

Summer Reading 2022-2023 School Year

All School Read

Maryvale Preparatory School

Middle School Grades 6-8

Purpose: The Maryvale All School Summer Reading Program is designed to encourage students to become life-long learners. The focus is for students to add to their personal enrichment by reading and enjoying a book of their choosing over the summer.

Action: Students in MS will choose 1 book to read over the summer from the list below. Pick a book that is *new to you*, and that you are excited about reading!

Format and Access: Students can choose which format they would like to use - print, eBook, or audiobook.

Students can check out books from the Maryvale Library, access eBooks and audiobooks through SORA (our online platform), check out books from their public library, or purchase the book.

Sharing and Activity Sessions: Students will participate in a sharing and activity session in their Advisory during September.

Fantasy & Science Fiction

Branhill, Kelly. *The Girl Who Drank the Moon*. - An epic fantasy about a young girl raised by a witch, a swamp monster, and a Perfectly Tiny Dragon, who must unlock the powerful magic buried deep inside her.

Haddix, Margaret Peterson. *Under Their Skin* - Twelve-year-old twins Nick and Eryn investigate why their mother and new stepfather are keeping secrets, why they are forbidden to meet their stepsiblings, and, most important, why their lives are in danger. (Or any Young Adult book by Margaret Peterson Haddix)

Lee, Yoon Ha, *Dragon Pearl* - Min, a thirteen-year-old girl with fox-magic, stows away on a battle cruiser and impersonates a cadet to solve the mystery of what happened to her older brother in the Thousand World Space Forces.

Reese, Jenn. ***Above World*** - In a future of high technology and genetic modification, the Coral Kampii, like legendary mermaids, live isolated from the Above World, but when the devices that allow them to breathe underwater start to fail, thirteen-year-old Aluna and her friend Hoku go to that forbidden place to find help.

Ruby, Laura. ***The Shadow Cipher*** - To save their apartment building, Tess, Theo, and Jaime search for the Old York Cipher treasure created by the architects of New York.

Ryan, Carrie & John Parke Davis. ***The Map to Everywhere*** - Twelve-year-old Fin, a master thief from the pirate world of Khaznot Quay, and Marrill, also twelve, of Arizona, cross paths in the magical world of the Pirate Stream while on a quest for a mysterious map.

Shusterman, Neal and Eric Elfman. ***Tesla's Attic***. - With a plot combining science and the supernatural, four kids are caught up in a dangerous plan concocted by the eccentric inventor Nikola Tesla.

Steward, Trenton Lee. ***The Secret Keepers*** - When twelve-year-old Reuben finds a peculiar, magical watch that has the power to turn its wearer invisible, he's propelled on the adventure of a lifetime.

Historical Fiction

Draper, Sharon M. ***Stella by Starlight***. When a burning cross set by the Klan causes panic and fear in 1932 Bumblebee, North Carolina, fifth-grader Stella must face prejudice and find the strength to demand change in her segregated town. (Or any Young Adult book by Sharon M. Draper)

English, Karen, ***It All Comes Down to This***. In the summer of 1965, Sophie's family become the first African Americans to move into their upper middle-class neighborhood in Los Angeles. When riots erupt in nearby Watts, she learns that life and her own place in it are a lot more complicated than they had seemed.

Gratz, Alan. ***Refugee***. Although separated by continents and decades, Josef, a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany, Isabel, a Cuban girl trying to escape the riots and unrest plaguing her country in 1994, and Mahmoud, a Syrian boy in 2015 whose homeland is torn apart by violence and destruction, embark on harrowing journeys in search of refuge, discovering shocking connections that tie their stories together.

House, Silas and Neela Vaswani. ***Same Sun Here***. A twelve-year-old Indian immigrant in New York City and a Kentucky coal miner's son become pen pals, and eventually best friends, through a series of revealing letters exploring such topics as environmental activism, immigration, and racism.

Yolen, Jane. ***The Devil's Arithmetic***. Hannah resents the traditions of her Jewish heritage until time travel places her in the middle of a small Jewish village in Nazi-occupied Poland.

Mystery

Beil, Michael, D. ***The Red Blazer Girls: The Vanishing Violin***. Seventh-graders Sophie, Margaret, Rebecca, and Leigh Ann follow a trail of cryptic clues to locate a rare violin, catch the person sneaking into St. Veronica's School for late-night cleaning and redecorating, and outsmart a conniving classmate

Carey, Benedict. ***Poison Most Vial: A Mystery***. When a famous forensic scientist turns up dead and Ruby's father becomes the prime suspect, Ruby must marshal everyone she can to help solve the mystery and prove her father didn't poison his boss.

Carter, Ally. ***The Heist Society***. Fifteen-year-old Kat schemes her way into the best boarding school, hoping to leave the thieving antics of her family behind her, but Hal, a former co-conspirator, appears on campus to tell Kat that a powerful mobster believes her father stole art from a priceless collection, and to save him, Kat will have to recover the paintings. (Or any Young Adult book by Ally Carter)

Clooney, Caroline B. ***The Face on the Milk Carton***. A photograph of a missing girl on a milk carton leads Janie to search for her real identity. (Or any Young Adult book by Caroline B. Cooney)

Milford, Kate. ***Greenglass House***. At Greenglass House, a smuggler's inn, twelve-year-old Milo, the innkeepers' adopted son, plans to spend his winter holidays relaxing, but soon guests are arriving with strange stories about the house that send Milo and Meddy, the cook's daughter, on an adventure.

Sachar, Louis. ***Fuzzy Mud***. Two middle-grade kids take a shortcut home from school and discover what looks like fuzzy mud but is a substance with the potential to wreak havoc on the entire world.

