

HAVERHILL MIDDLE SCHOOL
SUMMER READING LIST 2008

Here is a list of suggested reading for your summer reading pleasure. Be sure to keep a summer reading log to record the **titles, authors** and **number of pages** of all the books that you read this summer. You will be asked to discuss and write about your summer reading in the first two weeks after you return to school. Set yourself the goal of reading at least three books this summer. If you do so, you will be developing good reading habits that will help you for a lifetime of reading enjoyment. Be sure to visit the Haverhill Public Library and take advantage of their great selections and quiet space to cool off, relax, and read on a hot or rainy day.

It is the goal of the Summer Reading program to foster reading enjoyment and a love for reading. The Middle School English Language Arts teachers hope that you will enjoy reading books recommended by your peers, teachers and/or the librarian. You will notice that the selections are set up by genre (categories), not by grade level. **Students in grades 6 – 8 may read any selection on the list except for those designated with an asterisk * which are selections recommended for in coming Grade 8 students only.**

Nonfiction

Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World by Jennifer Armstrong
Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul III by Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen, and Kimberly Kirberger
Orphan Train Rider: One Boy's True Story by Andrea Warren
Hitler Youth: Growing Up in Hitler's Shadow by Susan Campbell Bartoletti
Blizzard! The Storm that Changed America by Jim Murphy
The Wall by Peter Sis (told in graphic novel format)
* *A Wreath for Emmett Till* by Marilyn Nelson (in verse)

Fantasy

A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle
The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo
The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan
The House with a Clock in Its Walls by John Bellairs
Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer

Fiction

Getting Near to Baby by Audrey Couloubis
Freak the Mighty by W.R. Philbrick
The Girl Who Owned a City by O. T. Nelson
Becoming Naomi Leon by Pam Munoz Ryan
Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis
Ruby Holler by Sharon Creech
Lunch Money by Andrew Clements
Superfudge by Judy Blume
Olive's Ocean by Kevin Henkes
Kit's Wilderness by David Almond
So B. It by Sarah Weeks

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The Face on the Milk Carton by Caroline Cooney
* *Drums, Girls & Dangerous Pie* by Jordan Sonnenblick
* *Solitary Blue* by Cynthia Voigt
The Crossing by Gary Paulsen
The Wednesday Wars by Gary D. Schmidt
Feathers by Jacqueline Woodson
* *Touching Spirit Bear* by Ben Mikaelson
* *Lush* by Natasha Friend

Mystery

* *The Haunting* by Joan Lowery Nixon
The Alex Rider Series by Anthony Horowitz
They Never Came Home by Lois Duncan

Historical Fiction

True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle by Avi
Soldier's Heart by Gary Paulsen
Taking Sides by Gary Soto
Fallen Angels by Walter Dean Myers
Witch Child by Celia Rees
* *Letters from Rifka* by Karen Hesse
* *Milkweed* by Jerry Spinelli
* *Let the Circle Be Unbroken* by Mildred Taylor
Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! Voices from a Medieval Village by Laura Amy Schlitz
Elijah of Buxton by Christopher Paul Curtis

Science Fiction

The Supernaturalist by Erin Colfer
The City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau

Humor

Al Capone Does My Shirts by Gennifer Choldenko
Schernoff Discoveries by Gary Paulsen
Joey Pigza Loses Control by Jack Gantos
Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney
* *Azumanga Daioh* by Kiyohiko Azuma (A Graphic Novel)

Mythology

The One-Eyed Giant by Mary Pope Osborne

Classic Titles for Readers Who Love to Read

Great Expectations by Charles Dickens
Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte

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