



7th Grade Summer Reading List 2017

The following is the summer reading list for students entering the seventh grade. It is intended to keep students reading over the summer, so wait until summer to get started. We have chosen a selection of books that have been very popular with our student readers in previous years. **Books can either be purchased or borrowed, but students must bring both books to school during the first two weeks of the school year for project work.**

All students are required to read two books.

The first is required by all.

Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper Eleven-year-old Melody is the smartest kid in her whole school, but no one knows it. Most people—her teachers and doctors included—don't think she's capable of learning, and up until recently her school days consisted of listening to the same preschool-level alphabet lessons again and again. Being stuck inside her head is making Melody go out of her mind—that is, until she discovers something that will allow her to speak for the first time ever. From multiple Coretta Scott King Award winner, Sharon M. Draper comes a story full of heartache and hope.

Each student should choose any one (1) of the following books from this list:

I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World (Young Readers Edition) by Malala Yousafzai **PLEASE READ THE YOUNG READERS EDITION.**

This best-selling memoir, by the Nobel Peace Prize winner retells her experiences at home and at school and discusses the impact of the Taliban presence in Pakistan. Her strong voice and ideals come across on every page, emphasizing how her surroundings and supportive family helped her become the relevant figure she is today. -Sujei Lugo, Somerville Public Library, MA

Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children by Ransom Riggs - When his beloved grandfather leaves Jake clues to a mystery that spans different worlds and times, he finds a magical place known as Miss Peregrine's School for Peculiar Children.

A Day No Pigs Would Die by Robert Newton Peck – A moving story about a boy, his father and a pet pig named Pinky.

Summer of Fear by Lois Duncan –From the moment Rachel's cousin Julia arrives that summer, she seems to seep into Rachel's life like a poison. Everyone else is enchanted by her--including Rachel's boyfriend. (Editor's synopsis)

The Running Dream by Wendelin Van Draanen - An award-winning and inspiring novel. When Jessica's dreams are shattered, she puts herself back together—and learns to dream bigger than ever before.

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen -- When the pilot of a small, two-person plane has a heart attack and dies, Brian has to crash land in the forest of a Canadian wilderness. He has little time to realize how alone he is, because he is so busy just trying to survive.

The Uglies by Scott Westerfeld – The first in the popular series where your 16th birthday brings you from a repellent ugly into stunningly attractive pretty and catapults you into a high-tech paradise where your only job is to have a really good time.

The Wild Things by Dave Eggers – The book that inspired the screenplay for the movie *Where the Wild Things Are*. Based on Sendak's classic picture book.

Ghost by Jason Reynolds - Running. That's all that Ghost (real name Castle Cranshaw) has ever known. But when Ghost impulsively challenges an elite sprinter to a race -- and wins -- the Olympic medalist track coach sees he has something: crazy natural talent. Thing is, Ghost has something else: a lot of anger, and a past that he is trying to outrun.

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