SUMMER READING

7th and 8th grade – Summer 2023

Want to learn more about these books? Go to the 7th and 8th grade Summer Reading LibGuide for videos, links, and descriptions!

Want to read something else? Great! Let us know what you are reading this summer with this form.

2nd St. Campus

For rising seventh graders, the required reading is:

- March, Book One by John Lewis and Andrew Aydin
- TWO choice books from the independent reading list

Cooper Campus

For rising seventh graders, the required reading is:

- The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind: Young Readers Edition by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer
- TWO choice books from the independent reading list

For rising eighth graders, the required reading is:

- The Storyteller by Brandon Hobson
- TWO choice books from the independent reading list
Independent Reading List

Non-Fiction
African Icons: Ten People Who Shaped History by Tracey Baptiste, illustrated by Hillary D. Wilson
Drawn Across Borders: True Stories of Human Migration by George Butler
Free Lunch by Rex Ogle
Plasticus Martimus: An Invasive Species by Ana Pego, illustrated by Bernardo P. Carvalho
Stamped: Racism, Antiracism and You by Jason Reynolds
How We Got to the Moon: the People, Technology, and Daring Feats of Science Behind Humanity’s Greatest Adventure by John Rocco
Braiding Sweetgrass for Young Adults by Monique Gray Smith, illustrated by Nicole Neidhardt
All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys’ Soccer Team by Christina Soontornvat

Ancient World & Mythology
Norse Myths: Tales of Odin, Thor, and Loki by Kevin Crossley-Holland, illustrated by Jeffrey Alan Love
Gilgamesh the Hero by Geraldine McCaughrean, illustrated by Davis Parkins
Gods and Warriors by Michelle Paver
Skraelings: Clashes in the Old Arctic by Rachel and Sean Qitsualik-Tinsley
Amber and Clay by Laura Amy Schlitz
The Eagle of the Ninth (Roman Britain Trilogy, Book 1) by Rosemary Sutcliff
The Shadow Hero by Gene Luen Yang
The Ode to the Goddess of the Luo River by Yu Zhiying, illustrated by Ye Luying

Historical Fiction
The Blackbird Girls by Anne Blankman
The Long Ride by Marina Budhos
We Are Not Free by Traci Chee
Troublemaker by John Cho
Barefoot Dreams of Petra Luna by Aida P. Dobbs
Downstairs Girl by Stacy Lee
Everything Sad Is Untrue by Daniel Nayeri
Chula the Fox by Anthony Perry
Loretta Little Looks Back: Three Voices Go Tell It by Andrea Davis Pinkney, illustrated by Brian Pinkney
Dawn Raid by Pauline Smith, illustrated by Mat Hunkin

Realistic Fiction
King and the Dragonflies by Kacen Callender
Marcus Vega Doesn’t Speak Spanish by Pablo Cartaya
The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros
Thanks A Lot, Universe by Chad Lucas
Birdie and Me by J.M.M. Nuanez
Ain’t Burned All the Bright by Jason Reynolds, illustrated by Jason Griffin
Black Brother, Black Brother by Jewell Parker Rhodes
Land of the Cranes by Aida Salazar
Crossing the Farak River by Michelle Aung Thin
Other Words for Home by Jasmine Warga
Genesis Begins Again by Alicia Williams
Kaya Girl by Mamle Wolo

**Romance and Relationships**
A Match Made in Mehendi by Nandini Bajpai
The Brave by James Bird
Super Adjacent by Crystal Cestari
All American Muslim Girl by Nadine Jolie Courtney
Redwood and Ponytail by K.A. Holt
In the Key of Us by Mariama J. Lockington
(+) Crush by Gary Paulsen
Spin With Me by Ami Polonsky
Love Is a Revolution by Renee Watson

**Adventure, Survival and Sports**
One Last Shot by John David Anderson
The Canyon’s Edge by Dusti Bowling
(+) Dough Boys by Paula Chase
Illegal by Eoin Colfer
Undercover Latina by Aya de León
Strike Zone by Mike Lupica
Ten Thousand Tries by Amy Makechnie
(+) Blazewrath Games by Amparo Ortiz
(+) Epoca: The Tree of Ecrof by Ivy Pochoda

**Horror, Mystery and Suspense**
The Girl and the Ghost by Hanna Alkaf
Hide and Seeker by Daka Hermon
Poe: Stories and Poems by Gareth Hinds
(+) Truly Devious by Maureen Johnson
Living Ghosts and Mischievous Monsters by Dan Sasuweh Jones, illustrated by Weshoyot Alvitre
Jennifer Chan Is Not Alone by Tae Keller
Elatsoe by Darcie Little Badger, illustrated by Rovina Cai
(+) Ali Cross by James Patterson
(+) The Shadow Cipher by Laura Ruby

**Fantasy**
(+) Children of Blood and Bone by Toni Adeyemi
Assassination of Brangwain Spurge by M.T. Anderson, illustrated by Eugene Yelchin
Sweep: The Story of a Girl and Her Monster by Jonathan Auxier
(+) Giant: Prequel to the Merlin Saga by T.A. Barron
(+) Pet by Akwaeke Emezi
(+) Fireborne by Rosaria Munda
The Insiders by Mark Oshiro
(+) Cece Rios and the Desert of Souls by Kaela Rivera
Root Magic by Eden Royce
Children of the Quicksands by Efua Traore

**Science Fiction**
The Extraordinary Colors of Auden Dare by Zillah Bethell
(+) Last Day on Mars by Kevin Emerson
The Last Cuentista by Donna Barba Higuera
Last Gate of the Emperor by Kwame Mbilia and Prince Joel Makonnen
Stanislaw Lem’s The Seventh Voyage by Jon J. Muth
Flood City by Daniel Jose Older
(+) Bloom by Kenneth Oppel
Maximillian Fly by Angie Sage
(+) Scythe by Neil Shusterman