

MPH Middle School Summer Reading List 2023

Greeting, rising 6th-8th graders!

We hope you're enjoying summer and relaxing, and we want to make summer reading as enjoyable and energizing as possible, too.

Your challenge is to:

1. Read at least one book, but feel free to read as many as you want. You may choose from the list below, but you don't have to. You are welcome to read any book that engages you as long as it is appropriately challenging for you and you have not read it before!
2. For each book you read, choose the Scavenger Hunt that fits the novel you have chosen ([fiction](#) or [non-fiction](#)). Then answer the required number of questions for each topic area. **Helpful Hint - write your responses as you read! It is much easier than having to go back to find the answers when you are finished. You may write or type your responses.**
3. Have your Scavenger Hunt ready to go for the second week of school, so that you can complete an activity in class.

The list of titles on the next two pages includes books in different genres that your teachers and librarian love and recommend. However, you should feel free to pick books that interest you, whether or not they appear here. Search your family's bookshelves, your public library's offerings, online vendors like www.bookshop.org, or your local bookstore.

Happy Reading!

Mrs. Hogan (6th & 7th) and Ms. Doyle (8th)

Realistic Fiction

[*One Crazy Summer*](#) by Rita Williams-Garcia

[*The View From Saturday*](#) by el koningsburg

[*Absolutely Normal Chaos*](#) by Sharon Creech

[*Hatchet*](#) by Gary Paulson

[*Out of My Mind*](#) by Sharon Draper

[*Rules*](#) by Cynthia Lord

[*The Hate U Give*](#) by Angie Thomas

[*When You Reach Me*](#) by Rebecca Stead

[*The One and Only Ivan*](#) by Katherine Applegate

[*Look Both Ways*](#) by Jason Reynolds

[*Tangerine*](#) by Edward Bloor

[*Gym Candy*](#) by Carl Deuker

[*Touching Spirit Bear*](#) by Ben Mikaelson

Mystery

[*The Mysterious Benedict Society*](#) by Trenton Lee Stewart

[*The Westing Game*](#) by Ellen Raskin

[*Greenglass House*](#) by Kate Milford

[*Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus*](#) by Dusti Bowling

[*Greystone Secrets: The Strangers*](#) by Margaret Peterson Haddix

Fantasy and Science Fiction

[*A Monster Calls*](#) by Patrick Ness, inspired by Siobhan Dowd, illustrated by Jim Kay

[*A Wrinkle in Time*](#) by Madeleine L'Engle

[*The Graveyard Book*](#) by Neil Gaiman

[*The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*](#) by C.S. Lewis

Historical Fiction

[*When the Emperor Was Divine*](#) by Julie Otsuka

[*Chains*](#) by Laurie Halse Anderson

[*The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate*](#) by Jacqueline Kelly

[Revolution is Not a Dinner Party](#) by Ying Chang Compestine

[Midnight Without a Moon](#) by Linda Williams Jackson

[Code Talker](#) by Joseph Bruchac

Non-Fiction

[Brown Girl Dreaming](#) by Jacqueline Woodson

[Bomb: The Race to Build - and Steal - the World's Most Dangerous Weapon](#) by Steve Sheinkin

[Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl](#) by Anne Frank

[Unbroken](#) by Laura Hillenbrand

[Chew on This: Everything You Don't Want to Know About Fast Food](#) by Eric Schlosser and Charles Wilson

[The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind](#) by William Kamkwamba

[Cub](#) by Cynthia L. Copeland

[Bee Fearless](#) by Mikaila Ulmer

Challenging Reads!

[The Book Thief](#) by Markus Zusak

[Little Women](#) by Louisa May Alcott

[The Martian Chronicles](#) by Ray Bradbury

[I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings](#) by Maya Angelou