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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. 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 of Maplewood & South Orange. 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. You can also read many of these books using your school account on MackinVIA.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer and Happy Reading!

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Information Key

Series
Global & Diverse
Local Author
Graphic Novel
Poetry
LGBTQ+
Realistic Fiction
Historical Fiction
Sci-Fi / Fantasy

FICTION

The 47 People You’ll Meet in Middle School
Kristen Mahoney
MML: eBCCLS
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All Together Now
Hope Larson
MML: eBCCLS

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

Amal Unbound
Aisha Saeed
MML: eBCCLS

The Awakening of Malcolm X
I. Shabazz
MML: eBCCLS | Hoopla

EBCCLS
eLibraryNJ
The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora
Pablo Cartayo
MML: eBCCLS
SOPL: eLibraryNJ

Fearless
Mandy Gonzalez
MML: eBCCLS

Flamer
Mike Curato
MML: eBCCLS

Genesis Begins Again
Alicia D. Williams
MML: eBCCLS
SOPL: eLibraryNJ

Hot Comb
Ebony Flowers
MML: eBCCLS

I'm Not Dying With You Tonight
Gilly Segal & Kimberly Jones
MML: eBCCLS | Hoopla

Ikenga
Nnedi Okorafor
MML: eBCCLS | Hoopla

Kingdom of Sea and Stone
Mara Rutherford
MML: eBCCLS

Legacy & the Queen
Annie Matthew & Kobe Bryant
MML: Hoopla
SOPL: eLibraryNJ

The Lion of Mars
Jennifer Holm
MML: eBCCLS

The Long Ride
Marina Budhos
MML: eBCCLS
SOPL: eLibraryNJ

Long Way down
Jason Reynolds
MML: eBCCLS

Look Both Ways
Jason Reynolds
MML: eBCCLS
NON-FICTION

1789
Marc Aronson

Anxiety Relief for Teens
Regine Galanti

Astronauts: Women on the Final Frontier
Jim Ottaviani

Displacement
Kiki Hughes

Fake News
Michael Miller
MML: Hoopla
SOPL: eLibraryNJ

The Far Away Brothers
Lauren Markham
MML: eBCCLS
SOPL: eLibraryNJ

The Far Side of the Moon
Alex Irvine
MML: eBCCLS
SOPL: eLibraryNJ

Finish the Fight!
Veronica Chambers
MML: eBCCLS
SOPL: eLibraryNJ

Free Lunch
Rex Ogle
MML: eBCCLS
SOPL: eLibraryNJ

The Mars Challenge
Alison Wilgus

Mary, Who Wrote Frankenstein
Julia Sarda
MML: eBCCLS
SOPL: eLibraryNJ

No One Is Too Small to Make a Difference
Greta Thunberg
MML: eBCCLS
SOPL: eLibraryNJ

Redbone
Christian Staebler
MML: Hoopla

Satchel Paige: Striking Out Jim Crow
James Strum

Shout
Laurie Halse Anderson
MML: eBCCLS
SOPL: eLibraryNJ
**Stamped**  
Jason Reynolds & Ibram Kendi  
MML: eBCCLS  
SOPL: eLibraryNJ

**Torpedoed**  
Deborah Heiligman  
MML: eBCCLS | Hoopla  
SOPL: eLibraryNJ

**Undefeated**  
Steve Sheinken  
MML: eBCCLS  
SOPL: eLibraryNJ

**We Are Power**  
Todd Hasak-Lowy  
MML: Hoopla

**You Call This Democracy?**  
Elizabeth Rusch  
MML: eBCCLS | Hoopla

**Your Brain Needs a Hug**  
Rae Earl  
MML: eBCCLS  
SOPL: eLibraryNJ