

# Suggested Summer Reading

## Ramapo Ridge Middle School

*Revised June 2026 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, Derrick	<i>The Incredibly Human Henson Blayze</i>	Football fiction; Racism fiction; African Americans fiction
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
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</i> trilogy	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</i> series	Fairy tales; Magic; Siblings; Twins
Colfer, Eoin	<i>Artemis Fowl</i> series	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 series</i>	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
Duncan, Violet	<i>Buffalo Dreamer</i>	Dreams fiction; Cree Indians fiction; Grandfathers fiction
Everett, Sarah	<i>The Probability of Everything</i>	Family life fiction; End of the world; Asteroids
Flanagan, John	<i>The Ranger's Apprentice series</i>	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 series</i>	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 ficiton
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 series</i>	Dating; Sisters; Love stories; fiction

Harrington, C. C.	<i>Wildoak</i>	Stuttering; Human-animal relationships; Snow leopard; Self-confidence fiction
Hartman, Aubrey	<i>The Undead Fox of Deadwood Forest</i>	Future life fiction; Animals fiction; Forests and forestry 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
Leon, Pablo	<i>Silenced Voices: Reclaiming Memories from the Guatemalan Genocide</i>	Guatemala History 1960-1996, Civil War; Comic books, strips, etc.
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 series</i>	Science fiction; War; Resistance to government; Siblings
Lukoff, Kyle	<i>Too Bright to See</i>	Middle school students; Friendships; Ghost stories; Gender identity; 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, Jasmine	<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 series</i>	Fantasy fiction; Elves fiction; Identity fiction; Psychic Abilities fiction

Mull, Brandon	<i>Beyonders series</i>	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 series</i>	First person narratives; Multiple perspectives; Science fiction
Patterson, James	<i>Middle School series</i>	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 series (The Golden Compass)</i>	Experiments; Good and Evil; Fantasy fiction
Reynolds, Jason	<i>Ghost; Patina; Sunny; Lu (Track series)</i>	Running fiction; Track and Field fiction; African Americans fiction; Friendship fiction
Riordan, Rick	<i>Percy Jackson &amp; the Olympians series; Heroes of Olympus series; Trials of Apollo series</i>	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
Taylor, Jordan	<i>The Rebel Girls of Rome</i>	World War 1939-1945; LGBTQ 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. Tougias & 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
Watson, Renée	<i>All the Blues in the Sky</i>	Grief fiction; Friendship fiction; Novels in verse
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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