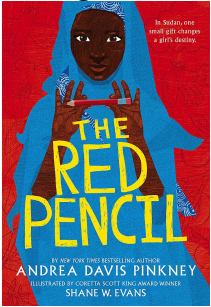


# Great Summer Reads Recommended by Ms. Hayden

☼ = read it before the movie or series comes out soon! ❖ = celebrate diversity

If you like...	...then check out these!
<p>Being Yourself</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Front Desk</i> by Kelly Yang ❖</li> <li>• <i>The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora</i> by Pablo Cartaya ❖</li> <li>• <i>I'm OK</i> by Patti Kim ❖</li> <li>• <i>Save Me a Seat</i> by Sarah Weeks and Gita Varadarajan ❖</li> <li>• <i>The Misadventures of Max Crumbly</i> by Rachel Renee Russell ❖</li> <li>• <i>Out of My Mind</i> by Sharon M. Draper ❖</li> <li>• <i>The First Rule of Punk</i> by Celia C. Perez ❖</li> <li>• <i>Count Me In</i> by Varsha Bajaj ❖</li> <li>• <i>The Red Pencil</i> by Andrea Davis Pinkney ❖</li> <li>• <i>The Night Diary</i> by Veera Hiranandani ❖</li> </ul>
<p>Graphic novels</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Lumberjanes</i> series by Noelle Stevenson</li> <li>• <i>Roller Girl</i> by Victoria Jamieson</li> <li>• <i>Click</i> by Kayla Miller</li> <li>• <i>Making Friends</i> by Kristen Gudsruk</li> <li>• <i>Frazzled</i> by Booki Vivat ❖</li> <li>• <i>Akissi</i> by Marguerite Abouet ❖</li> <li>• <i>Nightlights</i> by Lorena Alvarez ❖</li> <li>• <i>El Deafo</i> by Cece Bell ❖</li> <li>• <i>Sunny Side Up</i> by Jennifer and Matthew Holm</li> <li>• <i>Stargazing</i> by Jen Wang ❖</li> <li>• <i>American Born Chinese</i> by Gene Luen Yang ❖</li> </ul>
<p>Mythology</p> 	<p><u>Rick Riordan Presents series</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Dragon Pearl</i> by Yoon Ha Lee ❖</li> <li>• <i>Aru Shah and the End of Time</i> by Roshani Choksi ❖</li> <li>• <i>The Storm Runner</i> by J.C. Cervantes ❖</li> <li>• <i>Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky</i> by Kwambe Mbali ❖</li> <li>• <i>Race to the Sun</i> by Rebecca Roanhorse ❖</li> <li>• <i>City of the Plague God</i> Sarwat Chada ❖</li> </ul> <p><u>Non-fiction</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Gods and Heroes: Mythology Around the World</i> by Korwin Briggs ❖</li> <li>• <i>Norse Mythology</i> by Neil Gaiman</li> </ul>
<p>Superheroes</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Hero</i> by Perry Moore</li> <li>• <i>Soon I Will Be Invincible</i> by Austin Grossman</li> <li>• <i>Renegades</i> by Marissa Meyer</li> <li>• <i>Catwoman</i> by Sarah J. Maas</li> <li>• <i>Iron Man: The Gauntlet</i> by Eoin Colfer</li> <li>• <i>Black Widow: Red Vengeance</i> by Margaret Stohl ☼</li> <li>• <i>Wonder Woman Through the Years</i>, various authors ☼</li> <li>• <i>Lois Lane: Fallout</i> by Gwenda Bond</li> <li>• <i>Not Your Sidekick</i> by C.B. Lee ❖</li> <li>• <i>Astonishing X-Men: Storm</i> by Eric Jerome Dickey ❖</li> </ul>

