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Summer Reading Suggestions for grades 6-8

Reading is one of the most important lifelong skills we can develop in children. And we know this summer is going to look a bit different than most, but the public libraries of Maplewood and South Orange are here to help. This list of summer reading suggestions was compiled by your librarians from the South Orange and Maplewood Middle Schools, Columbia High School, and the public libraries. Physical copies are available at Maplewood Memorial Library, Hilton Branch Library, and South Orange Public Library as well as your local book store, but we have linked ebooks and eaudiobooks where available for ease of access. These links may change and new titles may be added, so please search our platforms if you're having a hard time accessing a title.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer and Happy Reading!

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FICTION

The 47 People You’ll Meet in Middle School
Kristen Mahoney
MML: eBCCLS
SOPL: eLibraryNJ

Akata Witch
Nnedi Okorafor
MML: eBCCLS | Hoopla
SOPL: eLibraryNJ

All the Greys on Greene Street
Laura Tucker
MML: eBCCLS
SOPL: eLibraryNJ

All’s Faire in Middle School
Victoria Jamieson
MML: eBCCLS
SOPL: eLibraryNJ

Amal Unbound
Aisha Saeed
MML: eBCCLS
SOPL: eLibraryNJ

Information Key

Series
Graphic Novel
Realistic Fiction
Historical Fiction

Global & Diverse
Poetry

Local Author
LGBTQ+
Sci-Fi / Fantasy
Annie's Life in Lists
Kristen Mahoney
MML: Hoopla
SOPL: eLibraryNJ

Beware the Night
Nnedi Okorafor
MML: Hoopla
SOPL: eLibraryNJ

Black Enough
Ibi Zoboi
MML: eBCCLS | Hoopla
SOPL: eLibraryNJ

The Bone Garden
Heather Kassner
MML: eBCCLS
SOPL: eLibraryNJ

The Bride was a Boy
Chii
SOPL: eLibraryNJ

The Bridge Home
Padma Venkatraman
MML: eBCCLS
SOPL: eLibraryNJ

Clean Getaway
Nic Stone
MML: eBCCLS
SOPL: eLibraryNJ

Color Me In
Natasha Diaz
MML: eBCCLS
SOPL: eLibraryNJ

Crown of Coral and Pearl
Mara Rutherford
MML: eBCCLS
SOPL: eLibraryNJ

Dactyl Hill Squad
Daniel Jose Older
MML: eBCCLS

Dear Haiti, Love Alaine
Moulite sisters
MML: eBCCLS | Hoopla
SOPL: eLibraryNJ

Dodger Boy
Sarah Ellis
MML: Hoopla
SOPL: eLibraryNJ

Dragon Pearl
Yoon Ha Lee
MML: eBCCLS | Hoopla
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Dream Country
Shannon Gibney
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A Dream So Dark
L.L. McKinney
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Celia Perez
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Superman: Dawnbreaker
Matt de la Pena
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Symptoms of a Heart Break
Sona Charaipotra
MML: eBCCLS
SOPL: eLibraryNJ

These Witches Don’t Burn
Isabel Sterling
MML: eBCCLS
SOPL: eLibraryNJ

The Usual Suspects
Maurice Broaddus
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Where the Heart Is
Jo Knowles
SOPL: eLibraryNJ

Where the World Ends
Geraldine McCaughrean
MML: eBCCLS

White Bird
R.J. Palacio
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SOPL: eLibraryNJ

Wilder Girls
Rory Powers
MML: eBCCLS
SOPL: eLibraryNJ

Witchy
Ariel Slamet Ries
MML: Hoopla

With the Fire On High
Elizabeth Acevedo
MML: eBCCLS | Hoopla
SOPL: eLibraryNJ

Yes No Maybe So
Becky Albertalli & Aisha Saeed
MML: eBCCLS | Hoopla
SOPL: eLibraryNJ
NON-FICTION

1919: The Year that Changed America
Martin Sandler
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Americanized
Sara Saedi
MML: eBCCLS
SOPL: eLibraryNJ

Anne Frank's Diary
Ari Folman & David Polonsky
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Fake News
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The Far Away Brothers
Lauren Markham
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SOPL: eLibraryNJ

The Far Side of the Moon
Michael Collins
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Flying to the Moon
Rex Ogle
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Free Lunch
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Glimmer of Hope
The March for Our Lives Founders
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Here We Are
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Illegal
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Mary Who Wrote Frankenstein
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Torpedoed
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We Are Here to Stay
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What the Eagle Sees
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Yes She Can
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Your Brain Needs a Hug
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