

# Suggested Summer Reading

## Ramapo Ridge Middle School

*Revised May 2025 by Amy Matulevich, Library Media Specialist*

The following selections are geared for readers at the middle school level, covering reading levels and interests from grades 5 through 9. However, please note that while movies have ratings to help parents and students make decisions about what material may or may not be appropriate, there are no such ratings in the publishing world. We trust that our students, with the help of their parents, can make appropriate choices for themselves.

AUTHOR	TITLE	TOPICS/THEMES/GENRES
Alexander, Kwame	<i>The Crossover; Rebound (Crossover prequel)</i>	Basketball fiction; Realistic fiction
Applegate, Katherine	<i>The Last</i>	Animal Fantasy; Quests; Human/Animal relationships
Applegate, Katherine	<i>The One and Only Ivan; The One and Only Bob; and The One and Only Ruby</i>	Children's stories; Animals; Friendships; First person narratives; Juvenile fiction
Arango, Andrea Beatriz	<i>Iveliz Explains It All</i>	Anxiety disorders; Psychotherapy fiction; Juvenile fiction; Novels in verse
Barnes, Jennifer Lynn	<i>The Inheritance Games series</i>	Teenage girls fiction; Inheritance and succession; Wealth; Puzzles; Mystery and Detective series
Barnhill, Kelly	<i>The Girl Who Drank the Moon</i>	Witches fiction; Magic fiction; Friendship fiction, Fantasy
Behar, Ruth	<i>Across So Many Seas</i>	Jews fiction; Family life fiction; refugees
Bell, Cece	<i>El Deafo</i>	Cartoonists; Deaf children; Graphic novel; Biography
Blake, Ashley Herring	<i>Ivy Aberdeen's Letter to the World</i>	Artists fiction; LGBTQIA; Family life fiction; Friendship fiction
Bosch, Pseudonymous	<i>Secret series</i>	Adventure stories; Fantasy mystery stories
Boyne, John	<i>The Boy in the Striped Pajamas: A Fable</i>	Concentration camps fiction; Historical fiction; Nazis fiction; Holocaust fiction
Bradbury, Ray	<i>Fahrenheit 451</i>	Book burning fiction; Science fiction
Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker	<i>The War That Saved My Life</i>	World War 1939-1945; Brothers and sisters; People with disabilities
Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker	<i>Fighting Words</i>	Middle school; Sisters; Suicidal behavior; Foster children; Fiction
Brown, Peter	<i>The Wild Robot trilogy</i>	Robots; Islands; Survival; Friendship; Science fiction
Clare, Cassandra	<i>Mortal Instruments series; Infernal Devices series; Dark Artifacts series</i>	Magic fiction; Vampires fiction; Supernatural fiction
Colfer, Chris	<i>Land of Stories series</i>	Fairy tales; Magic; Siblings; Twins
Colfer, Eoin	<i>Artemis Fowl series</i>	Magic fiction; Fairies fiction, Fantasy