<p>Fantasy</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Akata Witch</i> by Nnedi Okorafor ❖</li> <li>• <i>The Golden Compass</i> by Philip Pullman</li> <li>• <i>The Wild Robot</i> by Peter Brown</li> <li>• <i>The Blackthorn Key</i> by Kevin Sands</li> <li>• <i>The Hobbit</i> by J.R.R. Tolkien</li> <li>• <i>M Is for Magic or The Graveyard Book</i> by Neil Gaiman</li> <li>• <i>Children of Blood and Bone</i> by Tomi Adeyemi ❖</li> <li>• <i>Shadow and Bone</i> by Leigh Bardugo ⚡</li> <li>• <i>Brooklyn Brujas</i> series by Zoraida Cordova ❖</li> <li>• <i>A Blade So Black</i> by L.L. McKinney ⚡❖</li> <li>• <i>The Phantom Tollbooth</i> by Norton Juster</li> </ul>
<p>Animals</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Pax</i> by Sara Pennypacker</li> <li>• <i>Shiver</i> trilogy by Maggie Stiefvater</li> <li>• <i>The One and Only Ivan</i> by Katherine Applegate</li> <li>• <i>Redwall</i> by Brian Jacques</li> <li>• <i>Darkwing</i> by Kenneth Oppel</li> <li>• <i>The Tiger's Watch</i> by Julia Ember</li> <li>• <i>Scorched</i> series by Mari Mancusi</li> <li>• <i>Rescued</i> by Eliot Schrefer</li> <li>• <i>Because of Winn-Dixie</i> by Kate diCamillo</li> <li>• <i>The Incredible Journey</i> by Sheila Burnford</li> <li>• <i>Catwings</i> by Ursula K. LeGuin</li> </ul>
<p>Humor</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Middle School</i> series by James Patterson</li> <li>• <i>The Magnificent Mya Tibbs</i> by Crystal Allen ❖</li> <li>• <i>The Rhino in Right Field</i> by Stacy DeKeyser</li> <li>• <i>Fake Mustache</i> by Tom Angleberger</li> <li>• <i>Opposite of Always</i> by Justin A. Reynolds ❖</li> <li>• <i>The Rest of Us Just Live Here</i> by Patrick Ness</li> <li>• <i>I Believe In a Thing Called Love</i> by Maurene Goo ❖</li> <li>• <i>Maniac Magee</i> by Jerry Spinelli</li> <li>• <i>Bud, Not Buddy</i> by Christopher Paul Curtis ❖</li> <li>• <i>The Mechanical Mind of John Coggin</i> by Elinor Teele</li> </ul>
<p>Realistic Fiction</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Bridge to Terabithia</i> by Katherine Patterson</li> <li>• <i>Pashmina</i> by Nidhi Chanani ❖</li> <li>• <i>Shouting at the Rain</i> by Lynda Mullaly Hunt</li> <li>• <i>Forget Me Not</i> by Ellie Terry</li> <li>• <i>Song for a Whale</i> by Lynne Kelly</li> <li>• <i>Hello, Universe</i> by Erin Entrada Kelly ❖</li> <li>• <i>One Crazy Summer</i> by Rita Williams-Garcia ❖</li> <li>• <i>Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry</i> by Mildred D. Taylor ❖</li> <li>• <i>Brown Girl Dreaming</i> by Jacqueline Woodson ❖</li> <li>• <i>This One Summer</i> by Mariko and Jillian Tamaki ❖</li> </ul>

<p>Historical Fiction</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The Cassandra</i> by Sharma Shields</li> <li>• <i>Diary of a Young Girl</i> by Anne Frank</li> <li>• <i>The Nazi Hunters</i> by Neal Bascomb</li> <li>• <i>The Book Thief</i> by Markus Zusak</li> <li>• <i>Boy in the Striped Pajamas</i> by John Boyne</li> <li>• <i>Number the Stars</i> by Lois Lowry</li> <li>• <i>Inside Out and Back Again</i> by Thanhha Lai ❖</li> <li>• <i>Echo</i> by Pam Munoz Ryan ❖</li> <li>• <i>Copper Sun</i> by Sharon Draper (anything by Sharon Draper) ❖</li> <li>• <i>Dragonwings</i> by Laurence Yep ❖</li> <li>• <i>All Out: The No Longer Secret Stories of Queer Teens Throughout the Ages</i> by Sandra Mitchell ❖</li> </ul>
<p>Adventure and Mystery</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Hunger Games</i> trilogy by Suzanne Collins</li> <li>• <i>The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes</i> (new <i>Hunger Games</i> prequel by Suzanne Collins) ⚡</li> <li>• <i>Artemis Fowl</i> series by Eoin Colfer ⚡</li> <li>• <i>War Cross</i> series by Marie Lu ❖</li> <li>• <i>Maze Runner</i> series by James Dashner</li> <li>• <i>Spy School</i> series by Stuart Gibbs</li> <li>• <i>Hatchet</i> by Gary Paulsen</li> <li>• <i>The Wilder Boys</i> by Brandon Wallace ❖</li> <li>• <i>Holes</i> by Louis Sachar</li> <li>• <i>Skeleton Man</i> by Joseph Bruchac ❖</li> </ul>
<p>Sports biographies</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Strong Inside</i> by Andrew Maraniss ❖</li> <li>• <i>Courage to Soar</i> by Simone Biles ❖</li> <li>• <i>Soul Surfer</i> by Bethany Hamilton</li> <li>• <i>Breakaway</i> by Alex Morgan</li> <li>• <i>Tony Hawk</i> by Tony Hawk</li> <li>• <i>The Greatest</i> by Walter Dean Myers ❖</li> <li>• <i>Jim Thorpe: Greatest Athlete in the World</i> by Jennifer Lee Fandel ❖</li> <li>• <i>Kobe Bryant</i> by Jordan Lowe ❖</li> <li>• <i>Stealing Home: The Story of Jackie Robinson</i> by Barry Denenberg ❖</li> <li>• <i>Queen of the Court: An Autobiography</i> by Serena Williams ❖</li> <li>• <i>Becoming Kareem: Growing Up On and Off the Court</i> by Kareem Abdul-Jabar ❖</li> </ul>
<p>Non-Fiction Biographies</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>It's Trevor Noah: Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood</i> by Trevor Noah ❖</li> <li>• <i>Unbroken</i> by Laura Hillenbrand</li> <li>• <i>Normal: One Kid's Extraordinary Journey</i> by Magdalena Newman ❖</li> <li>• <i>Someone Like Me: How One Undocumented Girl Fought for Her American Dream</i> by Julissa Arce ❖</li> <li>• <i>Path to the Stars: My Journey from Girl Scout to Rocket Scientist</i> by Sylvia Acevedo ❖</li> <li>• <i>Being Jazz: My Life as a (Transgender) Teen</i> by Jazz Jennings ❖</li> <li>• <i>I Will Always Write Back: How One Letter Changed Two Worlds</i> by Martin Canada, Caitlin Alifrenka, and Liz Welch ❖</li> </ul>

