

Summer Reading for Students Entering Grade 8

The summer reading for incoming eighth graders includes three novels. Students have two options for the required novel: *Fahrenheit 451* and *Lord of the Flies*. The second and third novels may be selected from the attached lists or your personal library.

One option for the required novel is *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury: “Bradbury’s masterful novel, published in 1951, explores issues of censorship, independent thought and free speech, propaganda, technology, and alienation in society.

The second option for required reading is *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding. This beautifully written book is symbolic of the roles of human nature and the roles of government.

Each student is responsible for purchasing and reading the novel. As you read, highlight, and take notes in your novel. Keep a “character log” for one of the characters in the novel. **This “log” should be a list of 10-15 quotations (including page numbers) that demonstrate any elements of the character’s personality. You must also give a brief explanation of the quotation. Remember, quotations do NOT have to be dialogue.**

In addition to this required reading, students are required to read two other books *which they have not previously read*. Students should complete the attached “Book Summary Sheet” for each of these two books. All of the summer reading work must be handed in on the first day of school.

NEWBERY AWARD BOOKS

2010:

Medal Winner: *When You Reach Me* by Rebecca Stead

Honor Books: *Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice* by Phillip Hoose

The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate by Jacqueline Kelly

Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin

The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg Rodman Philbrick

2009:

Medal Winner: *The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman

Honor Books: *The Underneath* by Kathi Appelt

Savvy by Ingrid Law
After Tupac and D Foster by Jacqueline Woodson

2008:

Medal Winner: *Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! Voices from a Medieval Village* by Laura Amy Schlitz

Honor Books: *Elijah of Buxton* by Christopher Paul Curtis
The Wednesday Wars by Gary D. Schmidt
Feathers by Jacqueline Woodson

2007:

Medal Winner: *The Higher Power of Lucky* by Susan Patron

Honor Books: *Penny from Heaven* by Jennifer L. Holm
Hattie Big Sky by Kirby Larson
Rules by Cynthia Lord

2006:

Medal Winner: *Criss Cross* by Lynne Rae Perkins

Honor Books: *Whitinton* by Alan Armstrong

Hitler Youth: Growing up in Hitler's Shadow by Susan Campbell Bartoletti
Princess Academy by Shannon Hale
Show Way by Jacqueline Woodson

2005:

Medal Winner: *Kira-Kira* by Cynthia Kadhata

Honor Books: *Alcapone Does My Shirts* by Gennifer Choldenko

The Voice that Challenged a Nation: Marian Anderson and the Struggle for Equal Rights by Russell Freedman
Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy by Gary Schmidt

2004:

Medal Winner: *The Tale of Despereaux: Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup, and a Spool of Thread* by Kate DiCamillo

Honor Books: *Olive's Ocean* by Kevin Henkes

An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793 by Jim Murphy

2003:

Medal Winner: *Crispin: The Cross of Lead* by Avi

Honor Books: *The House of Scorpion* by Nancy Farmer

Pictures of Hollis Woods by Patricia Reilly Giff

Hoot by Carl Hiaasen

A Corner of The Universe by Ann M. Martin

Surviving the Applewhites by Stephanie S. Tolan

2002:

Medal Winner: *A Single Shard* by Linda Sue Park

Honor Books: *Everything on a Waffle* by Polly Horvath

2001:

Medal Winner: *A Year Down Under* by Richard Peck

Honor Books: *Hope was Here* by Joan Bauer
Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo
Joey Pigza Loves Control by Jack Gantos
The Wanderer by Sharon Creech

2000:

Medal Winner: *Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis
Honor Books: *Getting Near Baby* by Audrey Couloumbis
Our Only May Amelia by Jennifer L. Holm
26 Fairmount Avenue by Tomie dePaola

MICHAEL L. PRINTZ AWARD BOOKS

2010:

Medal Winner: *Going Bovine* by Libba Bray
Honor Books: *Charles and Emma: The Darwins' Leap of Faith* by Debra Heiligen
The Monstrumologist by Rick Yancy
Punkzilla by Adam Rapp
Tales of the Madman Underground: An Historical Romance, 1973
by John Barnes

2009:

Medal Winner: *Jellicoe Road* by Melina Marchetta
Honor Books: *The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing, Traitor to the Nation, Vol 2: The Kingdom of the Waves* by M.T. Anderson
The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks by E. Lockhart
Nation by Terry Pratchett
Tender Morsels by Margo Lanagan

2008:

Medal Winner: *The White Darkness* by Geraldine McCaughrean
Honor Books: *Dreamquake: Book Two of the Dreamhunter Duet* by Elizabeth Knox
One Whole and Perfect Day by Judith Clarke
Repossessed by A.M. Jenkins

2007:

Medal Winner: *American Born Chinese* by Gene Luen Yang
Honor Books: *The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing: Traitor to the Nation, Vol. 1: The Pox Party* by M.T. Anderson
The Abundance of Katherines by John Green
Surrender by Sonya Hartnett
The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

2006:

Medal Winner: *Looking for Alaska* by John Green
Honor Books: *Black Juice* by Marg Lanagan
I Am the Messenger by Markus Zusak
A Wreath for Emmett Till by Marilyn Nelson

