



Ayer Shirley Middle School

Reading Menu

Summer 2025



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 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)
****One Crazy Summer** by Rita Williams Garcia (750L)
****Criss Cross** by Lynne Rae Perkins (820L)
****Absolutely Normal Chaos** by Sharon Creech (900L)
Esperanza Rising by Pam Muñoz Ryan (750L)
****Alan Cole Doesn't Dance** by Eric Bell (650L)
Old School by Gordon Korman
Kareem Between by Shifa Saltagi Safadi
Not Nothing by Gayle Forman
Whale's Eyes A Memoir of Seeing and Being Seen by James Robinson (880L)

Poetry

- Love That Dog** by Sharon Creech (1010L)
**** Inside Out and Back Again** by Thannha Lai
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)
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 First State of Being by Erin Entrada Kelly

Action/Adventure

- **Bridge to Terabithia** by Katherine Paterson
****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 Creech (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)

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)

When We Flew Away by Alice Hoffman (940L)

Across So Many Seas by Ruth Behar

All About Science!

The Walking Fish by Rachele Burk

Jake and the Quake by Cary Sneider

****Hold Zero** by Jean George

Bees on the Roof by Robbie Shell

Space: From Sputnik to the International Space Station by Jan van der Veken

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

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

FICTION

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)

Learning to Fall by Sally Engelfried

The Big Game by Tim Green

Graphic Novels

Mexikid: A Graphic Memoir by Pedro Martín.

Awkward by Svetlana Chmakova

Twins by Varian Johnson

Class Act by Jerry Craft

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

Popcorn by Bob Harrell

Halfway There: A Graphic Memoir of Self-Discovery by Christine Mari