

SUMMER READING FOR INCOMING SEVENTH GRADERS

Choose **one** of the following novels to read this summer.

You will be asked to take an AR quiz upon returning to school. Happy reading!

1. TRUE CONFESSIONS OF CHARLOTTE DOYLE by AVI

Thirteen-year-old Charlotte, the only “young lady” passenger on a voyage from England to America in 1832, must take serious matters into her own hands when she learns that the captain is murderous.

Genre: Adventure/Historical Fiction

Awards: Newbery Medal Honor

Pages: 240

Lexile (Reading Level): 740L

2. AMONG THE HIDDEN by MARGARET PETERSON HADDIX

Luke lives in isolation on his family’s farm in fear of the Population Police who enforce the law limiting a family to only two children, until he meets another “third”.

Genre: Science Fiction/Adventure

Awards: ALA Best Book for Young Adults

Pages: 160

Lexile (Reading Level): 800L

3. GHOST by JASON REYNOLDS

Castle Crenshaw (aka “Ghost”) wants to be the fastest sprinter on his elite school track team, but his past is slowing him down. Castle has to learn to stop running away from his traumatic past, face bullies, own up to his mistakes, as well as his fear of failure. His coach, who sees his crazy natural talent, helps him do just that.

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Awards: 2016 National Book Award Finalist

Pages: 192

Lexile (Reading Level): 730L

4. THE WESTING GAME by ELLEN RASKIN

Sixteen unlikely people gather for the reading of Sam Westing’s will. No one knows why the millionaire has chosen these 16, and a possible murderer, to inherit his vast fortune. But even though he’s dead, that won’t stop Westing from playing one last game!

Genre: Mystery

Awards: 1978 Newbery Medal Winner

Pages: 216

Lexile (Reading Level): 750L

5. AL CAPONE DOES MY SHIRTS by GENNIFER CHOLDENKO

Moose Flanagan moves with his family to Alcatraz Island so his dad can work as a prison guard and his sister, who has autism, can attend a special school. Moose meets Piper, the Warden’s daughter, and she gets Moose in on one of her money-making schemes involving the infamous criminal, Al Capone.

Genre: Historical Fiction/Realistic Fiction

Awards: Newbery Medal Honor

Pages: 240

Lexile (Reading Level): 600L

ALL THIRTEEN: THE INCREDIBLE CAVE RESCUE OF THE THAI BOYS’ SOCCER TEAM by CHRISTINA SOONTORNVAT

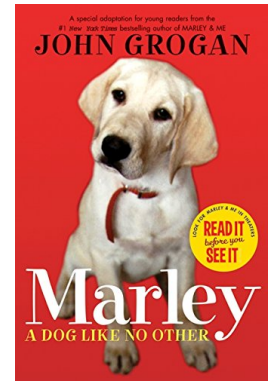
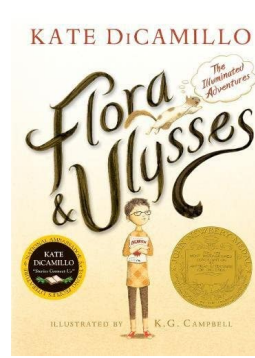
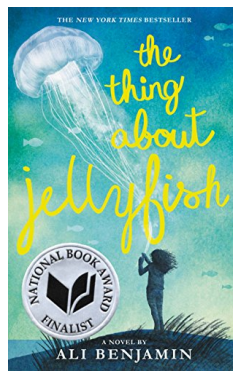
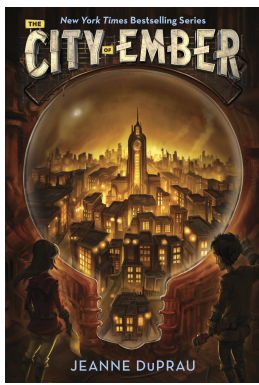
An account of the amazing 2018 rescue of twelve Thai kids and their coach who are trapped in a cave when floodwaters block their path out. How long can a group of ordinary kids survive in the dark with no food or clean water? Thousands of rescuers from around the globe work together for seventeen days to get them out. This is written in a heart-racing style that blends suspense, science, and cultural insight.

Genre: Nonfiction

Awards: 2021 Newbery Medal Winner

Pages: 288 (but lots of pictures, larger text :)

Lexile (Reading Level): 1020L



7. THE THING ABOUT JELLYFISH
by ALI BENJAMIN

After her best friend dies in a drowning accident, Suzy is convinced the real reason for her death was a rare jellyfish sting — things don't just happen for no reason. She crafts a plan to prove her theory, even if it means traveling the globe, alone.

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Awards: National Book Award Finalist

Pages: 330

Lexile (Reading Level): 740L

8. FLORA & ULYSSES: THE ILLUMINATED ADVENTURES
by KATE DICAMILLO

Flora is a shy girl who loves comics, especially because they're a nice distraction from her parents who are divorced. Ulysses is a squirrel who had a bad freak accident with a vacuum cleaner and is now a superhero. This is a book about these eccentric, endearing characters and their adventures.

Genre: Realistic Fiction/Fantasy/Humor

Awards: Newbery Medal Winner

Pages: 256 (but also has many pages of pictures ;)

Lexile (Reading Level): 520L

9. CITY OF EMBER
by JEANNE DUPRAU

The city of Ember was built as a last refuge for the human race. Two hundred years later, the great lamps that light the city are beginning to dim. When Lina finds part of an ancient message, she's sure it holds a secret that will save the city. Now, she and her friend Doon must race to figure out the clues to keep the lights on.

Genre: Fantasy/Science Fiction/Adventure

Awards: ALA Notable Book, Kirkus Reviews Editors' Choice

Pages: 270

Lexile (Reading Level): 680L

10. MARLEY: A DOG LIKE NO OTHER
by JOHN GROGAN

An adaptation of the author's book Marley and Me, in which he shares the story of his troublemaker golden retriever Marley and tells the love his family has for the dog.

Genre: Nonfiction

Pages: 196

Lexile (Reading Level): 760L