2005:

Medal Winner: *how I live now* by Meg Rosoff
Honor Books: *Airborn* by Kenneth Opper
Chanda's Secrets by Allan Stratton
Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy by Gary D. Schmidt

2004:

Medal Winner: *The First Part Last* by Angela Johnson
Honor Books: *The Northern Light* by Jennifer Donnelly
Keesha's House by Helen Frost
Fat Kid Rules the World by K.L. Going

2003:

Medal Winner: *Postcards from No Man's Land* by Aidan Chambers
Honor Books: *The House of the Scorpion* by Nancy Farmer
My Heartbreak by Garret Freymann-Weyr
Hole in My Life by Jack Gantos

2002:

Medal Winner: *A Step From Heaven* by An Na
Honor Books: *The Ropemaker* by Peter Dickinson
Art by Jan Greenberg Abrams
Freewill by Chris Lynch
True Believer by Virginia Euwer Wolff

2001:

Medal Winner: *Kit's Wilderness* by David Almond
Honor Books: *Many Stones* by Carolyn Coman
The Body of Christopher Creed by Carol Plum-Ucci
Stuck in Neutral by Terry Trueman

2000:

Medal Winner: *Monster* by Walter Dean Myers
Honor Books: *Skellig* by David Almond
Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson
Hard Love by Ellen Wittlinger

ADDITIONAL BOOKS

Whirligig, Paul Fleischman
The Hobbit, J.R.R. Tolkein
The Fellowship of the Ring trilogy, J.R.R. Tolkein

Animal Farm, George Orwell
1984, George Orwell
Catcher in the Rye, J.D. Salinger
The Three Musketeers, Alexandre Dumas
Artemis Fowl, Eoin Colfer
The Golden Compass, *The Amber Spyglass*, *The Subtle Knife*, Phillip Pullman
Holes, Louis Sachar
The Pigman, Paul Zindel
A Wrinkle in Time, Madeleine L'Engle
Jurassic Park, Michael Crichton
Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, Robert Louis Stevenson
The View from Saturday, E.L. Konigsburg
The Diary of a Young Girl, Ann Frank
Of Mice and Men, John Steinbeck
A Walk to Remember, Nicholas Sparks
The Outsiders, S.E. Hinton
Harry Potter books, J.K. Rowling
Speak, Laurie Halse Anderson
The Call of the Wild, Jack London
Souder, William Armstrong
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings, Maya Angelou
Old Man and the Sea, Ernest Hemingway
A Separate Peace, John Knowles
A Day No Pigs Would Die, Robert Peck
Death Be Not Proud, John Gunther
Into Thin Air, Krakauer, Jon
When the Legends Die, Hal Borland
The Witch of Blackbird Pond, Speare
Bull Run, Paul Fleischman
The Chocolate War, Robert Cormier
Farewell to Manzanar, Houston
Fahrenheit 451, *Dandelion Wine*, *The Halloween Tree*, Ray Bradbury
Flowers for Algernon, Daniel Keyes
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, Mark Twain
Dracula, Bram Stoker
Treasure Island and *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*, Robert Louis Stevenson
To Kill a Mockingbird, Harper Lee
Out of the Dust, Karen Hesse
Inherit the Wind, Lawrence and Lee
The Crucible, Arthur Miller
Hiroshima, John Hersey
Lord of the Flies, William Golding
The Hound of the Baskervilles, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
Through the Looking Glass and *Alice in Wonderland*, Lewis Carroll
Little Women, Louisa May Alcott
Jurassic Park, Michael Crichton
Middle School Blues, Dorohea Kassem
Their Eyes Were Watching God, Zora Neale Hurston

Slaughterhouse Five, Kurt Vonnegut*
Of Mice and Men and *The Pearl*, John Steinbeck
Boys Life, Robert McGamon

ADDITIONAL BOOKS ENJOYED BY PREVIOUS STUDENTS

The Alex Rider Series by Anthony Horowitz
The On The Run Series by Gordon Korman
The Maximum Ride Series by James Patterson
Catch by Will Leitch
A Mango Shaped Space by Wendy Mass
Glory Field by Walter Dean Myers
Wringer by Jerry Spinelli
Change Up by John Feinstein
The Big Field by Mike Lupica
Locomotion by Jacqueline Woodson
Summer of my German Soldier by Bette Greene
Travel Team by Mike Lupica
The Entitled by Frank Deford
My Brother Sam is Dead by James Lincoln Collier and Chris Collier
Code Talker by Joseph Bruchac
Rifles for Watie by Harold Keith
Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer
Hatchet by Gary Paulsen
Small Steps by Louis Sachar
Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes by Chris Crutcher
Incantation by Alice Hoffman
Green Angel by Alice Hoffman
The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin
A Hero Ain't Nothin' but a Sandwich by Alice Childress
Shane by Jack Schaefer
Tangerine by Edward Bloor
Jump Ship to Freedom by James and Christopher Collier
Trouble Don't Last by Shelley Pearsall
Looking for Alaska by John Green
The Boy Who Saved Baseball

