

Mildred E. Strang Middle School Summer Reading List 2008

List A: Required Reading

Grade and Author	Titles	Genre
Grade 6: Linda Sue Park	A Single Shard; Project Mulberry; Archer's Quest, When My Name Was Keoko; The Kite Fighter; See Saw Girl	Mixed
Grade 7: Shelley Pearsall	Crooked River; Trouble Don't Last; All of the Above; All Shook Up	Mixed
Grade 8: Joan Bauer	Backwater; Best Foot Forward; Hope Was Here; Rules of the Road; Squashed; Stand Tall; Sticks	Mixed

List B: Student Free Choice

This is a suggested list. If you would like to read books not included on this list, please have them approved by your English teacher BEFORE you leave for summer vacation.

A NOTE TO PARENTS: Maturity and reading ability of middle school children varies tremendously. We recognize that parents are the best judge of their children's readiness. The titles listed below have been chosen for their appeal to 6th, 7th and 8th grade.

YA indicates ALL books listed by the author are suitable for mature young adults; (YA) indicates SOME books by the author are suitable for mature young adults.

FICTION		
Author	Title(s)	Genre
Abbott, Tony	Secrets of Droon Series; Firegirl	Mixed
Adams, Douglas	The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy Series	YA; Science Fiction
Alcott, Louisa May	Little Men; Little Women	(YA); Realistic
Almond, David	Clay (YA); The Fire Eaters; Kit's Wilderness (YA); Secret Heart;	Realistic
Anderson, Jodi Lynn	May Bird Series; Peaches(YA); The secrets of peaches: a novel (YA)	(YA); Mixed
Anderson, Laurie Halse	Fever, 1793; Speak (YA)	(YA); Mixed
Asimov, Issac	Any Title	Science Fiction
Avi	Any Title <i>except Midnight Magic and The Fighting Ground</i>	Mixed
Babbitt, Natalie	Tuck Everlasting	Fantasy
Baker, E. D.	Dragon's Breath; The Frog Princess; Once Upon a Curse; No place for magic : book four in the tales of the frog princess	Fantasy
Barron, T.A.	The Great Tree of Avalon Series	Fantasy
Bauer, Marion Diane	Runt	Animal
Blume, Judy	Deenie; Double Fudge; Are You There God? It's Me Margaret, Here's To You Rachel Robinson	Realistic
Bode, N. E.	The Anybodies	Fantasy
Bradbury, Ray	Dandelion Wine; Fahrenheit 451	YA; Science Fiction
Brashares, Ann	The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants; The Second Summer of the Sisterhood; Girls in Pants: The Third Summer of the Sisterhood	YA; Realistic
Bray, Libba	A Great and Terrible Beauty; Rebel Angels	YA; Historical Fiction
Brennan, Herbie	The Purple Emperor;Fairie Wars	Fantasy
Broach, Elise	Shakespeare's Secret	Mystery
Brooke, Lauren	Chestnut Hill Series; Heartland Series	Animals
Bunting, Eve	SOS Titanic	Historical Fiction
Burnett, Frances Hodgson	The Secret Garden; A Little Princess	Realistic
Burnford, Sheila	The Incredible Journey	Adventure
Cabot, Meg	Avalon High (YA); The Princess Diaries; The Mediator Series	(YA); Mixed
Card, Orson Scott	Any Title	YA; Adventure
Catanese, P. W.	The Thief and the Beanstalk	Fantasy
Chabon, Michael	Summerland	Fantasy
Choldenko, Gennifer	Al Capone Does My Shirts; Notes from a liar and her dog	Mixed

