



St. Paul Middle School 2018 Summer Reading Program 7th Grade

The summer reading requirement for 7th grade is 3 books. You **MUST** select ONE book from set A. The other two books can be **OF YOUR CHOOSING**. Set B is simply a recommended list of books that have won awards or have been highly recommended by librarians and students around the country. You are not limited to books in set B. If you choose a book for set B that is not on this list, simply get it approved by Mrs. Hartwig and write that title in the space provided. Books have to be Middle Grade level. A story map (which is attached) must be completed for ALL THREE titles and turned in to your literature teacher when school begins in August.

If you need book approval or have additional questions please email me anytime through the summer at ahartwig@stpaulnky.org

<u>Set A: MUST Choose 1</u>
<p>★ <u>Nightjohn</u> by Gary Paulsen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Twelve-year-old Sarny's brutal life as a slave becomes even more dangerous when a newly arrived slave offers to teach her how to read.
<p>★ <u>Elijah of Buxton</u> by Christopher Paul Curtis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Eleven-year-old Elijah Freeman, the first free-born child in Buxton, Canada, which is a haven for slaves fleeing the American South in 1859, uses his wits and skills to try to bring to justice the lying preacher who has stolen money that was to be used to buy a family's freedom.
<p>★ <u>Chains</u> by Laurie Halse Anderson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ As the Revolutionary War begins, 13-year-old Isabel wages her own fight for freedom. Promised freedom upon the death of their owner, she and her sister, Ruth, become the property of a malicious New York City couple who have no sympathy for the American Revolution and even less for Ruth and Isabel.
<p>★ <u>Woods Runner</u> by Gary Paulsen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Thirteen-year-old Samuel spends his days in the forest, hunting for food for his family. He has grown up on the frontier of a British colony, America. Far from any town, or news of the war against the King that American patriots have begun near Boston. But the war comes to them. Samuel's parents are taken away. Samuel follows, hiding, moving silently, determined to find a way to rescue them.
<p>★ <u>Year of the Hangman</u> by Gary Blackwood</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This adventurous novel imagines what would have happened if the Americans lost the Revolutionary War. In 1776, the rebellion of the American colonies against British rule was crushed. Now, in 1777-the year of the hangman-George Washington is awaiting execution, Benjamin Franklin's banned rebel newspaper, <i>Liberty Tree</i>, has gone underground, and young ne'er-do-well Creighton Brown, a fifteen-year-old Brit, has just arrived in the colonies.
<u>Set B: Recommended books you can choose</u>
<p>NEWBERY AWARD WINNERS</p> <p>★ <u>Moon over Manifest</u> by Clare Vanderpool</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Abilene Tucker feels abandoned. Her father has put her on a train, sending her off to live with an old friend for the summer while he works a railroad job. Armed only with a few possessions, Abilene jumps off the train in Manifest, Kansas, aiming to learn about the boy her father once was. <p>★ <u>When You Reach Me</u> by Rebecca Stead</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ By sixth grade, Miranda and her best friend, Sal, know how to navigate their New York City neighborhood. They know where it's safe to go, like the local grocery store, and they know whom to avoid, like the crazy guy on the corner. Then Miranda finds a mysterious note scrawled on a tiny slip of paper. The notes keep coming, and Miranda slowly realizes that whoever is leaving them knows all about her, including things that have not even happened yet.
<p>REALISTIC FICTION</p> <p>★ <u>Lost in the Sun</u> by Lisa Graff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In 5th grade, Trent mistakenly shot a hockey puck into a boy's chest. Jared, who had a heart defect, died. Now Trent is filled with rage, convinced everyone hates him. It isn't until Trent gets caught up in the

whirlwind that is Fallon Little--the girl with the mysterious scar across her face--that things begin to change.