Collins, Suzanne	<i>The Hunger Games</i> series	Survival fiction, Contests; Television programs; Science fiction
Courtney, Nadine Jolie	<i>All-American Muslim Girl</i>	Muslims; Family life; Prejudices; Fiction
Craft, Jerry	<i>New Kid</i>	African Americans; Middle school boys; Graphic novel
Dashner, James	<i>Maze Runner</i> series	Survival skills fiction; Science fiction
DiCamillo, Kate	<i>Flora and Ulysses</i>	Girls fiction; Squirrels fiction; Superheroes fiction; Fantasy
DiCamillo, Kate	<i>Tiger Rising</i>	Tigers fiction; Friendship; Animal welfare fiction; Realistic fiction
Everett, Sarah	<i>The Probability of Everything</i>	Family life fiction; End of the world; Asteroids
Flanagan, John	<i>The Ranger's Apprentice</i> series	Adventure stories; Heroes and heroines fiction; Fantasy fiction
Friend, Natasha	<i>Perfect</i>	Grief and Death fiction; Bulimia fiction, Realistic fiction
Gibbs, Stuart	<i>Spy School</i> series	Action and adventure fiction; Spies fiction; Schools fiction; Thrillers
Gidwitz, Adam	<i>Max in the House of Spies</i>	Jews fiction; World War II; Spy stories; Historical fiction
Gratz, Alan	<i>Projekt 1065</i>	Historical fiction; Action and adventure fiction; Survival stories; World War II
Han, Jenny	<i>To All the Boys I've Loved Before</i> series	Dating; Sisters; Love stories; fiction
Harrington, C. C.	<i>Wildoak</i>	Stuttering; Human-animal relationships; Snow leopard; Self-confidence fiction
Hiaasen, Carl	<i>Hoot; Scat; Flush; Chomp; Squirm</i>	Environmental protection fiction; Wildlife conservation fiction; Realistic fiction
Higuera, Donna Barba	<i>The Last Cuentista</i>	Science fiction; Girls fiction; Life on other planets
Horowitz, Anthony	<i>Alex Rider</i> series	Spies fiction; Adventure fiction
Hunter, Erin	<i>Warriors</i> series	Cats fiction; Adventure fiction; Fantasy fiction
Jamieson, Victoria	<i>Roller Girl</i>	Roller derby -- Comic books, strips, etc; Best friends; Sports stories
Kamkwamba, William	<i>The Boy who Harnessed the Wind</i>	Inventors Biography; Malawi; Windmills; Wind power

Keller, Tae	<i>When You Trap a Tiger</i>	Korean Folklore; Family relationships; Friendship fiction
Kelly, Erin Entrada	<i>First State of Being</i>	Time travel fiction; Friendship; Filipino Americans
Kelly, Erin Entrada	<i>Hello Universe</i>	Bullies fiction; Friendship fiction
Kelly, Erin Entrada	<i>We Dream of Space</i>	Challenger Spacecraft; Brothers and sisters; Science projects; Historical fiction
Kelly, Jacqueline	<i>The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate</i>	Nature fiction; Family Life Texas fiction; Historical fiction
Kinney, Jeff	<i>Diary of a Wimpy Kid</i> series	Middle School; Friendship fiction; Humorous stories
Korman, Gordon	<i>Restart</i>	Bullies fiction; Internersonal relationships fiction; Amnesia fiction; Self-perception fiction
LaRocca, Rajani	<i>Red, White, and Whole</i>	East Indians fiction; Families; Friendships; Sick parents; Middle schools; Novels in verse
Little Badger, Darcie	<i>A Snake Falls to Earth</i>	Apache mythology; Apache girls; Shapeshifting; Indians of North America - Legends - fiction
Lord, Cynthia	<i>Rules</i>	Autism; Siblings; Realistic fiction
Lowry, Lois	<i>Son</i>	Mother child relationship; Dystopias; Science fiction
Lu, Marie	<i>Legend</i> series	Science fiction; War; Resistance to government; Siblings
Lukoff, Kyle	<i>Too Bright to See</i>	Middle school students; Friendships; Ghost stories; Gender indentity; Transgender fiction
Lupica, Mike	<i>Batting Order</i>	Baseball fiction; Parent and child fiction; Self-confidence fiction
Lupica, Mike	<i>The Only Game</i>	Baseball fiction; Grief; Bullies; Friendship
Lupica, Mike	<i>Travel Team; Summer Ball</i>	Basketball fiction; Realistic fiction
Luqman-Dawson, Amina	<i>Freewater</i>	African Americans fiction; slavery fiction, brothers and sisters, community fiction
McAnulty, Stacy	<i>The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl</i>	Middle schools fiction; Interpersonal relationships fiction; Obsessive-compulsive disorders fiction
Medina, Meg	<i>Merci Suárez Changes Gears</i>	Hispanic Americans fiction; Schools fiction, Friendship fiction

