

7th Grade Summer Reading 2021-2022 School year

Read 2 books: One fiction, one non-fiction.

Fiction	Non-fiction
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alexander - Booked • Barker – The Thief of Always • Bauer – Hope Was Here • Cartaya – The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora • Christie – Murder on the Orient Express • Crichton – Timeline • Curtis – Bud, Not Buddy • Gaiman – The Graveyard Book • Hiaasen – Flush • Kadohata – Weedflower • Khan – Amina’s Voice • Kimbushi – Amulet Series – Pick only one book • Lore – The Lorien Legacies Series – Pick only one book • Riordan – Magnus Chase – Pick only one book • Rowling – The Harry Potter Series – Pick only one book • Spinelli – Maniac Magee • Torres – Stef Soto, Taco Queen • Van Draanen – Flipped • Williams – Genesis Begins Again • Yolen – The Devil’s Arithmetic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beah – A Long Way Gone • Beals – Warriors Don’t Cry: A Searing Memoir of the Battle to Integrate Little Rock’s Central High • Covey – The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens • Hillenbrand - Unbroken: An Olympian’s Journey from Airman to Castaway to Captive • Newquist – The Book of Blood: From Legends and Leeches to Vampires and Veins • Noah – It’s Trevor Noah: Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood (Adapted for Young Readers) • Thompson – Guts and Glory: The Vikings • Yousafzai – I am Malala
<p>Request Your Own – To request permission to choose your own, send an email to dvaccaro@mbusdapps.org for approval. Please include title, author, and your first and last name.</p>	

Fiction Choices

<p>Booked</p> <p>Alexander, Kwame</p>	<p>Realistic Fiction, Drama, Sports, Poetry</p> <p>Soccer, family, love, and friendship, take center stage as twelve-year-old Nick learns the power of words as he wrestles with problems at home, stands up to a bully, and tries to impress the girl of his dreams. This electric and heartfelt novel-in-verse by poet Kwame Alexander bends and breaks as it captures all the thrills and setbacks, action and emotion of a World Cup match!</p>
<p>The Thief of Always</p> <p>Barker, Clive</p>	<p>Fantasy</p> <p>After a mysterious stranger promises to end his boredom with a trip to the magical Holiday House, ten-year-old Harvey learns that his fun has a high price.</p>
<p>Hope was Here (Newbery Honor book)</p> <p>Bauer, Joan</p>	<p>Fiction, Realistic Fiction</p> <p>When sixteen-year-old Hope and the aunt who has raised her move from Brooklyn to Mulhoney, Wisconsin, to work as waitress and cook in the Welcome Stairways diner, they become involved with the diner owner’s political campaign to oust the town’s corrupt mayor.</p>
<p>The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora</p> <p>Cartaya, Pablo</p>	<p>Realistic Fiction</p> <p>Summer is usually the same for Arturo, but things are changing this time! Distracted by a new person, Carmen, moving into his apartment complex, he almost doesn’t notice the smarmy land developer who rolls into town and threatens to change it. Arturo refuses to let his family and community go down without a fight, and as he schemes with Carmen, Arturo discovers the power of poetry and protest.</p>

