

MOUNTAINSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

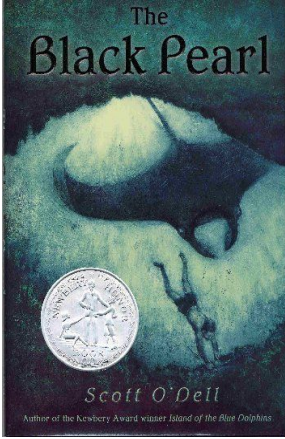
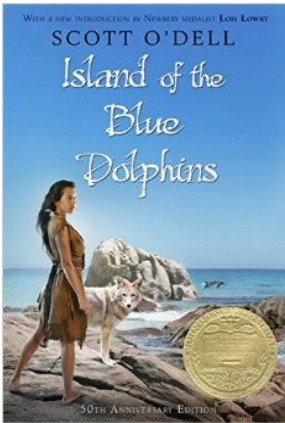
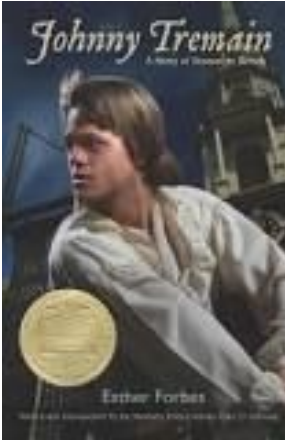
6TH GRADE HONORS LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE: SUMMER READING BOOK LIST

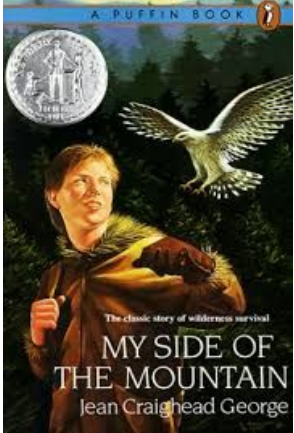


Summer Reading Expectations

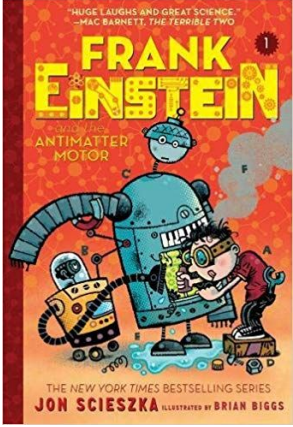
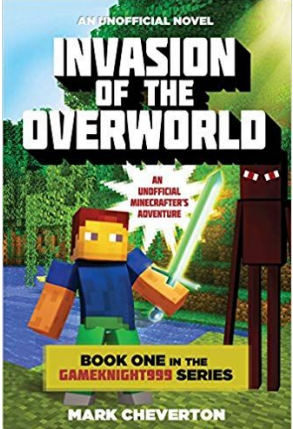
- 1) Read one novel from the list below.
- 2) Complete a summer reading book project. Refer to the “Summer Reading Project Directions” document for more information on project choices and guidelines.

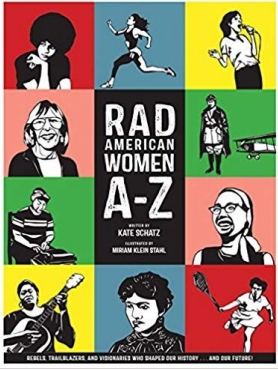
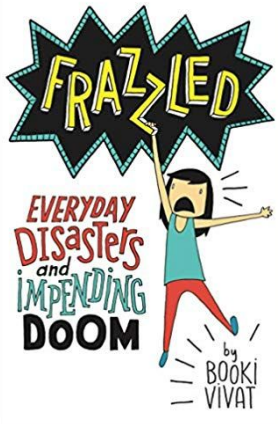
Title & Author	Book Cover	Summary
<i>Ask Me No Questions</i> by Marina Budhos 2007	The book cover for 'Ask Me No Questions' by Marina Budhos features a black and white photograph of a young woman with dark hair, looking off to the side. The title 'Ask Me No Questions' is written in large, white, sans-serif font over the image. Above the title, in smaller text, it says 'NADIRA JUST WANTS TO BE ACCEPTED—IN HER OWN COUNTRY.' The author's name 'MARINA BUDHOS' is at the bottom.	Nadira and her family are illegal aliens, fleeing to the Canadian border -- running from the country they thought was their home. For years since emigrating from Bangladesh, they have lived on expired visas in New York City, hoping they could someday realize their dream of becoming legal citizens of the United States. But after 9/11, everything changes. Suddenly, being Muslim means being dangerous, a suspected terrorist. And when Nadira's father is arrested and detained at the border, Nadira and her older sister, Aisha, are sent back to Queens and told to carry on, as if everything's the same. It's up to Nadira to find a way to bring her family back together again.

