
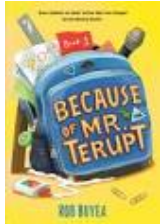
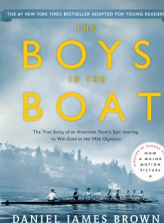

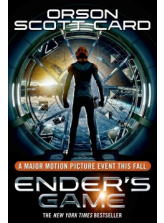
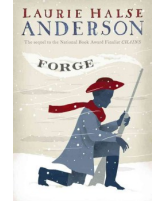

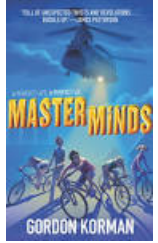
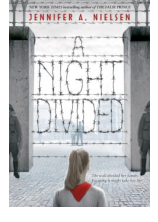
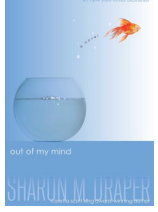


Paxon Hollow Middle School

Summer Reading Choice List 2024

All rising 6th, 7th, and 8th graders: Choose and read two books from the list below. Students can also choose to read any other book by the authors on the list.

	<p><i>Alone</i> by Megan Freeman</p>	<p>When twelve-year-old Maddie hatches a scheme for a secret sleepover with her two best friends, she ends up waking up to a nightmare. She's alone—left behind in a town that has been mysteriously evacuated and abandoned. With no one to rely on, no power, and no working phone lines or internet access, Maddie slowly learns to survive on her own. Her only companions are a Rottweiler named George and all the books she can read.</p>
	<p><i>Because of Mr. Terupt</i> by Rob Buyea</p>	<p>Seven fifth-graders at Snow Hill School in Connecticut relate how their lives are changed for the better by "rookie teacher" Mr. Terupt.</p>
	<p><i>Boys in the Boat: Young Adult Version</i> Daniel James Brown</p>	<p>Out of the depths of the Great Depression comes the astonishing tale of nine working-class boys from the American West who at the 1936 Olympics showed the world what true grit really meant. With rowers who were the sons of loggers, shipyard workers, and farmers, the University of Washington's eight-oar crew was never expected to defeat the elite East Coast teams, yet they did, going on to shock the world by challenging the German boat rowing for Adolf Hitler.</p>
	<p><i>The Crossover</i> by Kwame Alexander</p>	<p>Josh has more than basketball in his blood. He's got mad beats, too, that tell his family's story in verse. Josh and Jordan must come to grips with growing up on and off the court to realize breaking the rules comes at a terrible price, as their story's heart-stopping climax proves a game-changer for the entire family.</p>
	<p><i>Ender's Game</i> by Orson Scott Card</p>	<p>Young Ender Wiggin may prove to be the military genius Earth needs to fight a desperate battle against a deadly alien race that will determine the future of the human race.</p>
	<p><i>Forge</i> by Laurie Halse Anderson</p>	<p>Curzon, having matured from boy to man over the course of the winter with the army at Valley Forge, worries that someone will learn he is a runaway slave passing for free, and tries to figure out the meaning of his friendship with Isabel.</p>

