

Great Neck South Middle School - 2024
Incoming Grade 7 Summer Reading
Ideal Bookshelf

“I paint sets of books as a form of portraiture: a person’s favorites (of all time, within a genre or from a particular period in their lives); the ones that helped make them who they are today.

We show off our books on shelves like merit badges, because we’re proud of the ideas we’ve ingested to make us who we are, as we should be. The spine of a book is a sort of code for the giant cloud of ideas the author included within it. Just ten of them together on a sheet of paper tells the story of the mind that picked them in a way that is easily digestible but allows for endless study.” ~ Jane Mount, writer, illustrator, and founder of Ideal Bookshelf



For the Summer Reading Assignment, you will be adding at least one book from our book recommendation list to your ideal bookshelf. As you read, take notes about how the book connects to your personal experiences in the real world and your experiences in the imaginary worlds of other books you have read.

When you return to school in September, you will be discussing your reading life with your classmates. Bring your notes about your personal connections to the book and an illustration of your ideal bookshelf.

Some ideas for the illustration of your ideal bookshelf.

favorite picture book

the next book you want to read

book given as a gift from a friend or family member

hardest book you read

the book whose protagonist is most like you

book whose setting you’d love to escape to

book that made you cry, laugh or scream in frustration

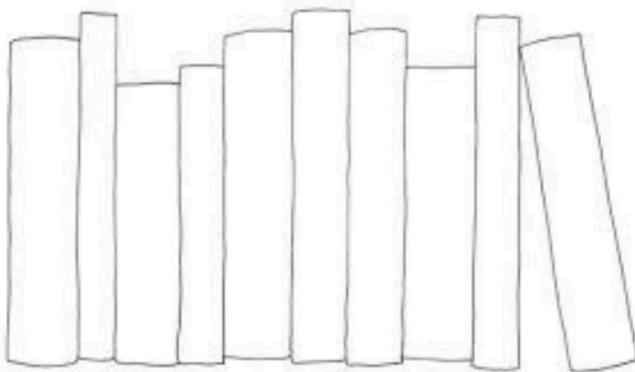
longest book you read

book that you feel was written just for you

a book you read over and over again

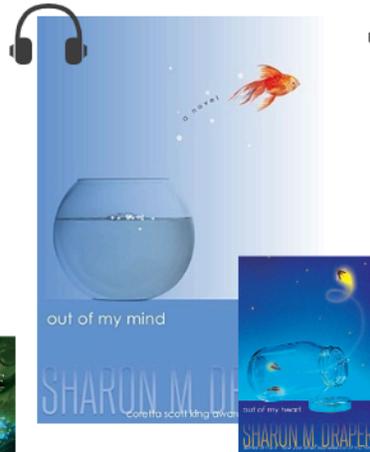
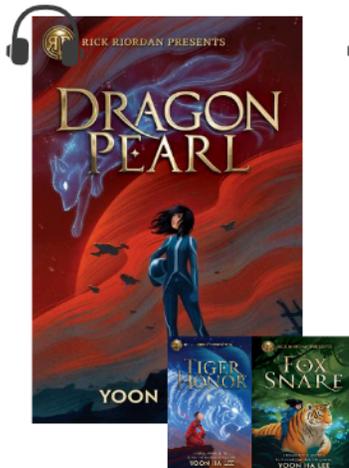
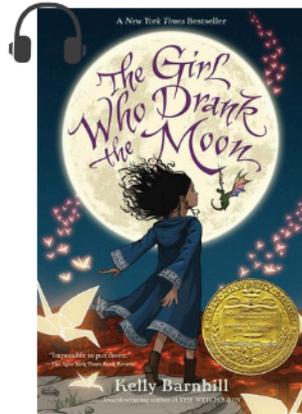
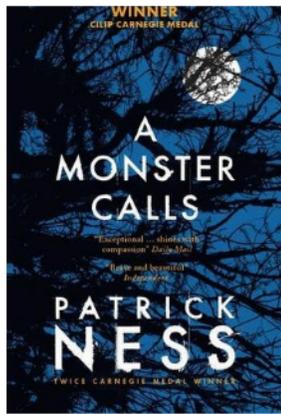
book the setting of which feels like home

a book whose characters feel like friends



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Please use this guide to access summer reading materials through the South Middle Library:



All books are available digitally and many on audio using Sora.



Want to learn more about Sora? Watch [this quick video](#):



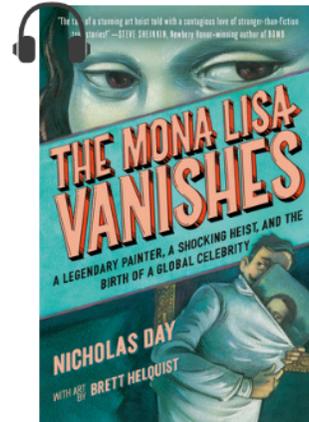
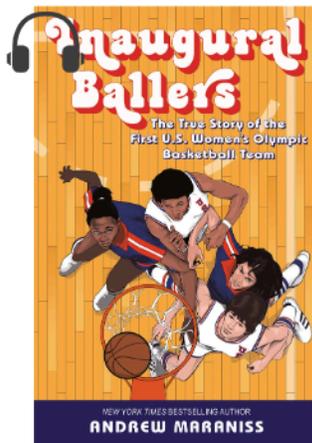
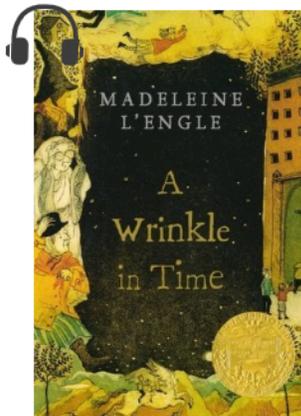
Participate in SMS Library's Summer Reading Bingo Here:



Questions on how to access? Contact Mrs. D'Onofrio - hdonofrio@greatneck.k12.ny.us

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