The Black Pearl by Scott O'Dell 1967		From the depths of a cave in the Vermilion Sea, Ramon Salazar has wrested a black pearl so lustrous and captivating that his father, an expert pearl dealer, is certain Ramon has found the legendary Pearl of Heaven. Such a treasure is sure to bring great joy to the villagers of their tiny coastal town, and even greater renown to the Salazar name. No diver, not even the swaggering Gaspar Ruiz, has ever found a pearl like this! But is there a price to pay for a prize so great? When a terrible tragedy strikes the village, old Luzon's warning about El Diablo returns to haunt Ramon. If El Diablo actually exists, it will take all Ramon's courage to face the winged creature waiting for him offshore.
Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell 1960		In the Pacific there is an island that looks like a big fish sunning itself in the sea. Around it, blue dolphins swim, otters play, and sea elephants and sea birds abound. Once, Indians also lived on the island. And when they left and sailed to the east, one young girl was left behind. This is the story of Karana, the Indian girl who lived alone for years on the Island of the Blue Dolphins. Year after year, she watched one season pass into another and waited for a ship to take her away. But while she waited, she kept herself alive by building shelter, making weapons, finding food, and fighting her enemies, the wild dogs. It is not only an unusual adventure of survival, but also a tale of natural beauty and personal discovery.
Johnny Tremain by Esther Forbes 1943		<i>Johnny Tremain</i>, winner of the 1944 Newbery Medal, is one of the finest historical novels ever written for children. As compelling today as it was seventy years ago, to read this riveting novel is to live through the defining events leading up to the American Revolutionary War. Fourteen-year-old Johnny Tremain, an apprentice silversmith with a bright future ahead of him, injures his hand in a tragic accident, forcing him to look for other work. In his new job as a horse-boy, riding for the patriotic newspaper, <i>The Boston Observer</i>, and as a messenger for the Sons of Liberty, he encounters John Hancock, Samuel Adams, and Dr. Joseph Warren. Soon Johnny is involved in the pivotal events shaping the American Revolution from the Boston Tea Party to the first shots fired at Lexington.

My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George 1959		Fifteen-year-old Sam Gibley has decided to run away from his crowded apartment home, but unlike most kids who rarely get beyond their block, Sam goes from New York City all the way to the ruined farm of Great-grandfather Gibley in the Catskill Mountains of upstate New York. There are no buildings or people on the old Gibley farm, so Sam sets up residence by hollowing out the trunk of an ancient Hemlock tree. He has brought only a few tools of survival with him: a penknife, a ball of cord, an ax, 40 dollars, and some flint and steel to help him make fire. Using these simple tools and his wits, Sam learns to live off the land, and in the course of a year, discovers just how much he values freedom, independence, and adventure when faced with the challenges of blizzards, loneliness and fear.
Schooled by Gordon Korman 2008		Capricorn Cap Anderson has been homeschooled by his hippie grandmother, Rain. When Rain is injured in a fall, Cap is forced to attend the local middle school. Although he knows a lot about Zen Buddhism, nothing has prepared him for the politics of public school.
Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls 1996		Billy has long dreamt of owning not one, but two, dogs. So when he's finally able to save up enough money for two pups to call his own—Old Dan and Little Ann—he's ecstatic. Soon Billy and his hounds become the finest hunting team in the valley. Stories of their great achievements spread throughout the region, and the combination of Old Dan's brawn, Little Ann's brains, and Billy's sheer will seems unbeatable. But tragedy awaits these determined hunters—now friends—and Billy learns that hope can grow out of despair, and that the seeds of the future can come from the scars of the past.