- ★ Goodbye Stranger by Rebecca Stead
 - Bridge, survivor of a childhood accident, wonders why she's still alive. As she makes her way through seventh grade on Manhattan's Upper West Side with her best friends, curvaceous Em, crusader Tab, and new friend, Sherm, she finds the answers she has been seeking.
- ★ I Kill the Mockingbird by Paul Acampora
 - When best friends Lucy, Elena, and Michael receive their summer reading list, they are excited to see 'To Kill A Mockingbird' included. To get the entire town talking about the Harper Lee classic, they hatch a plot that quickly becomes more than they bargained for.
- ★ Anything But Typical by Nora Raleigh Baskin
 - Jason, a twelve-year-old autistic boy who wants to become a writer, relates what his life is like as he tries to make sense of his world.
- ★ Guys Write for Guys Read by Jon Scieszka **(there are multiple books in this series and any can count)**
 - Contains a collection of short stories, drawings, poems, and memoirs from well-known writers of "guy" fiction, written by boys, for boys. Includes pieces by Daniel Pinkwater, Neil Gaiman, Will Hobbs, Stephen King, Gary Paulsen, among others.
- ★ The Red Kayak or The Journey Back by Priscilla Cummings
 - Living near the water on Maryland's Eastern Shore, thirteen-year-old Brady and his best friends J.T. and Digger become entangled in a tragedy which tests their friendship and their ideas about right and wrong. Or read the exciting and gripping companion book The Journey Back.
- ★ Faith, Hope and Ivy June by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
 - During a student exchange program, seventh-graders Ivy June and Catherine share their lives, homes, and communities, and find that although their lifestyles are total opposites they have a lot in common.
- ★ Love, Aubrey or Eight Keys by Suzanne LaFleur
 - Love Aubrey: While living with her Gram in Vermont, 11-year-old Aubrey writes letters as a way of dealing with losing her father and sister in a car accident, and then being abandoned by her grief-stricken mother.
 - Eight Keys: When twelve-year-old Elise, orphaned since age nine, becomes disheartened by middle school, with its bullies, changing relationships, and higher expectations, keys to long-locked rooms and messages from her late father help her cope.
- ★ Jane In Bloom by Deborah Lytton
 - Devastated when her beautiful, older sister dies from anorexia, twelve-year-old Jane recovers slowly from the tragedy, with help from unexpected sources.
- ★ Sure Signs of Crazy by Karen Harrington.
 - Twelve-year-old Sarah writes letters to her hero, To Kill a Mockingbird's Atticus Finch, for help understanding her mentally ill mother, her first real crush, and life in her small Texas town, all in the course of one momentous summer.

MYSTERY

- ★ The Nest by Kenneth Oppel
 - For Steve, summer is just another season of worries. Worries about his sick newborn baby brother who is fighting to survive, worries about his parents who are struggling to cope, even worries about the wasp's nest looming ominously from the eaves. So when a mysterious wasp queen invades his dreams, offering to "fix" the baby, Steve thinks his prayers have been answered. But "yes" is a powerful word. And dangerous. Once it is uttered, can it be taken back?
- ★ The Night Gardener by Jonathan Auxier
 - Irish orphans Molly, fourteen, and Kip, ten, travel to England to work as servants in a crumbling manor house where nothing is quite what it seems to be. The siblings are confronted by a mysterious stranger and the secrets of the cursed house in this spooky tale.
- ★ Double Identity by Margaret Peterson Haddix
 - Thirteen-year-old Bethany's parents have always been overprotective, but when they suddenly drop out of sight with no explanation, leaving her with an aunt she never knew existed, Bethany uncovers shocking secrets that make her question everything she thought she knew about herself and her family.
- ★ The Thief Lord by Cornelia Funke
 - Two brothers, having run away from the aunt who plans to adopt the younger one, are sought by a detective hired by their aunt, but they have found shelter with, and the protection of, the "Thief Lord."

FANTASY

- ★ Shiver by Maggie Stiefvater (or any of The Wolves of Mercy Falls books)

- For years, Grace has watched the wolves in the woods behind her house. One yellow-eyed wolf is a chilling presence she can't seem to live without. Meanwhile, Sam has lived two lives: in winter, the frozen woods, the protection of the pack, and the silent company of a fearless girl. In summer, a few precious months of being human until the cold makes him shift back again. Now, Grace meets a yellow-eyed boy whose familiarity takes her breath away. It's her wolf. It has to be. But as winter nears, Sam must fight to stay human or risk losing himself, and Grace, forever.
- ★ Grimm Legacy by Polly Shulman
 - New York high school student Elizabeth gets a job as a page at the "New York Circulating Material Repository," and when she gains access to its Grimm Collection of magical objects, she and the other pages are drawn into a series of frightening adventures involving mythical creatures and stolen goods.
- ★ Doll Bones by Holly Black
 - A tragic mistake causes a chain of events forcing Zach, Poppy, and Alice on a journey to return a possessed doll to her final resting place. Traveling miles from home, the three adventurers face real danger, far removed from the innocent role-playing games of elementary school.
- ★ Rump by Alfred A. Knopf
 - Tells the tale of Rumpelstiltskin's childhood and youth, explaining why his name is so important, how he is able to spin straw into gold, and why a first-born child is his reward for helping the miller's daughter-turned-queen.

