

Northside ISD Middle School Reading Departments' Recommended Summer Reading List

Summer is the time for students to enrich their reading experiences. To that purpose, we are providing a list of books that have been favorites of many teen readers. It is recommended that you read a minimum of one book; however we encourage you to read as many books as possible this summer. Use the attached list to choose books that interest you and read them this summer.

You can find a brief summary of each book by searching any Northside ISD middle school library catalog and locating the title in WebCat, <http://webcat.nisd.net/>. You can also find information about each of these titles in the local San Antonio Public Library online catalog <http://sapl.sat.lib.tx.us/>

When you return to school in the fall, you will be able to complete several assignments using one of the books you've read. This is an opportunity for extra credit on your first six-week grade.

As you read, be sure to enjoy the book. Remember that good readers:

- jot down words and phrases that are new to them.
- identify main conflicts, events, ideas, or themes in the book.
- ponder the importance of the story's setting.
- note characters, their motives, and how they change.
- appreciate devices of style (alliteration, metaphor, symbolism, etc.).
- determine the author's purpose and point of view.
- examine the book's tone and mood.
- consider how the text is organized (chronologically, cause and effect, etc.).
- think critically about the text – predict, infer, distinguish between facts/opinions.
- compare the book with other books they've read or movies they've seen.

Above all, enjoy your summer and some good books. We can't wait for you to share them with us when you return!



<u>AUTHOR</u> (Alpha Order)	<u>TITLE</u>
Alcott, L.	<i>Little Women</i>
Alexander, L.	<i>Black Cauldron, The</i>
Alexander, L.	<i>Book of Three, The</i>
Alexander, L.	<i>Castle of Llyr</i>
Alexander, L.	<i>High King, The</i>
Alexander, L.	<i>Rope Trick</i>
Alexander, L.	<i>Taran Wanderer</i>
Alphin, E.	<i>Picture Perfect</i>
Anderson, L. H.	<i>Speak</i>
Atkin, S. B.	<i>Voices from the Fields</i>
Avi	<i>Crispin: Cross of Lead</i>
Avi	<i>Midnight Magic</i>
Baker, E.D.	<i>Dragon's Breath</i>
Baker, E.D.	<i>Frog Princess</i>
Ballard, R.	<i>Exploring the Titanic</i>
Barrett, T.	<i>Anna of Byzantium</i>
Bauer, J.	<i>Hope Was Here</i>
Bauer, J.	<i>Rules of the Road</i>
Bauer, M.	<i>On My Honor</i>
Bell, H.	<i>Matter of Profit, A</i>
Bertrand, D.	<i>Trino's Choice</i>
Bertrand, D.	<i>Trino's Time</i>
Blumberg, R.	<i>Great American Gold Rush, The</i>
Bradbury, R.	<i>Dandelion Wine</i>
Bradbury, R.	<i>Stories of Ray Bradbury</i>
Bridges, R.	<i>Through My Eyes</i>
Bruchac, J.	<i>Skeleton Man</i>
Burks, B.	<i>Wrango</i>
Byars, B.	<i>Pinballs, The</i>
Calhoun, D.	<i>Aria of the Sea</i>
Calhoun, D.	<i>Firegold</i>
Christie, A.	<i>Murder on the Orient Express</i>
Clements, A.	<i>Things Not Seen</i>
Coburn, B.	<i>Triumph on Everest</i>
Cohn, R.	<i>Steps, The</i>
Colfer, E.	<i>Artemis Fowl</i>
Collier, J.	<i>My Brother Sam Is Dead</i>
Cooney, C.	<i>Burning Up</i>
Cooney, C.	<i>Face on the Milk Carton</i>
Cooney, C.	<i>Goddess of Yesterday</i>
Cooney, C.	<i>Terrorist, The</i>
Cooney, C.	<i>Voice on the Radio, The</i>
Cooper, S.	<i>Dark Is Rising, The</i>
Cooper, S.	<i>Grey King, The</i>
Creech, S.	<i>Any title</i>
Crichton, M.	<i>Andromeda Strain</i>
Crichton, M.	<i>Lost World, The</i>
Curtis, C.	<i>Watsons Go to Birmingham, The</i>
Cushman, K.	<i>Matilda Bone</i>
Cushman, K.	<i>Midwife's Apprentice, The</i>

