

Leslie Hughes Walton Middle School's

Summer Reading List 2018

"Research has demonstrated that choice makes a very important contribution to achievement."

("Fun, Sun and Good Books: Experts Say Summer Reading Keeps Skills Strong." Fun, Sun and Good Books: Experts Say Summer Reading Keeps Skills Strong. N.p., n.d. Web. 03 May 2016.)

<http://phys.org/news/2010-07-fun-sun-good-experts-summer.html>

Students who participate in free-reading outside of school have been found to show improvement in vocabulary, reading comprehension, fluency, and the understanding of information. These students often become better readers, score higher on tests in all subject areas, and have a greater wealth of content knowledge.

Independent reading during the summer months can also help students maintain and strengthen literacy skills they learned during the previous school year. However, research has shown that students read more when they can choose their own books. Reading should be exciting and not thought of as a chore.

Rather than follow a list of "required reading," the links and books below offer book choices Walton students hopefully won't be able to put down in order to keep them engaged in summer reading!

Links to Book Lists

Goodreads Middle School List: <https://www.goodreads.com/list/tag/middle-school>

Notable Children's Books 2017: <http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/notalists/ncb>

Top Picks for Middle-Schoolers: <http://www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/book-list/favorites-classics/top-picks-middle-schoolers>

American Library Association Notable Books for Children 2016: <http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/notalists/ncb>

Top 10 Books for Youth 2016: <https://www.juniorlibraryguild.com/awards/view.dT/outstanding-book-lists/booklist/top-10-books-for-youth-2016>

2016 Best Fiction for Young Adults: <http://www.ala.org/yalsa/2016-best-fiction-young-adults>

Young Adult Library Services Association: <http://www.ala.org/yalsa/>

School Library Journal's best Middle Grade Books 2017 <https://slj.com/bestof2017/middlegrade.php>

Top Shelf Fiction for Middle School Readers: <https://www.juniorlibraryguild.com/awards/view.dT/outstanding-book-lists/voya/top-shelf-fiction-for-middle-school-readers-201382112014>

SLJ: <http://www.teenlibrariantoolbox.com/2017/12/18-2018-middle-grade-books-to-have-on-your-radar/>

Walton Student Favorite "Picks"

Force Out and *The Big Time* by Tim Green (Realistic, Sports)

The Marvels by Brian Selznick (Graphic Novel, Adventure)

Cinder and the rest of the Lunar Chronicles by Marissa Meyer (YA, SciFi)

I am Number Four and the rest of the Lorian Legacies by Pittacus Lore (SciFi)

The Selection and the rest of The Selection Series by Kiera Cass (YA, Romance, Fantasy)

The Stonekeeper by Kazu Kibuishi and the rest of the Amulet Series (Graphic Novel)

Cardboard by Doug Ten Napel (Graphic Novel)

Princess Academy by Shannon Hale (Adventure)

Breakaway: Beyond the Goal by Alex Morgan (Sports, Biography)

Out of my Mind by Sharon Draper (Interpersonal Relations, Disabilities)

Wonder by R.J. Palacio (Realistic)

Various Books by Wendy Mass (Friendship, Romance)

The Crossover and *Booked* by Kwame Alexander (Sports, Free Verse)

A Night Divided by Jennifer A. Nielsen (Historical Fiction)

I Funny, Middle School Get Me out of Here, Middle School Big Fat Liar and others by James Patterson (Humor)

I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World (Young Readers Edition)
by Malala Yousafzai (Biography)

Surviving Southside series (Young Adult, Realistic)

Ida B. by Katherine Hannigan (Coming of Age, Realistic Fiction)

The Paris Mysteries and other Confessions books by James Patterson (Mystery)

The Warrior's Heart by Navy Seal Eric Greitens (YA, Memoir, Coming of Age)

Vietnam and World War II series books by Chris Lynch (War, Historical Fiction)

Fast Break by Gordan Korman (Sports, Realistic Fiction)

Backlash by Sarah Darer Littman (Realistic Fiction)

Restart by Gordan Korman

Suspect Red by L. M. Elliott

"The best part about summer reading is that it gives kids the opportunity to build up positive experiences- reading doesn't always need to feel like work."

"How to Keep Kids Reading This Summer | Child Mind Institute." Child Mind Institute. N.p., n.d. Web. 03 May 2016.

<http://childmind.org/article/how-to-keep-kids-reading-this-summer/>