7th Grade Summer Reading 2026-2027

Seventh graders should read **three books from the list below that they have not read before and complete three activities on the attached chart.** Titles selected for seventh grade include a variety of reading levels and echo themes explored in literature class: belonging, loyalty, freedom, resilience, love and loss, and hope in dark times.

**Books available in the libraries at St.Mary's or OverDrive*

- ☐ *Anything but Typical* by Nora Raleigh Baskin
- ☐ *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith*
- ☐ *Between Shades of Gray* by Ruta Sepetys*
- ☐ *Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Paterson*
- ☐ *Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson*
- ☐ *Code Name Verity* by Elizabeth Wein*
- ☐ *Dear Martin* by Nic Stone*
- ☐ *Fever 1793* by Laurie Halse Anderson*
- ☐ *Flygirl* by Sherri Smith*
- ☐ *Inside Out and Back Again* by Thanhhà Lai *
- ☐ *Island of Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell*
- ☐ *Julie of the Wolves* by Jean Craighead George*
- ☐ *Number the Stars by* Lois Lowry*
- ☐ *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* by Mildred D. Taylor*
- ☐ *Romiette and Julio* by Sharon M. Draper*
- ☐ *Rules* by Cynthia Lord*
- ☐ *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak*
- ☐ *The Cay* by Theodore Taylor*
- ☐ *The Giver* by Lois Lowry*
- ☐ *The Moon Without Stars* by Chanel Miller*
- ☐ *The War That Saved My Life* by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley*
- ☐ *Wolf Hollow* by Lauren Wolk*

7th Grade Summer Reading Activity Chart

Directions: After reading three books from the list, choose **three different activities** below and complete them by the first day of school. Be sure to include titles and authors and label your projects with your name and grade.

Get Artsy!	Be Creative!	Think Outside the Book!
Book Jacket Redesign: Design a new book cover for a summer reading book. Consider the themes, characters, and setting.	**Soundtrack:** Imagine your book as a movie and create a soundtrack cover. Include 6 song titles and artists that capture the mood and themes, and explain (2-3 sentences) why each song belongs.	**Book-Inspired Recipe:** Create a recipe inspired by one of your books. This could be a dish mentioned in the story, a snack that reflects a character's personality, or even a symbolic entree related to a theme. Then explain in a short paragraph (5-7 sentences) what makes this dish so important.
Comic Strip: Turn a scene from your book into a comic strip. Use dialogue bubbles and illustrations to tell the story.	**Map It Out:** Draw and color a map of the book's setting. Include important locations and label them with details from the story.	**Write a New Ending:** Write a one-page ending or epilogue to the book's ending. What will you change? What will you keep the same?
Character Collage: Make a collage representing a character from your book. Use images and words from magazines, newspapers, or drawings.	**Poem & Illustration:** Write a poem (at least 8 lines; any form) inspired by the book and create an illustration to go with it.	**Social Media Profile:** Create a profile page (on paper) including posts, images, and interactions that reflect the character's personality, experiences, and relationships within the story.