

SCAPA'S 2024 7th Grade Summer Reading Lists

Summer reading is an attempt to prevent students from losing their reading skills during the two-month break. "Children who are readers add between 3,000 and 5,000 new words to their vocabulary every year through incidental exposure". (Nagy, Anderson, and Herman 1987) Reading comprehension and speed also improve as students add vocabulary words. We encourage you to read with your children and discuss their books. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to teach them those invaluable critical thinking skills they will need to develop in order to be successful in both school and the workplace. No time to read with your child? No problem. Host a book club for your child and their peers. They can read and discuss their books together just like adults do.

The books below may be located at the public libraries and at local or on-line bookstores. They reflect the themes of literature we will be discussing in the upcoming school year. However, only you know what is appropriate for your children, so we recommend you assist them in making selections which meet your expectations. In addition, I have listed the Lexile Reading Level next to each title along with the Lexile Reading Level Charts for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade. This should help you assist your child in choosing the most appropriate books for his/her current reading level. Lexile levels are determined by sentence length as well as vocabulary, so the more dialogue a book has, the shorter the sentences. This can lead to below level Lexile Level scores for books which are still appropriate for your child's grade level.

6th Grade Lexile Level: 925-1070

7th Grade Lexile Level: 970-1120

8th Grade Lexile Level: 1010-1185

Mrs. Aldridge's English Classes

Rising 7th Grade Students

Prior to the beginning of school, students must read one of the following books for 7th grade English. As they read, they should look up any vocabulary words they are unfamiliar with. I also recommend that they take notes since they may use these notes, and the book, when they take the Accelerated Reading tests for the books they read during the summer. Each quarter 7th grade students are expected to earn 30 AR points. AR points for summer reading will count toward the first quarter AR goal. NOTE: Extra points do not carry over to the next quarter.

Students should expect an assignment related to summer reading.

THEME: Crossing Generations

1. Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline (890)
2. Mare's War by Tanita S. Davis (830)
3. The Brooklyn Nine by Alan Gratz (840)
4. The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd (840)
5. A Place to Belong by Cynthia Kadohata (690)
6. Homecoming by Cynthia Voight (630)

7. Saving Wonder by Mark Knight (870)
8. Same Sun Here by Silas House and Neela Vaswani (890)

7th Grade Science (Choose one book from the list below.)

Please email Mrs. Arkwright at ashlie.arkwright@fayette.kyschools.us with any questions about this list.

NOTE: Students will be creating a project about the book they read for science. They will also be expected to take the AR test on this book.

Cooney, Caroline

- Code Orange (941)

DeFelice, Cynthia

- The Apprenticeship of Lucas Whitaker (811)

Goodall, Jane

- In the Shadow of Man (1178)

Haddix, Margaret Peterson

- Double Identity (781)

Herriot, James

- All Creatures Great and Small (1009)
- All Things Bright and Beautiful (999)
- All Things Wise and Wonderful (999)
- The Lord God Made Them All (989)

Hickam, Homer

- Rocket Boys (910)

Kelly, Jacqueline

- The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate (829)

Patent, Dorothy Hinshaw

- Charles Darwin: The Life of a Revolutionary Thinker (1211)

Preston, Richard

- The Hot Zone (1061)

Werlin, Nancy

- Double Helix (781)

Rising 8th Grade Students

Prior to the beginning of school, students must read one of the following books for 8th grade English. As they read, they should look up any vocabulary words they are unfamiliar with. I also recommend that they take notes since they may use these notes, and the book, when they take the Accelerated Reading tests for the books they read during the summer. Each quarter 8th grade students are expected to earn 40 AR points. AR points for summer reading will count toward the first quarter AR goal. NOTE: Extra points do not carry over to the next quarter. Students should expect an assignment related to summer reading.

THEME: Rites of Passage

1. Eragon by Christopher Paolini (710)

2. Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card (780)
3. I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter by Erika Sanchez (730)
4. Little Women by Louisa May Alcott (1300)
5. The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas (590)
6. The Giver by Lois Lowry (760)
7. With the Fire on High by Elizabeth Acevedo (810)
8. A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith (810)

Summer 2024 Reading List - 8th Grade Social Studies

Mr. Spaeth

Allen, Thomas B.

- Harriet Tubman, Secret Agent: How Daring Slaves and Free Blacks Spied for the Union

During the Civil War (1120)

Anderson, Laurie Halse

Bolden, Tonya

- Emancipation Proclamation: Lincoln and the Dawn of Liberty (1160)

Davis, Kenneth

- In the Shadow of Liberty (1110)

Douglass, Frederick

- Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass (1117)

McClafferty, Carla Killough

- The Many Faces of George Washington: Remaking a Presidential Icon (1140)

Osborne, Linda Barrett

- This Land is Our Land (1080)

Schanzer, Rosalyn

- Witches! The Absolutely True Tale of Disaster in Salem (1109)

Sheinkin, Steve

- Lincoln's Grave Robbers (930)

- The Notorious Benedict Arnold: A True Story of Adventure, Heroism, and Treachery (1061)

Swanson, James L.

- Chasing Lincoln’s Killer (1080)

Walker, Sally M.

- Written in Bone: Buried Lives of Jamestown and Colonial Maryland (1201)

Washington, Booker T.

- Up From Slavery (1140)

24-25 Battle of the Books Middle School List

Battle of the Books is a reading promotion program in Elementary and Middle Schools where students compete in a tournament style competition by answering questions about books on a designated book list. For Elementary, students read a total of 12 books in preparation for the Battle of the Books competition. Participation in Battle of the Books is voluntary. For more details, please reach out to Ms. Jeanene Jones, SCAPA Librarian, jeanene.jones@fayette.kyschools.us OR 859-381-3332 Ext. 41623.

24-25 Battle of the Books Middle School List

(*KBA–Kentucky Book Award Nominee)

	<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Publi shed</u>	<u>AR Info. Book Level/Poi nts</u>	<u>Pages</u>
1.	A First Time For Everything (*KBA nominee)	Dan Santat	2023	N/A	308
2.	A Work in Progress (*KBA nominee)	Jarrett Learner	2023	3.8/2.0	368
3.	Lasagna Means I Love You	Kate O’Shaughneesy	2023	4.5/10.0	368

4.	Simon Sort of Says (*KBA nominee)	Erin Brown	202 3	5.2/11.0	320
5.	The Canyon's Edge	Dusti Bowling	202 1	4.8/3.0	408
6.	Once There Was (*KBA nominee)	Kiyash Monsef	202 3	4.9/16.0	416
7.	The Mona Lisa vanishes	Nicholas Day	202 3	6.3/7.0	288
8.	Mascot (*KBA nominee)	Charles Waters & Traci Sorell	202 3	4.9/3.0	255
9.	The Door of No Return	Kwame Alexander	202 2	5.9/4.0	432
10.	Bomb, Graphic Novel (*KBA nominee)	Steve Sheinkin	202 3	4.8/2.0	256
11.	Scratch, Scratch	Lindsay Currie	202 1	4.8/8.0	277
12.	Bite Risk (*KBA nominee)	S.J. Wills	202 3	N/A	320
13.	Just Keep Walking	Erin Soderburg	202 4	5.7/8.0	365
14.	Beneath the Wide Silk Sky	Emily Inouye Huey	202 2	4.4/13.0	336
15.	Shipwrecked: Diving For The Hidden Time Capsules On The Ocean Floor	Martin Sandler	202 3	8.9/5.0	138