SPORTS FICTION

- ★ Travel Team, Summerball, Heat, The Batboy, The Big Field or Million Dollar Throw or any other book by Mike Lupica (only one can count)

SCIENCE FICTION

- ★ City of Ember, The People of Sparks, The Prophet of Yonwood or Diamond of Darkhold by Jeanne DuPrau
 - (first book in the series): The city of Ember was built as a last refuge for the human race. Two hundred years later, the great lamps that light the city are beginning to flicker. When Lina finds part of an ancient message, she's sure it holds a secret that will save the city. She and her friend Doon must decipher the message before the lights go out on Ember forever!
- ★ Leviathan or Behemoth or Goliath by Scott Westerfeld
 - (first book in the series): In an alternate 1914 Europe, fifteen-year-old Austrian Prince Alek, on the run from the Clanker Powers who are attempting to take over the globe using mechanical machinery, forms an uneasy alliance with Deryn who, disguised as a boy to join the British Air Service, is learning to fly genetically-engineered beasts.
- ★ Incarceron or Sapphique or The Dark City by Catherine Fisher
 - Incarceron is a prison so vast it contains not only cells and corridors, but metal forests, dilapidated cities, and wilderness. It has been sealed for centuries, and only one man has ever escaped. Finn has always been a prisoner here. Although he has no memory of his childhood, he is sure he came from Outside. His link to the Outside, his chance to break free, is Claudia, the warden's daughter, herself determined to escape an arranged marriage.
- ★ Virals by Kathy Riechs
 - Tory Brennan is the leader of a band of teenage 'sci-philes' who live on an island off the coast of South Carolina and when the group rescues a dog caged for medical testing, they are exposed to an experimental strain of canine parvovirus that changes their lives forever.

HISTORICAL FICTION

- ★ Bamboo People by Mitali Perkins
 - Two Burmese boys, one a Karenni refugee and the other the son of an imprisoned Burmese doctor, meet in the jungle and in order to survive they must learn to trust each other.
- ★ Bread and Roses Too by Kimberly K. Jones
 - Twelve-year-old Rosa and thirteen-year-old Jake form an unlikely friendship as they try to survive and understand the 1912 Bread and Roses strike of mill workers in Lawrence, Massachusetts.
- ★ Green Glass Sea or White Sands, Red Menace by Ellen Klages
 - Green Glass Sea: It's 1943, and eleven-year-old Dewey Kerrigan is en route to New Mexico to live with her mathematician father. Soon she arrives at a town that, officially, doesn't exist. It is called Los Alamos, and it is abuzz with activity, as scientists and mathematicians from all over America and Europe work on the biggest secret of all--"the gadget." None of them--not J. Robert Oppenheimer, the director of the Manhattan Project; not the mathematicians and scientists; and least of all, Dewey--know how much "the gadget" is about to change their lives.
 - White Sands, Red Menace is the exciting sequel.

ACTION/ADVENTURE (FICTION)

- ★ Alex Rider series by Anthony Horowitz (only one can count)

- Investigating the death of his uncle, fourteen-year-old orphan Alex Rider learns that his uncle was actually a spy and was preparing Alex to be a spy as well. He is then unwillingly recruited by the British intelligence service MI6 to carry on his uncle's assignment. He continues to track down villains to stop their plots towards power and revenge. 1. Stormbreaker 2. Point Blank 3. Skeleton Key 4. Eagle Strike 5. Scorpia. 6. Ark Angel 7. Snakehead 8. Crocodile Tears 9. Scorpia Rising 10. Russian Roulette

★ Maximum Ride Series by James Patterson

- Fourteen-year-old Maximum Ride, better known as Max, knows what it's like to soar above the world. She and all the members of the "flock"--Fang, Iggy, Nudge, Gasman and Angel--are just like ordinary kids--only they have wings and can fly. It may seem like a dream come true to some, but their lives can morph into a living nightmare at any time...like when Angel, the youngest member of the flock, is kidnapped and taken back to the "School" where she and the others were experimented on by a crew of wack jobs 1. The Angel Experiment 2. School's Out Forever 3. Saving the World and Other Extreme Sports 4. The Final Warning 5. Max 6. Fang 7. Angel 8. Nevermore

NONFICTION

★ Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson

- The author shares her childhood memories and reveals the first sparks that ignited her writing career in free-verse poems about growing up in the North and South

★ My Life in Dog Years by Gary Paulsen

- The author describes how dogs have impacted his life from childhood through the present day, recounting the stories of his first dog, Snowball, in the Philippines; Dirk, who protected him from bullies; and Cookie, who saved his life.

★ Escape! The Story of the Great Houdini by Sid Fleischman

- A biography of the magician, ghost chaser, aviator and king of escape artists whose amazing feats are remembered long after his death in 1926. Profiling his early years, personal life and great accomplishments in show business, the story of the famous magician, Harry Houdini, comes to life through a review of his greatest tricks and most amazing feats, complete with index, photos and author's notes.

★ The Great and Only Barnum: The Tremendous, Stupendous Life of Showman P.T. Barnum by

- Biography of P.T. Barnum, showman and founder of the Barnum & Bailey Circus. Readers can visit Barnum's American Museum, meet Tom Thumb and experience the thrill Barnum must have felt at age 60 when he joined the circus.

BOOK OF YOUR CHOICE (books that you bought at the Spring book fair can count here! If they are not on this list, you just have to get them approved by Mrs. Hartwig before you leave for the summer!)

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