	<p>Heat by Mike Lupica</p>	<p>Pitching prodigy Michael Arroyo is on the run from social services after being banned from playing Little League baseball because rival coaches doubt he is only twelve years old and he has no parents to offer them proof.</p>
	<p>Hoot by Carl Hiaasen</p>	<p>Everybody loves Mother Paula's pancakes. Everybody, that is, except the colony of cute but endangered owls that live on the building site of the new restaurant. In an attempt to save the owls, Roy, who is new to his small Florida community, becomes involved in another boy's attempt to prank the pancake people out of town.</p>
	<p>It's Not Bragging if It's True By Zaila Avant-Garde</p>	<p>Young readers will be inspired to embrace their inner weirdness and persevere through obstacles after reading this empowering collection of true stories from teenage Scripps National Spelling Bee champ and Guinness World Record holder Zaila Avant-Garde.</p>
	<p>Masterminds by Gordon Korman</p>	<p>Eli Frieden has never left Serenity, New Mexico...why would he ever want to? Then one day, he bikes to the edge of the city limits and something so crazy and unexpected happens, it changes everything. Soon it becomes clear that nothing is as it seems in Serenity, and Eli and his friends realize they can trust no one—least of all their own parents.</p>
	<p>The Mona Lisa Vanishes by Nicholas Day</p>	<p>A narrative nonfiction about how the Mona Lisa was stolen from the Louvre, how the robbery made the portrait the most famous artwork in the world--and how the painting by Leonardo da Vinci should never have existed at all.</p>
	<p>A Night Divided by Jennifer Neilsen</p>	<p>When the Berlin Wall went up, Gerta, her mother, and her brother Fritz were trapped on the eastern side where they were living, while her father, and her other brother Dominic were in the West--four years later, now twelve, Gerta sees her father on a viewing platform on the western side and realizes he wants her to risk her life trying to tunnel to freedom.</p>
	<p>Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper</p>	<p>Eleven-year-old Melody is not like most people. She can't walk. She can't talk. She can't write. All because she has cerebral palsy. But she is also the smartest kid in her whole school, but NO ONE knows it. Most people—her teachers, her doctors, her classmates—dismiss her as mentally challenged because she can't tell them otherwise. But Melody refuses to be defined by her disability. And she's determined to let everyone know it...somehow.</p>

	<p><i>The Graveyard Book</i> by Neil Gaimen</p>	<p>Bod is an unusual boy who inhabits an unusual place--he's the only living resident of a graveyard. Raised from infancy by the ghosts, werewolves, and other cemetery denizens, Bod has learned the antiquated customs of his guardians' time as well as their ghostly teachings--such as the ability to Fade so mere mortals cannot see him. Can a boy raised by ghosts face the wonders and terrors of the worlds of both the living and the dead?</p>
	<p><i>The Sun and the Star</i> by Rick Riordan</p>	<p>In this spinoff from the author's Percy Jackson series, Nico, the son of Hades, and his boyfriend Will, the son of Apollo, travel to Tartarus, the deepest, darkest part of the Underworld as they attempt to rescue an old friend.</p>
	<p><i>My Life in the Fish Tank</i> by Barbara Dee</p>	<p>When twelve-year-old Zinnia Manning's older brother Gabriel is diagnosed with bipolar disorder, it turns her family's world upside-down, especially since they are keeping the information private.</p>
	<p><i>The Mysterious Benedict Society</i> by Trenton Lee Stewart</p>	<p>After passing a series of mind-bending tests, four children are selected for a secret mission that requires them to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules.</p>
	<p><i>Parachute Kids</i> by Betty Tang</p>	<p>In this graphic novel, Feng Li Lin and her family embark on a two-week family tour of Los Angeles, only for Feng Li and her siblings to find out they will remain in California while their parents return to Taiwan. The three are forced to navigate a new school, a new language, bullies, racism, and the pressures of running a household with only each other.</p>
	<p><i>Planet Middle School</i> by Nikki Grimes</p>	<p>For twelve years, Joylin Johnson's life has been just fine. A game of basketball with the boys was all it took to put a smile on her face. Baggy jeans, T-shirt, and hair in a ponytail were easy choices. Then, everything suddenly seemed to change all at once. Her friends are changing, her clothes seem all wrong, and basketball isn't the same. And worst of all, there is this guy, Santiago, who appears from . . . where? What lengths will Joy go to--and who will she become--to attract his attention?</p>
	<p><i>The Strangers</i> by Margaret Peterson Haddix</p>	<p>Told from separate viewpoints, Chess, Emma, and Finn Greystone, ages twelve, ten, and eight, investigate why their mother went missing and uncover their ties to an alternate world.</p>