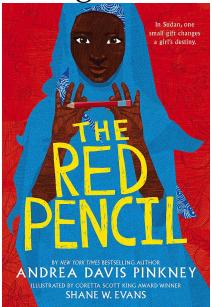
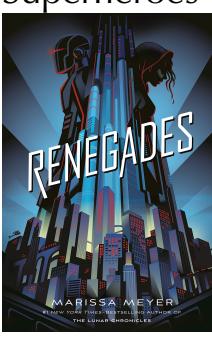
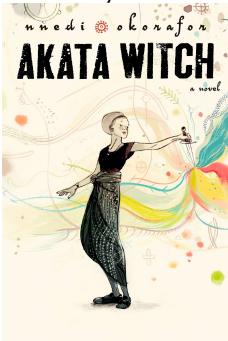


Great Summer Reads Recommended by Ms. Hayden

✿= read it before the movie or series comes out soon! ♦= celebrate diversity

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

Fantasy



- *Akata Witch* by Nnedi Okorafor ♦
- *The Golden Compass* by Philip Pullman
- *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown
- *The Blackthorn Key* by Kevin Sands
- *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien
- *M Is for Magic* or *The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman
- *Children of Blood and Bone* by Tomi Adeyemi ♦
- *Shadow and Bone* by Leigh Bardugo ♦
- *Brooklyn Brujas* series by Zoraida Cordova ♦
- *A Blade So Black* by L.L. McKinney ♦♦
- *The Phantom Tollbooth* by Norton Juster

Animals



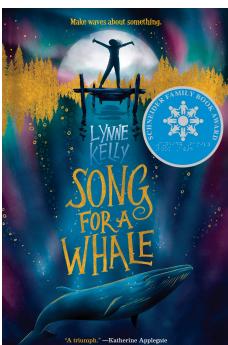
- *Pax* by Sara Pennypacker
- *Shiver* trilogy by Maggie Stiefvater
- *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate
- *Redwall* by Brian Jacques
- *Darkwing* by Kenneth Oppel
- *The Tiger's Watch* by Julia Ember
- *Scorched* series by Mari Mancusi
- *Rescued* by Eliot Schrefer
- *Because of Winn-Dixie* by Kate diCamillo
- *The Incredible Journey* by Sheila Burnford
- *Catwings* by Ursula K. LeGuin

Humor

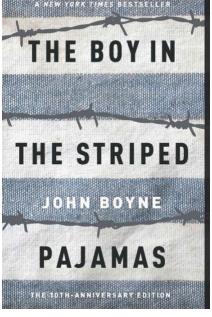
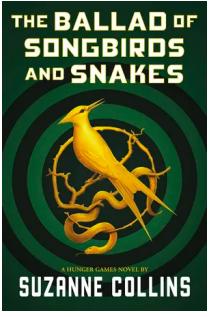
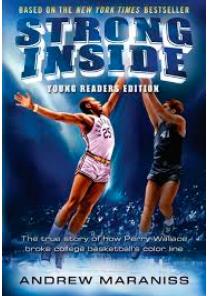
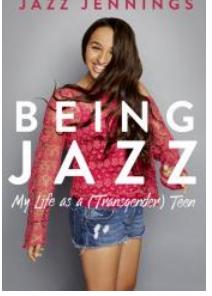


- *Middle School* series by James Patterson
- *The Magnificent Mya Tibbs* by Crystal Allen ♦
- *The Rhino in Right Field* by Stacy DeKeyser
- *Fake Mustache* by Tom Angleberger
- *Opposite of Always* by Justin A. Reynolds ♦
- *The Rest of Us Just Live Here* by Patrick Ness
- *I Believe In a Thing Called Love* by Maurene Goo ♦
- *Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli
- *Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis ♦
- *The Mechanical Mind of John Coggin* by Elinor Teele

Realistic Fiction



- *Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Patterson
- *Pashmina* by Nidhi Chanani ♦
- *Shouting at the Rain* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
- *Forget Me Not* by Ellie Terry
- *Song for a Whale* by Lynne Kelly
- *Hello, Universe* by Erin Entrada Kelly ♦
- *One Crazy Summer* by Rita Williams-Garcia ♦
- *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* by Mildred D. Taylor ♦
- *Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson ♦
- *This One Summer* by Mariko and Jillian Tamaki ♦

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

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>
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- Searchable **National Emergency Library** of e-books from the Library of Congress requires a free account:
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- **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.academielafayette.org/support-us/amazonsmile/>
- **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.ameightygirl.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!