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Daly, M.	<i>Seventeenth Summer</i>
Danziger, P.	<i>Cat Ate My Gymsuit, The</i>
Danziger, P.	<i>Pistachio Prescription, The</i>
Danziger, P.	<i>P.S. Longer Letter Later</i>
Danziger, P.	<i>Snail Mail No More</i>
Dodd, Q.	<i>Beatnik Rutabagas from Beyond the Stars</i>
Davidson, M.	<i>I Have a Dream: Story of MLKing</i>
Dessen, S.	<i>Keeping the Moon</i>
Dueker, C.	<i>High Heat</i>
Dueker, C.	<i>Night Hoops</i>
Duncan, L.	<i>Don't Look Behind You</i>
Duncan, L.	<i>Stranger with My Face</i>
DuPrau, J.	<i>City of Ember</i>
Ehrenhaft, D.	<i>Last Dog on Earth</i>
Ellis, D.	<i>Breadwinner</i>
Erickson, J.	<i>Moonshiner's Gold</i>
Farmer, N.	<i>House of the Scorpion, The</i>
Ferris, J.	<i>Once Upon a Marigold</i>
Flake, S.	<i>Begging for Change</i>
Forbes, E.	<i>Johnny Tremain</i>
Freedman, R.	<i>Children of the Wild West</i>
Freedman, R.	<i>Eleanor Roosevelt: Life of Discovery</i>
Freedman, R.	<i>Indian Chiefs</i>
Freedman, R.	<i>Kids at Work</i>
Freedman, R.	<i>Lincoln: a Photobiography</i>
Friesen, G.	<i>Losing Forever</i>
Funke, C.	<i>Inkheart</i>
Funke, C.	<i>Thief Lord, The</i>
Gantos, J.	<i>Joey Pigza Loses Control</i>
Gantos, J.	<i>Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key</i>
Gantos, J.	<i>What Would Joey Do?</i>
George, J.	<i>Julie of the Wolves</i>
George, J.	<i>My Side of the Mountain</i>
George, J.	<i>Tree Castle Island</i>
Gilbert, B.	<i>Stone Water</i>
Gilmore, K.	<i>Exchange Student, The</i>
Gipson, F.	<i>Savage Sam</i>
Greene, B.	<i>Summer of My German Soldier</i>
Griffin, Peni	<i>Music Thief, The</i>
Haddix, M.	<i>Among the Hidden (any book in series)</i>
Haddix, M.	<i>Don't You Dare Read This, Mrs. Dumphrey</i>
Haddix, M.	<i>Just Ella</i>
Haddix, M.	<i>Leaving Fishers</i>
Haddix, M.	<i>Running Out of Time</i>
Haddix, M.	<i>Turnabout</i>
Hale, S.	<i>Goose Girl, The</i>
Halverson, M.	<i>Cowboys Don't Cry</i>
Hesser, T.	<i>Kissing Doorknobs</i>
Heyerdahl, T.	<i>Kon Tiki</i>
Hiaasen, C.	<i>Hoot</i>