<p>Murder on the Orient Express</p> <p>Christie, Agatha</p>	<p>Mystery</p> <p>A much-loathed murder victim is found aboard the luxurious Orient Express with multiple stab wounds, thirteen likely suspects, an incomparably brilliant detective in Hercule Poirot, and the most ingenious crime ever conceived.</p>
<p>Timeline</p> <p>Crichton, Michael</p>	<p>Science Fiction</p> <p>A Yale history professor travels back in time to 15th century France and gets stuck, unable to return to the present. His colleagues organize a rescue and on landing in France become involved in the Hundred Years War.</p>
<p>Bud, Not Buddy (Newbery Medal book)</p> <p>Curtis, Christopher Paul</p>	<p>Historical Fiction</p> <p>Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father--the renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway of Grand Rapids.</p>
<p>The Graveyard Book (Newbery Medal book)</p> <p>Gaiman, Neil</p>	<p>Fantasy</p> <p>The orphan Bod, short for Nobody, is taken in by the inhabitants of a graveyard as a child of eighteen months old and raised lovingly and carefully to the age of eighteen years by the community of ghosts and otherworldly creatures.</p>
<p>Flush</p> <p>Hiaasen, Carl</p>	<p>Realistic Fiction</p> <p>With their father jailed for sinking a river boat, Noah Underwood and his younger sister, Abbey, must gather evidence that the owner of this floating casino is emptying his bilge tanks into the protected waters around their Florida Keys home.</p>
<p>Weedflower</p> <p>Kadonaga, Cynthia</p>	<p>Historical Fiction</p> <p>After twelve-year-old Sumiko and her Japanese-American family are relocated from their flower farm in southern California to an internment camp on a Mojave Indian reservation in Arizona, she helps her family and neighbors, becomes friends with a local Indian boy, and tries to hold on to her dream of owning a flower shop.</p>
<p>Amina's Voice</p> <p>Khan, Helen</p>	<p>Realistic Fiction</p> <p>Amina has never been comfortable in the spotlight. She is happy just hanging out with her best friend, Soojin. Except now that she's in middle school everything feels different. Soojin is suddenly hanging out with Emily, one of the "cool" girls in the class, and even talking about changing her name to something more "American." Does Amina need to start changing too? Or hiding who she is to fit in? While Amina grapples with these questions, she is devastated when her local mosque is vandalized.</p>
<p>Amulet Series (Book 1 <i>The Stonekeeper</i>)</p> <p>Kimbuishi, Kazu</p>	<p>Fantasy, Graphic Novel</p> <p>A world of terrible, man-eating demons, a mechanical rabbit, a giant robot--and two ordinary children on a life-or-death mission.</p>
<p>The Lorien Legacies Series (Book 1 <i>I am Number Four</i>)</p> <p>Lore, Pittacus</p>	<p>Fantasy</p> <p>John Smith has just arrived in Paradise, Ohio, just another stop in a string of small towns where the 15-year-old has been hiding out from the Mogadorians. Those terrifying aliens are determined to destroy him and the other nine Loric children who have sought refuge on Earth. The Mogadorians are picking off the surviving kids in numerical order. The first three are dead and John's number is up. Will his Legacies, his defining super powers, develop in time for him to fight against the enemy?</p>
<p>Magnus Chase and the Guards of Asgard (Book 1 <i>The Sword of Summer</i>)</p> <p>Riordan, Rick</p>	<p>Fantasy</p> <p>Magnus Chase has seen his share of trouble. Ever since that terrible night two years ago when his mother told him to run, he has lived alone on the streets of Boston. 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.</p>
<p>The Harry Potter Series (Book 1 <i>Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone</i>)</p> <p>Rowling, J.K.</p>	<p>Fantasy</p> <p>Eleven year old famous wizard, Harry Potter, is sent to wizarding school to learn magic. He ends up solving a mystery over life and death, all while the most evil of wizards, Lord Voldemort, is trying to kill him.</p>

<p>Maniac Magee (Newbery Medal book)</p> <p>Spinelli, Jerry</p>	<p>After his parents die, Jeffrey Lionel Magee's life becomes legendary, as he strikes out on his own and accomplishes athletic feats which awe his contemporaries and builds strong friendships.</p>
<p>Stef Soto, Taco Queen</p> <p>Torres, Jennifer</p>	<p>Realistic Fiction</p> <p>Estefania "Stef" Soto is itching to shake off the onion-and-cilantro embrace of Tia Perla, her family's taco truck. She wants nothing more than for her dad to get a normal job and for Tia Perla to be put out to pasture. It's no fun being known as the "Taco Queen" at school. But just when it looks like Stef is going to get exactly what she wants, and her family's livelihood is threatened, she will have to become the truck's unlikely champion.</p>
<p>Flipped</p> <p>Van Draanen, Wendelin</p>	<p>Realistic Fiction, Romance</p> <p>The first time Juli Baker saw Bryce Loski, she flipped. The first time Bryce saw Juli, he ran. That's pretty much the pattern for these two neighbors until the eighth grade, when, just as Juli is realizing Bryce isn't as wonderful as she thought, Bryce is starting to see that Juli is pretty amazing.</p>
<p>Genesis Begins Again</p> <p>Williams, Alicia</p>	<p>Realistic Fiction</p> <p>This is the story of a thirteen-year-old girl who is filled with self-loathing and must overcome internalized racism and a verbally abusive family to finally learn to love herself.</p>
<p>Devil's Arithmetic</p> <p>Yolen, Jane</p>	<p>Historical Fiction, Fantasy</p> <p>Hannah resents the traditions of her Jewish heritage until time travel places her in the middle of a small Jewish village in Nazi-occupied Poland.</p>

