



Ayer Shirley Middle School
Reading Menu
Summer 2024



The following are some suggestions for your summer reading!
In addition, there are many ONLINE novels available in the student's AMPLIFY account.
All starred ** titles can be found in the "Library" App in Amplify.
(Entering 6th Graders can expect an email with with Amplify Login information shortly)

Lexile Key

6th Grade = 875L to 1180L

7th Grade = 950L to 1250L

8th Grade = 1000L to 1310L

Realistic Fiction

- **Ungifted** by Gordon Korman (730L)
- Out of My Mind** by Sharon Draper (700L)
- **Planet Tad** by Tim Carvell (940L)
- Restart** by Gordon Korman (730L)
- Posted** by John David (750L)
- **Wonder** by R.J. Palacio (790L)
- Wolf Hollow** by Lauren Wolk (800L)
- **One Crazy Summer** by Rita Williams Garcia (750L)
- The Wednesday Wars** by Gary Schmidt (990L)
- **Criss Cross** by Lynne Rae Perkins (820L)
- Tumble** by Celia Perez (660L)
- **Absolutely Normal Chaos** by Sharon Creech (900L)
- Esperanza Rising** by Pam Muñoz Ryan (750L)
- Jennifer Chan is Not Alone** by Tae Keller (640L)
- ** Alan Cole Doesn't Dance** by Eric Bell (650L)

Poetry

- Love That Dog** by Sharon Creech (1010L)
- Swimming Upstream: Middle School Poems** by The Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo
- The Rose that Grew From Concrete** by Tupac Shakur

Fantasy

- **The Graveyard Book** by Neil Gaiman (820L)
- The Sun and the Star** by Rick Riordan
- The Girl Who Drank the Moon** by Kelly Barnhill (640L)
- **Survivors #1: The Empty City** by Erin Hunter (760L)
- The Key to Extraordinary** by Natalie Lloyd (670L)
- Things Not Seen** by Andrew Clements (690L)
- Maze Runner Series** by James Dashner (810L)
- Uglies** by Scott Westerfeld (770L)
- Sal and Gabi Break the Universe** by Carlos Hernandez
- Too Bright to See** by Kyle Lukoff (790L)
- ** Divergent** by Veronica Roth (700L)
- **The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe** by C.S. Lewis

Action/Adventure

- **Bridge to Terabithia** by Katherine Paterson
- Peak** by Roland Smith (760L)
- **And Then There Were None** by Agatha Christie (570L)
- Allies** by Alan Gratz (780L)
- **The Bad Beginning** by Lemony Snicket (1010L)

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen (1020L)

****The Wanderer** by Sharon Cheech (830L)

The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins (820L)

The Eyes and the Impossible by David Eggers

Historical Perspective

Heroes by Alan Gratz (780L)

The War that Saved My Life by K. B. Bradley (580L)

****The Freedom Maze** by Delia Sherman (840L)

Thieves of Ostia by Caroline Lawrence (720L)

One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia (750L)

****Inside out and Back Again** by **Thanhha Lai** (1080L)

Chasing Lincoln's Killer by J. L. Swanson (980L)

Lines of Courage by Jennifer Nielsen

The Door of No Return by Kwame Alexander

Hero on a Bicycle by Shirley Hughes (880L)

On the Horizon by Lois Lowry (580L)

The Faithful Spy: Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the Plot to Kill Hitler by John Hendrix (980L)

All About Science!

The Walking Fish by Rachelle Burk

Jake and the Quake by Cary Sneider

****Hold Zero** by Jean George

Bees on the Roof by Robbie Shell

Bomb: The Race to Build and Steal the Most Dangerous Weapon by Steve Sheinkin (920L)

****Among the Great Apes** by Paul Raffaela

How We Got to the Moon by John Rocco (1170 L)

What's In Your Genes? by Katie Mckissick

Welcome to Mars: Making a Home on the Red Planet by Buzz Aldrin

Girls Think of Everything: Stories of Ingenious Inventions by Women by Catherine Thimmesh

How to Build a Human: In Seven Evolutionary Steps by Pamela Turner (990L)

Sports Related

NON-FICTION

Inspirational Sports Stories for Young Readers
by Kurt Taylor

The Flea: The Amazing Story of Leo Messi
by Michael Part

Epic Athletes: Patrick Mahomes by Dan Wetzel

****Dale Earnhardt Jr.** by Doeden (710L)

Simone Biles by Katie Lajiness (780L)

****Guys Read: The Sports Pages** by **John Scieszka** (840L)

Rising Above: How 11 Athletes Overcame

****Michelle Kwan** by Anne E. Hill (990L)

Who is LeBron James? By Crystal Hubbard and Who HQ?

**** Alex Rodriguez** by Serena Kappes (980L)

FICTION

Tangerine (soccer) by Edward Bloor (680L)

Ghost (track) by Jason Reynolds (730L)

Lu by Jason Reynolds (750 L)

Travel Team (basketball) by Mike Lupica (930L)

****Baseball Great** by **Tim Green** (840L)

The Crossover by Kwame Alexander(750L)

Graphic Novels

Mexikid: A Graphic Memoir by Pedro Martín.

Awkward by Svetlana Chmakova

Twins by Varian Johnson

Class Act by Jerry Craft

Roller Girl by Victoria Jamieson (440L)

Dragon Hoops by Gene Luen Yang (550 L)

Maximum Ride - The Angel Experiment by James Patterson (700L)

Heartstopper by Alice Oseman

Swim Team by Johnnie Christmas

Frizzy by Claribel Ortega

Passport by Sophia Glock