Hobbs, W.	<i>Beardance</i>
Hobbs, W.	<i>Bearstone</i>
Hobbs, W.	<i>Down the Yukon</i>
Hobbs, W.	<i>Far North</i>
Hobbs, W.	<i>Kokopelli's Flute</i>
Hobbs, W.	<i>Jason's Gold</i>
Hoeye, M.	<i>Sands of Time</i>
Holt, K. W.	<i>My Louisiana Sky</i>
Horowitz, A.	<i>Point Blank</i>
Horowitz, A.	<i>Skeleton Key</i>
Horowitz, A.	<i>Stormbreaker</i>
Howe, N.	<i>Adventures of Blue Avenger, The</i>
Hunt, I.	<i>Lottery Rose</i>
Hunt, I.	<i>Up a Road Slowly</i>
Jackson, D.	<i>Bone Detectives: How Forensic Anthropologists Solve Crimes</i>
Johnson, S.	<i>Safe at Second</i>
Jordan, S.	<i>Hunting of the Last Dragon</i>
Kindl, P.	<i>Goose Chase</i>
Konigsburg, E.	<i>Silent to the Bone</i>
Konigsburg, E.	<i>View from Saturday</i>
Layne, S.	<i>This Side of Paradise</i>
Levine, G. C.	<i>Ella Enchanted</i>
Levine, G. C.	<i>Two Princesses of Bamarre</i>
Lord, B. B.	<i>In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson</i>
Lowry, L.	<i>Gathering Blue</i>
MacHale, D. J.	<i>Pendragon (any book in series)</i>
McPherson, J.	<i>Fields of Fury</i>
Myers, W. D.	<i>Slam</i>
Murphy, J.	<i>Across America on an Emigrant Train</i>
Naylor, G.	<i>Shiloh Season</i>
Naylor, P.	<i>Jade Green: A Ghost Story</i>
Naylor, P.	<i>Sang Spell</i>
Nixon, J. L.	<i>Haunting, The</i>
Nixon, J. L.	<i>In the Face of Danger</i>
Nixon, J. L.	<i>Murdered, My Sweet</i>
Nixon, J. L.	<i>Nightmare</i>
Nixon, J. L.	<i>Orphan Train Quartet, The</i>
Paolini, C.	<i>Eragon</i>
Park, L. S.	<i>Single Shard, A</i>
Paterson, K.	<i>Great Gilly Hopkins, The</i>
Paterson, K.	<i>Same Stuff as Stars, The</i>
Patneaude, D.	<i>Someone Was Watching</i>
Paulsen, G.	<i>Brian's Return</i>
Paulsen, G.	<i>How Angel Peterson Got His Name</i>

Peters, J. A.	<i>Define "Normal"</i>
Pfeffer, S.	<i>Year Without Michael</i>
Philbrick, R.	<i>Last Book in the Universe</i>
Reeves, N.	<i>Into the Mummy's Tomb</i>
Richter, C.	<i>Light in the Forest</i>
Ritter, J.	<i>Boy Who Saved Baseball, The</i>
Ritter, J.	<i>Over the Wall</i>
Rowling, J. K.	<i>Any Harry Potter book in the series</i>
Ryan, P. M.	<i>Esperanza Rising</i>
Shaw, S.	<i>Black-Eyed Suzie</i>
Schmidt, G.	<i>Straw into Gold</i>
Seidler, T.	<i>Brainboy and the Deathmaster</i>
Sheldon, D.	<i>Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen</i>
Shusterman, N. I.	<i>Full Tilt</i>
Smith, R.	<i>Zach's Lie</i>
Snicket, L.	<i>Any in the Series of Unfortunate Events</i>
Sones, S.	<i>Stop Pretending: What Happened When My Big Sister Went Crazy</i>
Soto, Gary	<i>Baseball in April</i>
Spinelli, J.	<i>Crash</i>
Spinelli, J.	<i>Stargirl</i>
Spinelli, J.	<i>Wringer</i>
Taylor, M.	<i>Road to Memphis</i>
Tolan, S.	<i>Surviving the Applewhites</i>
Tolkien, J.R.	<i>Lord of the Rings, The</i>
Tolkien, J.R.	<i>Return of the King, The</i>
Tolkien, J.R.	<i>Two Towers, The</i>
Tomey, I.	<i>Nobody Else Has to Know</i>
Ullman, J. R.	<i>Banner in the Sky</i>
Vande Velde, V.	<i>Heir Apparent</i>
Vande Velde, V.	<i>Never Trust a Dead Man</i>
Voight, C.	<i>Homecoming, The</i>
Voight, C.	<i>Solitary Blue, A</i>
Wells, H. G.	<i>Invisible Man, The</i>
Wells, H. G.	<i>War of the Worlds</i>
Whelan, G.	<i>Homeless Bird</i>
Williams, C.	<i>Christmas in Heaven</i>
Williams, L.	<i>Executioner's Daughter, The</i>
Wolff, V.	<i>True Believer</i>
Woodson, J.	<i>If You Come Softly</i>
Woodson, J.	<i>Miracle's Boys</i>
Yep, L.	<i>Dragon's Gate</i>
Yolen, J.	<i>Armageddon Summer</i>
Zindel, P.	<i>Raptor</i>
Zindel, P.	<i>Rats</i>