Additional titles available at local libraries and bookstores:

Title & Author	Book Cover	Summary
Frank Einstein by Jon Scieszka 2017	 The book cover for 'Frank Einstein: Antimatter Motor' features a vibrant orange background. At the top, a quote reads 'HUGE LAUGHS AND GREAT SCIENCE' -MAC BARNETT, THE TERRIBLE TWO. The title 'FRANK EINSTEIN' is in large, bold, yellow letters. Below it, 'ANTIMATTER MOTOR' is written in smaller white letters. The central illustration shows a young boy with glasses and a red shirt working on a large, blue, mechanical robot. A smaller robot is also visible. At the bottom, it says 'THE NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING SERIES' and 'JON SCIESZKA ILLUSTRATED BY BRIAN BIGGS'.	In his Grandpa Al's garage workshop, child genius Frank Einstein tries to invent a robot that can learn on its own, and after an accident brings wisecracking Klink and overly expressive Klank to life, they set about helping Frank perfect his Antimatter Motor until his arch nemesis, T. Edison, steals the robots for his doomsday plan.
Invasion of the Overworld By Mark Cheverton 2014	 The book cover for 'Invasion of the Overworld' has a green and blue background. At the top, it says 'AN UNOFFICIAL NOVEL'. The title 'INVASION OF THE OVERWORLD' is in large, bold, white letters. Below it, 'AN UNOFFICIAL MINECRAFT'S ADVENTURE' is written in smaller white letters. The central illustration shows a Minecraft character with a blue shirt and green pants holding a sword. At the bottom, it says 'BOOK ONE IN THE GAMEKNIGHT999 SERIES' and 'MARK CHEVERTON'.	The world of Minecraft comes to life in this thrilling adventure! Gameknight999 loved Minecraft, but above all else, he loved to grief-to intentionally ruin the gaming experience for other users. When one of his father's inventions teleports him into the game, Gameknight is forced to live out a real-life adventure inside a digital world. What will happen if he's killed? Will he respawn? Die in real life? Stuck in the game, Gameknight discovers Minecraft's best-kept secret, something not even the game's programmers realize: the creatures within the game are alive! He will have to stay one step ahead of the sharp claws of zombies and pointed fangs of spiders, but he'll also have to learn to make friends and work as a team if he has any chance of surviving the Minecraft war his arrival has started.

Rad American Women By Kate Schatz 2015		Profiled are 26 American women from the 18th through 21st centuries, who have made--or are still making--history as artists, writers, teachers, lawyers, or athletes. The women come from a variety of economic and ethnic backgrounds and many had to overcome extreme hardships. One woman represents each alphabetical letter beginning with Angela Davis, an activist, teacher, and writer, and concludes with Zora Neale Hurston, an anthropologist and writer.
Frazzled: Everyday Disasters and Impending Doom By Booki Viviat 2016		Middle child and soon-to-be middle schooler Abbie Wu is in major need of crisis control. Her fear and anxiety have her constantly freaking out, especially when it comes to sixth grade. Abbie's mom doesn't understand why she's stressed, and her perfect siblings aren't helping the situation, either. Because Abbie couldn't decide on an elective class, she's been assigned to study hall. Her two best friends actually enjoy school and have found activities they're passionate about. Not having a "Thing" like everyone else is making Abbie feel left behind. The only part of school she's looking forward to is the cafeteria lunches, which include pizza, fries, and cookies. When Abbie discovers that sixth graders are forbidden from eating those foods, she organizes an underground lunch exchange. The success of her food rebellion gives Abbie the confidence to find her voice and, ultimately, her "Thing."