

MCA 2018-2019 SUMMER READING SELECTIONS (Rising 6th - 9th GRADE)

Students must **choose one** of the selections from the appropriate grade level.

TITLE	AUTHOR	ISBN #	DESCRIPTION
6th Grade			
<i>Out of My Mind</i>	Draper, Sharon M.	978-1416971719	Realistic Fiction: A disabled young girl cannot speak and begins a journey toward finding her voice.
<i>A Wrinkle in Time</i>	L'Engle, Madeleine	978-0312367541	Science Fiction; Newbery Medal Winner: Late one night, Meg Murry and her family begin a search through time for Meg's father.
<i>Caddie Woodlawn</i>	Brink, Carol	978-1416940289	Historical Fiction: The story of a young girl coming of age in 1860's Wisconsin.
<i>With Daring Faith (Amy Carmichael)</i>	Davis, Rebecca	978-0890844144	Biography: A young woman risks her life to help thousands of Hindu children.
<i>Island of the Blue Dolphins</i>	O'Dell, Scott	978-0547328614	Adventure classic; Newbery Award Winner: Find out how Karana survived 18 years alone on an island off the coast of California.
<i>The Borrowers</i>	Norton, Mary	978-0152047375	Fantasy: The Borrowers are tiny people who live underneath the kitchen floor of an old English country manor. All is well until one of them is seen by a human boy!
7th Grade			
<i>A Single Shard</i>	Park, Linda Sue	978-0547534268	Historical fiction: Tree-ear, a 13-year-old orphan, lives under a bridge in Ch'ulp'o, a potters' village famed for delicate celadon ware.
<i>Anne of Green Gables</i>	Montgomery, Lucy Maud	978-1420952568	Classic series: In one of the most beloved classics of all time, Anne brings mischief, adventure, and love to the countryside of Green Gables
<i>Bridge to Terabithia</i>	Paterson, Katherine	978-0064401845	Realistic fiction: Jess and Leslie become instant friends, but then tragedy strikes, and Jess is left all alone.
<i>Heidi</i>	Spyri, Johanna	978-1420951981	Classic novel: The touching story of Heidi, her strange grandfather, and their life together in the Alps.
<i>Souder</i>	Armstrong, William H.	978-0064400206	Historical fiction: Faced with overwhelming prejudice, a young boy overcomes great tragedy in the American South.
<i>The Neverending Story</i>	Ende, Michael	978-0140386332	Fantasy/Sci Fi: Young Bastian is swept into a book and finds himself to be the hero of a fantastical story.

8th Grade			
<i>Nick of Time</i>	Bell, Ted	978-0312581435	Historical fiction adventure set in England during WWII; Time travel fantasy of family loyalty
<i>The Hiding Place</i>	Boom, Corrie Ten	978-0800794057	Autobiography: Two sisters survive imprisonment in a Nazi concentration camp, keeping faith in God.
<i>The Lost Prince (unabridged)</i>	Burnett, Frances H.	978-1466226852	Historical fiction; Mystery: Marco is a 12 year old refugee from Samavia with a mysterious past and an unsettled present.
<i>Out of the Dust</i>	Hesse, Karen	978-0590371254	Historical fiction: After a terrible accident, Billie Jo is left to find peace in the dust bowl of Oklahoma.
<i>Watership Down</i>	Adams, Richard	978-0743277709	Classic animal fantasy; Adventure: Courageous animals fight to save their homeland.
<i>Where the Mountain Meets the Moon</i>	Lin, Grace	978-0316038638	Fiction (adventure): A young girl goes on an adventure to find fortune for her family.
9th Grade			
***Honors students must choose one of the starred selections.			
*** <i>The Count of Monte Cristo</i> (abridged by Robin Waterfield for Puffin Classics)	Alexandre Dumas and Robin Waterfield	978-0140373530	Classic Revenge Adventure: a tale of love, loyalty, and revenge. Edmond Dantes, a nineteen-year-old sailor, is soon to be captain of his own ship and to marry his beloved, the beautiful Mercedes. But spiteful enemies provoke his arrest on his wedding day, and he is condemned to life in prison.
*** <i>Jane Eyre</i>	Bronte, Charlotte	978-1580493840	Classic Romanticism: When young, courageous Jane becomes the governess for a young French girl, she has no idea what lurks in the depths of the isolated Thornfield mansion: joy, laughter, hope, love, fear, secrets, attempted murder...
*** <i>Oliver Twist</i>	Dickens, Charles	978-0486424538	Historical Fiction: Young Oliver escapes his miserable servitude by running away to London, where he unwillingly but inevitably joins a scabrous gang of thieves. A brilliant tale of the struggle between cruelty and hope.
<i>Murder on the Orient Express</i>	Christie, Agatha	978-0062073495	Murder Mystery: In the middle of a debilitating snow storm, a detective must uncover the truth behind a grisly murder on the famous Orient Express train before the killer strikes again.
<i>Little Women</i>	Alcott, Louisa May	978-1503280298	Realistic Fiction: Jo March and her three sisters experience adventures and heartache in 19th century New England.
<i>Treasure Island</i>	Stevenson, Robert Louis	978-1580493925	Classic Adventure: A young man's encounters with pirates and his adventures of bravery, heroism, and danger.