**Grade 6 Summer Reading**

**Required Reading**

**All students must read:**Number the Stars by Lois Lowry (Newbery Medal Winner)

Title available in paperback, audiobook and 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
* Real Friends – Shannon Hale
* 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)(sequel) – 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 (Newbery) - Scott O’Dell
* On the Wings of Heroes – Richard Peck
* The Upstairs Room - Johanna Reiss
* Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry (Newbery)(series) - Mildred Taylor
* Bronze and Sunflower – Cao Wenxuan

**Fantasy/Myths/Fables/Folklore**

* The One and Only Ivan (Newbery) - Katherine Applegate
* Tuck Everlasting - Natalie Babbitt
* The Wonderling – Mira Bartok
* Circus Mirandus – Cassie Beasley
* The Iron Trial (sequel) – Holly Black
* Flunked (series) – Jen Calonita
* The Land of Stories (series) – Chris Colfer
* Wizards of Once – Cressida Cowell
* The Illiad – Gillian Cross
* Inkheart (series) - Conelia Funke
* Savvy (trilogy) - Ingrid Law
* A Wrinkle in Time (Newbery) – Madeline L’Engle
* Ella Enchanted (Newbery)(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
* Orphan Island – Laurel Snyder
* 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. Many books are available in audiobook and e-book if preferred. Substitutions may be made with parental permission.

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. One 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 summer reading with parental signature, including the title and author of each selection.