

## Prince William County Public Schools Summer Reading Suggested Reading List 8th Grade

The purpose of the Prince William County Public Schools Summer Reading Suggested Reading List is for students to enjoy quality literature and to continue developing their independent reading skills to support critical thinking, creative thinking, communication, collaboration, and citizenship. Student participation in the challenge is voluntary. Students who choose to participate will read books they self-select. Students that read during the summer can grow and explore new experiences to support life-long reading habits.

The following titles are suggestions to help foster a love of reading for pleasure. Other books selected by the student with guidance from a parent, guardian, or librarian, are also acceptable.

Author	Title	Publication Date	Annotation
Bossley, Michele Martin	<i>Cracked</i>	2007	Junior high detectives Trevor, Robyn and Nick help their friend Courtney whose brother Josh, competing for the Canadian national bobsled team, is accused of sabotaging another competitor's sled.
Bowling, Dusti	<i>Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus</i>	2017	New friends and a mystery help Aden, thirteen, adjust to middle school and life at a dying western theme park in a new state, where her being born armless presents many challenges.
Cartaya, Pablo	<i>Marcus Vega Doesn't Speak Spanish</i>	2018	After a fight at school leaves Marcus facing suspension, Marcus's mother takes him and his younger brother, who has Down syndrome, to Puerto Rico to visit relatives they do not remember or have never met, and while there Marcus starts searching for his father, who left their family ten years ago and is somewhere on the island.
Collins, Suzanne	<i>Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes</i> , or any book in the Hunger Games series	2020	An origin story for both President Snow and the Hunger Games as we know them.
Day, Christine	<i>I Can Make this Promise</i>	2019	When twelve-year-old Edie finds letters and photographs in her attic that change everything she thought she knew about her Native American mother's adoption, she realizes she has a lot to learn about her family's history and her own identity
Fleming, Candace	<i>The Rise and Fall of Charles Lindbergh</i>	2020	(nonfiction) Discover the dark side of Charles Lindbergh, one of America's most celebrated heroes and complicated men, in this riveting biography.

Greenwald, Tom	<i>Game Changer</i>	2018	While thirteen-year-old Teddy fights for his life after a football injury at training camp, his friends and family gather to support him and discuss events leading to his coma. Told through dialogue, text messages, newspaper articles, transcripts, an online forum, and Teddy's inner thoughts.
Hale, Shannon	<i>Real Friends</i> , or any middle school book by Shannon Hale	2017	(graphic memoir) Shannon and Adrienne have been best friends ever since they were little. But one day, Adrienne starts hanging out with Jen, the most popular girl in class and the leader of a circle of friends called The Group. Everyone in The Group wants to be Jen's #1, and some girls would do anything to stay on top . . . even if it means bullying others.
Lee, Yoon Ha	<i>Dragon Pearl</i>	2020	Min, a thirteen-year-old girl with fox-magic, stows away on a battle cruiser and impersonates a cadet in order to solve the mystery of what happened to her older brother in the Thousand World Space Forces.
McIntosh, Will	<i>Watchdog</i>	2017	Orphaned and homeless, fourteen-year-old twins Vick and Tara, who is autistic, go up against a crime lord and her four-legged robotic army, with help from their robotic dog, Daisy.
Messner, Kate	<i>Breakout</i> , or any middle school book by Kate Messner	2018	From multiple perspectives, tells of a time capsule project and the middle schoolers who contribute, including future journalist Nora Tucker and newcomer Elidee Jones, whose brother is in the local prison.
Oppel, Kenneth	<i>Bloom</i> , or any middle school book by Kenneth Oppel	2020	When the world is overtaken by monster alien plants that emit toxic pollens and swallow up people, three kids on a remote island look for clues in their unusual allergies to understand their immunity to the invaders.
Reynolds, Jason	<i>Stamped-- racism, antiracism, and you A remix of the national book award-winning stamped from the beginning.</i>	2020	(nonfiction) A history of racist and antiracist ideas in America, from their roots in Europe until today, adapted from the National Book Award winner "Stamped from the Beginning."
Saeed, Aisha	<i>Amal Unbound</i>	2018	In Pakistan, Amal holds onto her dream of being a teacher even after becoming an indentured servant to pay off her family's debt to the wealthy and corrupt Khan family.
Smith, Roland	<i>Peak</i> , or any book by Roland Smith	2014	After 14 year old Peak Marcello is caught climbing a building, the judge tells him he must leave New York and join his father in Thailand. Peak's father wants him to become the youngest person ever to climb Mt. Everest, and Peak excitedly agrees, not knowing what sacrifices the adventure will demand of him.

Takei, George	<i>They Called Us Enemy</i>	2019	A stunning graphic memoir recounting actor/author/activist George Takei's childhood imprisoned within American concentration camps during World War II.
Taylor, Mildred	<i>All the Days Past, All the Days to Come, or any middle school book by Mildred Taylor</i>	2020	Cassie Logan, first met in <i>Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry</i> , is a young woman now, searching for her place in the world, a journey that takes her from Toledo to California, to law school in Boston, and, ultimately, in the 60s, home to Mississippi to participate in voter registration.
Westerfeld, Scott	<i>Impostors, or any middle school book by Scott Westerfeld</i>	2019	Frey and Rafi are twin sisters, but few people know of Frey's existence, because she has been raised to be her sister's body double and lethal bodyguard, while Rafi has been raised to further the family's political power. When their father sends Frey in her sister's place as collateral in a tricky deal, the son of a rival leader gets close enough to suspect something is amiss.
Woodson, Jacqueline	<i>Before the Ever After, or any middle school book by Jacqueline Woodson</i>	2020	ZJ's friends Ollie, Darry and Daniel help him cope when his father, a beloved professional football player, suffers severe headaches and memory loss that spell the end of his career.
Yang, Gene Luen	<i>Dragon Hoops, or any middle school book by Gene Luen Yang</i>	2020	(graphic novel) The men's varsity team, the Dragons, is having a phenomenal season that's been decades in the making. Each victory brings them closer to their ultimate goal: the California State Championships.
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