

Southlawn Middle School
SUGGESTED SUMMER READING LIST 2018

Research has shown that the single greatest factor in predicting reading success is whether a child is read to when young. Here are some titles to get you started! The following books are only suggestions. Please feel free to add any books that are appropriate for your reader. The staff in the children's section of the local library will also have many wonderful suggestions for you.

Sixth Grade Books

I Heard the Owl Call My Name by Margaret Craven

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone by J.K. Rowling

The Island by Gary Paulsen

Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson

Catherine, Called Birdy by Karen Cushman

The Egypt Game by Zilpha Keatley Snyder

Absolutely Normal Chaos by Sharon Creech

The Giver by Lois Lowry

Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli

The Midwife's Apprentice by Karen Cushman

Number the Stars by Lois Lowry

The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster

The River by Gary Paulsen

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor

Summer of My German Soldier by Bette Greene

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Seventh Grade Books

Beyond the Burning Time by Kathryn Lasky

The Hobbit by J. R. R. Tolkien

Crazy Lady! by Jane Leslie Conly

Homecoming by Cynthia Voigt

Journey of the Sparrows by Fran Leeper Buss

The Man Who Was Poe by Avi

The Maze by Will Hobbs

Night by Elie Wiesel

Nothing but the Truth, A Documentary Novel by Avi

Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck

Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse

Redwall by Brian Jacques

River Thunder by Will Hobbs

Myst, The Book of Atrus by Rand Miller, Robyn Miller, David Wingrove

Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul, 101 Stories of Life, Love and Learning by Jack Canfield

Eighth Grade Books

The Chocolate War by Robert Cormier

The Crossover by Kwame Alexander

The Door of No Return by Sarah Mussi

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix by J. K. Rowling

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince by J. K. Rowling

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows by J. K. Rowling

Twenty Thousand Leagues Under The Sea by Jules Verne

In the Heart of the Sea: The Tragedy of the Whaleship Essex by Nathaniel Philbrick

Tasting the Sky: A Palestinian Childhood by Ibtisam Barakat

Every Day Life in the Massachusetts Bay Colony by George Francis Dow

The Time Machine by H.G. Wells

The Old Man and the Sea by Ernest Hemingway

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith

Unbroken: An Olympian's Journey from Airman to Castaway to Captive by Laura Hillenbrand

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Extended Reading Ages 9-12

Charlotte's Web by E.B. White

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl

Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle

Little House on the Prairie by Laura Ingalls Wilder

Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever by Barbara Robinson

Matilda by Roald Dahl

The Trumpet of the Swan by E.B. White

The Great Gilly Hopkins by Katherine Paterson

Harriet the Spy by Louise Fitzhugh

A Light in the Attic by Shel Silverstein

Mr. Popper's Penguins by Richard Atwater

My Father's Dragon by Ruth Stiles Gannett

Stuart Little by E. B. White

Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech

The Watsons Go to Birmingham-1963 by Christopher Paul Curtis

The Cay by Theodore Taylor