**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, audiobook and e-book. MCPL has 50 copies.

**Recommended Reading**

**Realistic Fiction/Mystery**

Crossover (Newbery) (series) – 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) – John Feinstein

Belly Up, Spy School and Space Case (series) – Stuart Gibbs

Olive’s Ocean (Newbery) - Kevin Henkes

Hoot – Carl Hiaasen

QB1 (other titles) – Mike Lupica

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

Ghost (series) – Jason Reynolds

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

The Night Diary – Veera Hiranandani

Jason’s Gold - Will Hobbs

Across Five Aprils (Newbery)- Irene Hunt

A Million Shades of Gray (other titles) - Cynthia Kadohata

Hattie Big Sky (sequel) - Kirby Larson

A Soldier’s Secret – Marissa Moss

Mira’s Diary – Marissa Moss

Auma’s Long Run – Eucabeth Odhiambo

My Brigadista Year – Katherine Paterson

A Long Way from Chicago (Newbery) – Richard Peck

Criss Cross (Newbery) – Lynne Rae Perkins

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

My Family for the War (Newbery) - Anne C. Voorhoeve

Wolf Hollow (Newbery) – Lauren Wolk

**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

Stormbreaker (Alex Rider series) – Anthony Horowitz

The Giver (Newbery)(series) – Lois Lowry

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 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

Unbroken (YA edition) – Laura Hillenbrand

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. 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, 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. 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.