# Where To Get Great Books This Summer

## For Free:

- **Kansas City Public Library**
  - Now offering contact-free pickup for holds placed online  
<https://www.kclibrary.org/coronavirus/pickup>
  - Use **Libby/Overdrive** to access free e-books and audiobooks when you log in with your library card  
[www.kclibrary.overdrive.com](http://www.kclibrary.overdrive.com)
  - **Hoopla** gives you instant access to e-books, audiobooks, movies, music, and more when you log in with your library card  
[www.kclibrary.overdrive.com](http://www.kclibrary.overdrive.com)
- Searchable **National Emergency Library** of e-books from the Library of Congress requires a free account:  
<https://archive.org/details/nationalemergencylibrary>
- **Epic! Digital Library**, free full access through end of June  
Ask Ms. Hayden to re-send invite if your parent did not receive one  
<https://www.getepic.com/>

## Support Local:

- **Shop online but support local** booksellers using [www.bookshop.org](http://www.bookshop.org)
- Call **Prospero's Books & Media** for curbside pickup: (816) 531-9673
- **Rainy Day Books** is filling online and phone orders: [www.rainydaybooks.com](http://www.rainydaybooks.com)

## Cheap & Convenient:

- **Scholastic Book Clubs:** THKVF (It really helps your teacher out when you order here. I earn points for free books to build my classroom library!)  
<https://www.scholastic.com/parents/books-and-reading/reading-resources/book-selection-tips/scholastic-book-clubs-getting-started.html>
- **Amazon Smile:** Support our school while shopping for great books! It's a win-win.  
<https://www.academielifayette.org/support-us/amazonmile/>
- **Half-Price Books** in Westport is offering curbside pickup. Call 816-931-5377

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## Other Great Recommendation Lists

- A Mighty Girl books (from Amy Poehler!)  
<https://www.iamightygirl.com/books>
- Brightly: Books that boys love  
<https://www.readbrightly.com/books-9-12-year-old-boys-love/>
- 50 Best Comics and Graphic Novels  
<https://www.polygon.com/comics/2019/12/20/21029548/best-comics-for-kids-graphic-novels>
- Newberry Award Winners (the BEST in middle grades fiction)  
<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/newberymedal/newberyhonors/newberymedal>
- Goodreads: Popular Middle School Books (making a Goodreads account and rating books is a GREAT way to get personalized recommendations)  
<https://www.goodreads.com/shelf/show/middle-school>
- 25 Best Middle School Books for Today's Readers  
<https://bookriot.com/2019/11/22/best-middle-school-books/>
- Diverse and Inclusive Books to Inspire Young Adults  
<https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/teaching-tools/book-lists/resources/diverse-young-adult-book-list.html>

Have a great summer! Read lots! Tell me what books you like best!