Stevens, Robin. ***The Guggenheim Mystery*** While visiting their cousin Salim in New York City, Ted and Kat investigate the theft of a famous painting from the Guggenheim Museum for which Salim's mother is the prime suspect.

Vigilante, Danette, ***Tia Lugo Speaks No Evil***. Tia Lugo, an asthmatic thirteen-year-old Puerto Rican girl living in NYC, witnesses a murder late one night from her bedroom window. Terrified the killer will do anything to keep her silent and desperate to find the courage to speak out, Tia turns to her grandmother's favorite shopping spot: the botanica.

Real Life Fiction

Alexander, Kwame. **Booked** - Twelve-year-old Nick loves soccer and hates books, but soon learns the power of words as he wrestles with problems at home, stands up to a bully, and tries to impress the girl of his dreams.

Cummings, Priscilla. **The Red Kayak**. Living near the water on Maryland's Eastern Shore, thirteen-year-old Brady and his best friends, J.T. and Digger, become entangled in a tragedy that tests their friendship and their ideas about right and wrong. (Or any Young Adult book by Priscilla Cummings)

Draper, Sharon M. **Blended**. - Piano-prodigy Isabella, eleven, whose black father and white mother struggle to share custody, never feels whole, especially as racial tensions affect her school, her parents both become engaged, and she and her stepbrother are stopped by police. (Or any Young Adult book by Sharon Draper)

Draper, Sharon M. **Out of my Heart** - Melody, whose story began in *Out of My Mind* (2010), is now a middle-grader. She lives with the effects of cerebral palsy, communicates via a Medi-Talker, and is at the stage in life when she's driven to try new things. With summer on the horizon, she searches out and applies for admission to a camp designed to give kids with disabilities the sleepaway experience.

Kelly, Erin Entrada. **Blackbird Fly**. - Bullied at school, eighth-grader Apple, a Filipino American who loves the music of the Beatles, decides to change her life by learning how to play the guitar.

Kim, Michelle. **Running Through Sprinklers**. - Sara and Nadine have been like two halves of the same person, but when Nadine skips a grade and begins high school first, Sara must discover who she is without Nadine.

Messner, Kate. **Breakout** - From multiple perspectives, tells of a time capsule project and the middle schoolers who contribute, including future journalist Nora Tucker and newcomer Elidee Jones, whose brother is in the local prison.

Saeed, Aisha. **Amal Unbound** - In Pakistan, Amal holds onto her dream of being a teacher even after becoming an indentured servant to pay off her family's debt to the wealthy and corrupt Khan family.

Sloan, Holly Goldberg. **Counting by 7s**. - Twelve-year-old genius and outsider Willow Chance must figure out how to connect with other people and find a surrogate family for herself after her parents are killed in a car accident.

Woodson, Jacqueline. **Harbor Me**. - When six students are chosen to participate in a weekly talk with no adults allowed, they discover that when they're together, it's safe to share the hopes and fears they must hide from the rest of the world. (Or any Young Adult book by Jacqueline Woodson)

Supernatural/Horror

Auzier, Jonathan. ***The Night Gardener***. Irish orphans Molly, fourteen, and Kip, ten, travel to England to work as servants in a crumbling manor house where nothing is quite what it seems to be, and soon the siblings are confronted by a mysterious stranger and secrets of the cursed house.

Cooper, Rose. ***I Text Dead People***. As if living in a creepy house on cemetery grounds weren't horrible enough, Annabelle accidentally becomes a guide that bridges the gap between the living and the dead with her cell phone, which means she is pestered by the deceased 24/7. And until she helps them with their absurd unresolved issues and ridiculous requests, no one will be able to rest in peace.

Hahn, Mary Downing. ***One for Sorrow: A Ghost Story***. When the unlikeable Elsie dies in the influenza pandemic of 1918, she comes back to haunt Annie to make sure she'll be Annie's best--and only--friend soon. (Or any Young Adult book by Mary Downing Hahn)

Legrand, Claire. ***The Cavendish Home for Boys and Girls***. Practically perfect twelve-year-old Victoria Wright must lie, sneak, and break the rules when her investigation of the disappearance of her best--and only--friend, Lawrence, reveals dark secrets about her town and the orphanage run by the reclusive Mrs. Cavendish.

Stroud, Jonathan. ***The Screaming Staircase***. Follows three young operatives of a psychic detection agency as they battle an epidemic of ghosts in London.

Nonfiction - Biographies

Any biography for Young Adults. Please choose someone that is **new to you**, that you are interested in, and who has contributed to society in a meaningful way. **Some**

Examples:

Acevedo, Sulvia. ***Path to the Stars: My Journey from Girl Scout to Rocket Scientist***. The inspiring memoir for young readers about a Latina rocket scientist whose early life was transformed by joining the Girl Scouts and who currently serves as CEO of the Girl Scouts of the USA.

Beals, Melba Pattillo. ***March Forward, Girl: From Young Warrior to Little Rock Nine***. A member of the Little Rock Nine shares her memories of growing up in the South under Jim Crow.

Thimmesh, Catherine. ***Girls Solve Everything: Stories of Women Entrepreneurs Building a Better World***. Women all over the globe are asking questions that affect

lives and creating businesses that answer them. Like, can we keep premature babies warm when they're born far from the hospital? Or can the elderly stay in their homes and eat a balanced diet? Women are taking on and solving these issues with their ingenuity and business acumen.

Voiklis Charlotte Jones and Lena Roy. ***Becoming Madeleine: A Biography of the author of A Wrinkle in Time by her Granddaughters***. Charlotte Jones Voiklis and Léna Roy chronicle the life and career of their grandmother, author Madeleine L'Engle.

(All synopses are from the Follett Destiny Library catalog)