Pigeons (other titles) – Agatha Christie  
Mockingbird - Kathryn Erskine   
Rush for the Gold (other titles) – Rush Feinstein  
Belly Up (series) – Stuart Gibbs  
Spy School (series) – Stuart Gibbs  
Olive’s Ocean - Kevin Henkes  
Hoot – Carl Hiaasen  
Every Soul A Star (other titles) – Wendy Mass  
Scorpions - Walter Dean Myers  
Eye of the Crow (other titles) – Shane Peacock  
A Girl Called Problem – Katie Quirk  
Counting by 7s – Holly Sloan  
Stargirl (sequel)- Jerry Spinelli  
The Pearl - John Steinbeck  
Homecoming (series) – Cynthia Voigt

**Historical Fiction**Little Women (series) - Louisa May Alcott  
Chains (series) - Laurie Halse Anderson  
The Boy Who Dared - Susan Campbell Bartoletti  
The Boy in Striped Pajamas – John Boyne  
Stay Where You Are and Then Leave – John Boyne  
Caminar – Skila Brown  
Under a War-Torn Sky (sequel) – L.M. Elliott  
Johnny Tremain (Newbery) – Esther Forbes  
Jason’s Gold - Will Hobbs  
Across Five Aprils (Newbery)- Irene Hunt  
A Million Shades of Gray - Cynthia Kadohata  
Hattie Big Sky (sequel) - Kirby Larson  
A Soldier’s Secret – Marissa Moss  
Mira’s Diary – Marissa Moss  
A Long Way from Chicago (Newbery) – Richard Peck  
Criss Cross (Newbery) – Lynne Rae Perkins  
Before the Creeks Ran Red - Carolyn Reeder  
The Hired Girl – Laura Amy Schlitz  
Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy - Gary D. Schmidt  
Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry (Newbery)(series) - Mildred Taylor  
Climbing the Stairs - Padma Venkatraman  
My Family for the War (Newbery) - Anne C. Voorhoeve

**Fantasy and Myth**The Night Gardener – Jonathan Auxier  
The Seeing Stone (trilogy) - Kevin Crossley-Holland  
The Ear, the Eye and the Arm (Newbery) - Nancy Farmer  
Kon Tiki - Thor Heyerdahl  
Stormbreaker (Alex Rider series) – Anthony Horowitz  
Airborn (trilogy) - Kenneth Oppel  
Percy Jackson’s Greek Gods (sequel) – Rick Riordon  
Echo: A Novel – Pam Munoz Ryan  
The Riverman (trilogy) - Aaron Starmer  
First Light - Rebecca Stead  
The Lord of the Rings (series) - J.R.R. Tolkien  
The Girl Who Circumnavigated Fairyland (series) – Catherynne Valente  
20,000 Leagues under the Sea - Jules Verne

**Autobiography/Biography/ Nonfiction**Boys in the Boat (Young Readers Edition) - James Brown  
The Silent Spring - Rachel Carson  
The Omnivore’s Dilemma: The Secrets Behind What You Eat (YA Ed.) - adapted by Richie Chevat  
Good Brother, Bad Brother: The Story of Edwin and John Wilkes Booth - James Cross Giblin  
The Many Rides of Paul Revere - James Cross Giblin  
The Boys Who Challenged Hitler – Phillip Hoose  
Fatal Fever: Tracking Down Typhoid Mary – Gail Jarrow  
Years of Dust: the Story of the Dust Bowl - Albert Marrin  
Black Diamond: Story of Negro Baseball Leagues - Patricia McKissack  
Blizzard! The Storm That Changed America - Jim Murphy  
Bomb: The Race to Build-and Steal-The World’s Most Dangerous Weapon - Steve Sheinkin  
Most Dangerous: Daniel Ellsberg and the Secret History of the Vietnam War - Steve Sheinkin  
The Notorious Benedict Arnold - Steve Sheinkin  
Undefeated: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team – Steve Sheinkin  
Chasing Lincoln's Killer - James Swanson  
I Am Malala (YA Edition) – Malala Yousafzai

**For the first week of school, Eighth Graders are asked to:**

1. Have read **three** books - **one** required and at least **two** others.

2. Be prepared to discuss and take a quiz in class on the required book, The False Prince (Book One of the Ascendance Trilogy) by Jennifer A. Nielsen.

3. Turn in a one-page typed report for each of the two other books from the recommended reading list. Half of the page should be a summary. The other half should include reactions, thoughts, and feelings about the book.

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