Non-Fiction Choices

<p>A Long Way Gone</p> <p>Beah, Ishmael</p>	<p>Narrative Non-fiction, Memoir, War</p> <p>This absorbing account by a young man who, as a boy of 12, gets swept up in Sierra Leone's civil war goes beyond even the best journalistic efforts in revealing the life and mind of a child abducted into the horrors of warfare.</p>
<p>Warriors Don't Cry: A Searing Memoir of the Battle to Integrate Little Rock's Central High</p> <p>Beals, Melba Patillo</p>	<p>Narrative Non-fiction, Autobiography, History</p> <p>In 1957, Melba Pattillo turned sixteen. That was also the year she became a warrior on the front lines of a civil rights firestorm. Following the landmark 1954 Supreme Court ruling, <i>Brown v. Board of Education</i>, Melba was one of nine teenagers chosen to integrate Little Rock's Central High School.</p>
<p>The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens</p> <p>Covey, Sean</p>	<p>Self-Help</p> <p>In this book author Sean Covey applies the timeless principles of the 7 Habits to teens and the tough issues and life-changing decisions they face. In an entertaining style, Covey provides a step-by-step guide to help teens improve self-image, build friendships, resist peer pressure, achieve.</p>
<p>Unbroken (The Young Adult Adaptation): An Olympian's Journey from Airman to Castaway to Captive</p> <p>Hillenbrand, Laura</p>	<p>Narrative Non-fiction, Biography, History</p> <p>On a May afternoon in 1943, an Army Air Forces bomber crashed into the Pacific Ocean and disappeared, leaving only a spray of debris and a slick of oil, gasoline, and blood. Then, on the ocean surface, a face appeared. It was that of a young lieutenant, the plane's bombardier, who was struggling to a life raft and pulling himself aboard. So began one of the most extraordinary odysseys of the Second World War.</p>
<p>The Book of Blood: From Legends and Leeches to Vampires and Veins</p> <p>Newquist, H.P.</p>	<p>Informational</p> <p>An engaging tour of the world of blood, from ancient history to modern science—with an occasional trip to the very strange side of the most important tissue in our bodies.</p>
<p>It's Trevor Noah: Stories from a South African Childhood (Adapted for Young Readers)</p> <p>Noah, Trevor</p>	<p>Narrative Non-fiction, Memoir</p> <p>Trevor Noah shares his story of growing up in South Africa, with a black South African mother and a white European father at a time when it was against the law for a mixed-race child like him to exist. But he did exist—and from the beginning, the often-misbehaved Trevor used his smarts and humor to navigate a harsh life under a racist government.</p>

<p><i>Guts and Glory: The Vikings</i></p> <p>Thompson, Ben</p>	<p>History</p> <p>From battle-axe-wielding tribes plundering the greatest cities of Europe to powerful kings and queens ruling their dominions with iron fists, the Vikings were some of the most feared and fearless figures in European history. Find the bravest heroes, the most menacing villains, and unbelievably awesome facts and myths inside this action-packed overview that will amaze kids with tales of a people so incredible...it's hard to believe they were real.</p>
<p><i>I am Malala</i></p> <p>Yousafzai, Malala</p>	<p>Narrative Non-fiction, Autobiography</p> <p>The remarkable tale of a family uprooted by global terrorism, of the fight for girls' education, of a father who, himself a school owner, championed and encouraged his daughter to write and attend school, and of brave parents who have a fierce love for their daughter in a society that prizes sons.</p>