2026 Suggested Summer Reading: Incoming 7th and 8th Graders

Classics

- “Fahrenheit 451” by Ray Bradbury
- “Hatchet” by Gary Paulsen
- “The Giver” quartet by Lois Lowry

Fantasy

- “A Wrinkle in Time” by Madeline L'Engle
- “The Hobbit” by J.R.R. Tolkien
- “Impossible Creatures” series by Katherine Rundell
- “Ranger's Apprentice” series by John Flanagan
- “The Lord of the Rings” series by J.R.R. Tolkien

Graphic Novels

- “Outsider Kids” by Betty Tang
- “Run” and “March” series by John Lewis

Historical Fiction

- “Ground Zero” by Alan Gratz
- “I Must Betray You” by Ruta Sepetys
- “Refugee” by Alan Gratz
- “The Bletchley Riddle” by Ruta Sepetys
- “The Lions' Run” by Sara Pennypacker

Horror

- “City of Ghosts” by Victoria Schwab
- “Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children” by Ransom Riggs

Mystery/ Thriller

- “Blood in the Water” by Tiffany D. Jackson
- “Girl, Stolen” by April Henry
- “The Inheritance Games” series by Jennifer Barnes
- “The Sherlock Society” series by James Ponti

Non-Fiction

- “Bomb” by Steve Sheinkin
- “Chasing Space: Young Readers Edition” by Leland Melvin
- “Death in the Jungle: Murder, Betrayal, and the Lost Dream of Jonestown” by Candace Fleming

Realistic Fiction

- “Dragon Hoops” by Gene Luen Yang
- “The Crossover” series by Alexander Kwame
- “To All the Boys I've Loved Before” by Jenny Han
- “Under the Neon Lights” by Arriel Vinson
- “Ungifted” series by Gordon Korman

Science Fiction

- “Divergent” series by Veronica Roth
- “Illuminae Files” series by Amie Kaufman
- “Legend” series by Marie Lu
- “The Maze Runner” series by James Dashner
- “The Hunger Games” series by Suzanne Collins
- “The Lorien Legacies” series by Pittacus Lore
- “The Lunar Chronicles” series by Marissa Meyer
- “The Nemesis” series by Brendan Reichs
- “The Selection” series by Kierra Cass
- “Thunder City” by Phillip Reeve

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