Méndez, Jasminne	<i>Aniana del Mar Jumps In</i>	Swimmers fiction; Dominican Americans; People with disabilities; Novels in verse
Messenger, Shannon	<i>Keeper of the Lost City</i> series	Fantasy fiction; Elves fiction; Identity fiction; Psychic Abilities fiction
Mull, Brandon	<i>Beyonders</i> series	Heroes and heroines; Magic; Revolutions; Space and time; Fantasy fiction
O'Shaughnessy, Kate	<i>The Wrong Way Home</i>	Adventure fiction; Cults; Mother and daughter relationship
Patron, Susan	<i>The Higher Power of Lucky</i>	Abandoned children Fiction; Interpersonal relations Fiction; Runaways Fiction
Patterson, James	<i>Maximum Ride</i> series	First person narratives; Multiple perspectives; Science fiction
Patterson, James	<i>Middle School</i> series	Collaborative novels; Realistic fiction
Philbrick, W. R.	<i>The Mostly True Adventure of Homer P. Figg</i>	Orphans fiction; Historical fiction; Adventure fiction
Pullman, Philip	<i>His Dark Materials</i> series ( <i>The Golden Compass</i> )	Experiments; Good and Evil; Fantasy fiction
Reynolds, Jason	<i>Ghost; Patina; Sunny; Lu</i> ( <i>Track</i> series)	Running fiction; Track and Field fiction; African Americans fiction; Friendship fiction
Riordan, Rick	<i>Percy Jackson &amp; the Olympians</i> series; <i>Heroes of Olympus</i> series; <i>Trials of Apollo</i> series	Greek Mythology fiction; Camps fiction; Monsters fiction
Rostan, Andrew	<i>The Circuit</i>	Graphic novel adaptation; Mexican Americans; Autobiographical comics
Rowling, J. K.	<i>Harry Potter</i> series	Boy Wizards, Magic, Fantasy fiction
Russell, Rachel Renée	<i>Dork Diaries</i> series	Friendship; Popularity; Artists; School stories
Ryan, Pam Muñoz	<i>Echo</i>	Harmonica; Music; Fate and fatalism; Germany; Historical fiction
Schu, John	<i>Louder Than Hunger</i>	Teenage boys fiction; Mental health; Eating disorders; Novels in verse
Shusterman, Neal	<i>Skinjacker</i> series	Death fiction; Ghost stories; Future life fiction
Snicket, Lemony	<i>All the Wrong Questions</i> series	Mystery fiction; Humorous fiction
Snicket, Lemony	<i>A Series of Unfortunate Events</i>	Orphans; Siblings; Humorous fiction

Soontornvat, Christina	<i>All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team</i>	Survival stories; Non-fiction; Biography
Soontornvat, Christina	<i>The Last Mapmaker</i>	Cartographers; Imaginary places; Ocean travel fiction; Adventure stories
Stewart, Trenton Lee	<i>Mysterious Benedict Society</i> series	Adventure; Friendship; School stories; Science fiction
Sutherland, Tui	<i>Wings of Fire</i> series	Dragons; Prophecy; Identity; Fantasy fiction; Action and adventure fiction
Tahir, Sabaa	<i>An Ember in the Ash</i> series	Siblings; Slaves; Fantasy; Romance fiction
Telgemeier, Raina	<i>Smile; Drama</i> (sequel)	Middle School; Friendship fiction; Comic Strips
Telgemeier, Raina	<i>Guts</i>	Autobiography; Anxiety; Stress; Comic Strips
Michael J. Tougas & Alison O'Leary	<i>Abandon ship! : the true World War II story about the sinking of the Laconia</i>	World War II 1939-1945; Laconia steamship; Rescue work; Submarines
Ursu, Anne	<i>Not Quite a Ghost</i>	Moving; Step-Families fiction; Nightmares; Ghost stories
Warga, Jasmine	<i>Other Words for Home</i>	Emigration and immigration; Syrian Americans; Juvenile fiction
Yang, Kelly	<i>Front Desk</i> series	Asian Americans; Friendship fiction; Immigrants fiction
Yee, Lisa	<i>Maizy Chen's Last Chance</i>	Grandparents; Restaurants; Chinese Americans; Racism; Genaology; Juvenile fiction
Yoon, Nicola	<i>Everything, Everything</i>	Friendship; Allergy; Romance; Racially mixed people; Fiction
Yoon, Nicola	<i>The Sun is Also a Star</i>	Teenagers; Fate and Fatalism; Romance; Fiction
Yousafzai, Malala	<i>I am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Changed the World</i>	Education; Human rights -- Pakistan; Biography
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