

## Assessment

This summer you have the opportunity to engage in leisure reading. Your teachers have compiled a list of books from many genres. Readers of all reading levels should find something that sparks their interests. Incoming seventh graders are required to read two books. One book must be from this list. The second book may be another book from this list or one of your choice.

### Happy Reading!

Be prepared for an in class book talk or activity. Write the title and author of the two books you read here and bring this to class:

Title 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Author 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Title 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Author 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Book summaries from: [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com),  
[www.lexile.com](http://www.lexile.com), [www.titlewave.com](http://www.titlewave.com)

### Payback Time( 750L) Deuker, Carl

Through the eyes of a non-athletic protabonist--a journalist named Mitch Deuker reveals the surprising truth behind a mysterious football player named Angel. When Angel shows up at Lincoln High, he seems to have no past.and rarely shies on the field. Is he an undercover cop? In pursuit of a story, Mitch decides to find out just who this player is. In the end, the truth surprises everyone. (Fiction, Sports)

### Heat (940L) Lupica, Mike

Twelve-year-old Michael Arroyo lives in the shadows of Yankee Stadium, home of his heroes, He also lives in the shadows of his Bronx neighborhood, hiding from the officials who would separate him from his seventeen-year-old brother if they knew the two boys were living on their own. Baseball is Michael's only salvation, until a rival accuses Michael of being older than the league limit. With no parents or birth certificate, the shadows in Michael's life grow darker. But that is when heroes emerge. (Fiction, Sports)

### Running Out of Time (730L)

Haddix, Margaret Peterson  
When a diphtheria epidemic hits her 1840 village, thirteen-year-old Jessie discovers it is actually a 1996 tourist site under unseen observation by heartless scientists, and it's up to Jessie to escape the village and save the lives of the dying children. (Science Fiction)

### Popular: Vintage Wisdom for Modern Geek

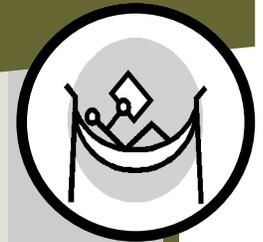
(730L) Van Wagenen, Maya  
A breakout teen author explores the true meaning of popularity and how to survive middle school in this hysterically funny, toughingly honest contemporary memoir. (Nonfiction, Memoir)

### The Copernicus Legacy: The Forbidden Stone

(680L) Abbott, Tony  
Wade, Lily, Darrell, and Becca fly from Texas to Germany for the funeral of an old family friend. But instead of just paying their respects, they wind up on a dangerous, mind-blowing quest to unlock an ancient, guarded secret that could destroy the fate of the world. (Fiction, Mystery)

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Grade*



**2019 Summer  
Reading List**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**The Incredible Journey (1320L)**

Burnford, Sheila

Instinct told them that the way home lay to the west, so the young Labrador Retriever, the roguish Bull Terrier and the indomitable Siamese cat set out through the Canadian wilderness. Separately, they would have soon died. Together, the three house pets face starvation, exposure, and wild forest animals to make their way home to their beloved family. (Fiction)

**Paper Towns (859L)**

Green, John

When Margo Roth Spiegelman beckons Quentin Jacobsen in the middle of the night dressed like a ninja and plotting an ingenious campaign of revenge—he follows her. Margo's always planned extravagantly, and until now, she's always planned solo. After a lifetime of loving Margo from afar, things are finally looking up for Q... until day breaks and she has vanished. Always an enigma, Margo has now become a mystery. But there are clues. And they're for Q. (Fiction, Mystery)

**The Book Thief (730L)**

Zusak, Mark

One of the most enduring stories of our time, *The Book Thief* is just a small story really, about, among other things: a girl, some words, an accordionist, some fanatical Germans, a Jewish fist fighter, and quite a lot of thievery. (Historical Fiction)

**Shiver (740L) Stiefvator, Maggie**

For years, Grace has watched the wolves in the woods behind her house. One yellow-eyed wold—her woldf 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. (Fantasy)

**Boost (600L) Mackel, Kathy**

Thirteen-year-old Savvy is six two and full of raw basketball talent; her three-point shot is deadly. But she's also skinny and gets pushed around on the court. Her older sister, Callie, is a freshman on varsity cheerleading, but she's not quite light enough to be a flier—her coveted position. Both girls need to boost their level of competition to get off the bench and into the action. When steroids are found in Savvy's gym bag, she claims they are not hers. Suddenly, accusations are flying and nobody knows who is telling the truth. (Fiction & Sports)

**The Cay (860L) Taylor, Theodore**

When Phillip is shipwrecked in the shark-infested waters of the Caribbean, he finds himself blinded and cast upon a remote and barren island with a man who had worked on the ship's deck. Together, they begin an amazing adventure and friendship. (Fiction & Adventure)

**One of those Hideous Books Where the Mother Dies (820L) Sones, Sonya**

Ruby has turned grief into anger at her father: because he divorced her mother before she was born, because she has had to leave her best friend Lizzie and her boyfriend Ray to come to Los Angeles to live with him, and because he is Whip Logan, a very famous and rich movie star. (Fiction)

**Fever, 1793 (580L) Anderson, Laurie Halse**

During the summer of 1793, Mattie Cook lives above the family coffee shop with her widowed mother and grandfather. Mattie spends her days avoiding chores and planning to turn the family business into the finest Philadelphia has ever seen. But then the fever breaks out. Disease sweeps the streets, destroying everything in its path and turning Mattie's world upside down. At her feverish mother's insistence, Mattie flees the city with her grandfather. But she soon discovers that the sickness is everywhere. (Historical Fiction)

**The River (960L) Paulsen, Gary.**

This sequel to the award-winning *Hatchet* finds fifteen-year-old Brian returning to the Canadian wilderness where he had been stranded alone after a plane crash two years earlier. (Fiction, Adventure)

**Iron Trial (Magisterium Series) (830L)**

Black, Holly

Warned away from magic all of his life, Callum endeavors to fail the trials that would admit him to the Magisterium only to be drawn into its ranks against his will and forced to confront dark elements from his past. (Fantasy)

**I am Malala (Young Readers edition) (830L)**

education activist and Taliban victim Malala Yousafzai recounts her Pakistani childhood in this deftly adapted memoir. Domestic and academic tales illustrate her unusual maturity and resilience in the face of increasing Taliban threats. Yousafzai's moving narrative and engaging, sincere voice may provide an entryway to international awareness for middle-grade readers. (Non-Fiction)

**Magnus Chase (630L) Riordan,**

Rick Magnus Chase has always been a troubled kid. Since his mother's mysterious death, he's lived alone on the streets of Boston, surviving by his wits, keeping one step ahead of the police and the truant officers. One day, he's tracked down by an uncle he barely knows— a man his mother claimed was dangerous. Uncle Randolph tells him an impossible secret: Magnus is the son of a Norse god. (Fantasy)

**Ruby Red (680L) Gier, Kerstin** Sixteen-year-old Gwyneth Shepherd unexpectedly travels through time to the eighteenth century, and she must find out why her mother lied about her date of birth to hide her ability, research her history, and work with Gideon, another time traveler. (Science Fiction)

**The Boys who Challenged Hitler (970)**

Hoose, Phillip At the outset of World War II, Denmark did not resist German occupation. Fifteen-year-old Knud Pedersen resolved to take action against the Nazis if the adults would not. Naming their secret club after the fiery British leader, the young patriots in the Churchill Club committed acts of sabotage, infuriating the Germans, who eventually had the boys tracked down and arrested. (Nonfiction)