Christie, Agatha	Any Title <i>except And Then There Were None</i>	YA; Mystery
Clancy, Tom	Patriot Games; Red Storm Rising	YA; Action
Clarke, Arthur C.	Any Title	YA; Science Fiction
Clements, Andrew	Any Title	Realistic
Clinton, Cathryn	A Stone in My Hand; Simeon's fire	Realistic
Codell, Esme Raji	Sahara special	Realistic
Colfer, Eoin	Artemis Fowl Series <i>except Artemis Fowl</i> ; The Supernaturalist;The Wish List (YA)	(YA); Fantasy
Collins, Suzanne	The Underland Chronicles Series	Fantasy
Cooney, Caroline	Any Title <i>except Face on the Milk Carton; Whatever Happened to Janie?</i>	Mystery
Corder, Zizou	Lion Boy Series	Fantasy
Cowell, Cressida	How to Be a Pirate; How to Train Your Dragon; How to Speak Dragonese	Humor
Coy, John	Crackback	YA; Sports
Creech, Sharon	Any Title <i>except Walk 2 Moons and Love That Dog</i>	Realistic
Crichton, Michael	The Andromeda Strain; Jurassic Park	YA; Science Fiction
Crutcher, Chris	Any Title	YA
Curtis, Christopher Paul	Bud, not Buddy	Historical Fiction
Dahl, Roald	The BFD; Charlie and the Chocolate Factory	Fantasy
Danziger, Paula	Any Title <i>except The Cate That Ate My Jumpsuit</i>	(YA); Realistic
Dessen, Sarah	The Truth About Forever	Realistic
DiCamillo, Kate	Because of Winn Dixie; Tale of Despereaux; The Tiger Rising (YA)	(YA); Mixed
Dickens, Charles	Oliver Twist	YA; Realistic
Divakaruni, Chitra Banerjee	The Conch Bearer; The Mirror of Fire and Dreaming	Fantasy
D'Lacey, Chris	The Fire Within; Icefire; Fire Star	Supernatural
Dowell, Frances O'Roark	The Secret Language of Girls; Chicken boy; Dovey Coe	Realistic
Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan	Sherlock Holmes Series <i>except The Hound of Baskervilles</i>	YA; Mystery
Dumas, Alexandre	The Count of Monte Cristo	YA; Adventure
Duncan, Lois	Any Title <i>except Killing Mr. Griffin</i>	(YA); Mixed
DuPrau, Jeanne	City of Ember; People of Sparks	Fantasy
Eddings, David	The Belgariad Series;The Mallorean Series	YA; Fantasy
Edwards, Julie	The Last of the Really Great Whangdoodles	Fantasy
Ellis, Mel	The Wild Horse Killers	YA; Animals
Farley, Walter	The Black Stallion Series	Adventure
Farmer, Nancy	The Sea of Trolls	Fantasy
Feinstein, John	Last shot : a Final Four mystery; Vanishing Act	Sports
Ferris, Jean	Bad (YA); Once Upon a Marigold; Love Among the Walnuts, or, How I Saved my Family from Being Poisoned	(YA); Mixed
Friend, Natasha	Perfect; Bounce	Realistic
Funke, Cornelia	Inkheart; Dragon Rider; Inkspell;The Thief Lord	Fantasy
Gaiman, Neil	Coraline	Fantasy
Gail Gauthier	The hero of Ticonderoga; Saving the planet & stuff	Realistic
Giff, Patricia Reilly	Lily's Crossing; Maggie's Door; Nory Ryan's Song; Pictures of Hollis Woods	Mixed
Gipson, Fred	Old Yeller	Animal
Golding, William	Lord of the Flies	Adventure
Gorman, Carol	Dork in Disguise; Dork on the Run; A Midsummer's Night Dork	Realistic
Grisham, John	A Painted House;Bleachers	YA
Gutman, Dan	Baseball Card Adventure Series	Sports
Haddix, Margaret Peterson	Shadow Children Series; Turnabout	Science Fiction
Hale, Shannon	The Princess Academy	Fantasy
Harlow, Joan Hiatt	Star in the Storm; Thunder from the Sea	Animals
Harrison, Lisi	The Clique Series	YA; Realistic
Helgerson, Joseph	Horns and Wrinkles	Fantasy

Heller, Joseph	Catch 22	YA; Historical
Henkes, Kevin	Olive's Ocean	Realistic
Hesse, Karen	The Music of Dolphins; Out of the Dust; Witness	Realistic
Hiaasen, Carl	Hoot (YA); Flush	(YA); Realistic
Higson, Charles	James Bond Adventure Series	Mystery
Hinton, S.E.	That Was Then, This is Now; Rumblefish; Tex	YA; Realistic
Hoffman, Alice	Aquamarine; Green Angel; Indigo	Fantasy
Horowitz, Anthony	Alex Rider Series	Adventure
Hunter, Erin	Warriors Series	Fantasy
Hutchinson, Susanna	Trouble's Daughter	Historical Fiction
Huxley, Aldous	Brave New World	YA; Science Fiction
Jacques, Brian	Redwall Series	Fantasy
Johnson, Angela	Bird; A Cool Moonlight; The First Part Last (YA); Heaven (YA); Looking for Red (YA)	(YA); Realistic
Kerr, P.B.	Children of the Lamp	
King, Stephen	The Girl Who Loved Tom Gordon	YA; Horror
Klise, Kate	Regarding the - Series; Deliver Us from Normal; Far from Normal	Mystery
Koja, Kathe	Buddha Boy	Realistic
Konigsburg, E. L.	The Outcasts of 19 Schuyler Place	Realistic
Korman, Gordon	Any Title	(YA); Realistic
Koss, Amy Goldman	The Cheat; The Girls; Gossip Times Three; Poison Ivy	Realistic
Lawrence, Iain	The Convicts	Historical Fiction
Lee, Harper	To Kill a Mockingbird	YA
Lee, Tanith	Claidi Journals	Fantasy
L'Engle, Madeleine	Any Title	Mixed
Levine, Gail Carson	Fairest; The Two Princesses of Bamarre; Dave at Night; The Wish	Fantasy
Levitin, Sonia	Room in the Heart	Historical Fiction
Lewis, C.S.	The Chronicles of Narnia Series	Fantasy
Lipsyte, Robert	Any Title	YA; Sports
London, Jack	Any Title <i>except Call of the Wild</i>	Adventure
Lowenstein, Sallie	Sender Unknown	Fantasy
Lowry, Lois	Any Title <i>except The Giver and Number the Stars</i>	(YA); Mixed
Lupica, Mike	Heat; Travel Team; Summer Ball	Sports
Maguire, Gregory	Confessions of an Ugly Stepsister; Oasis; Lost; The Dream Stealer; Wicked: the Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West; a novel	Mixed
Martin, Ann	A Dog's Life	Animals
Mazer, Harry	A Boy No More; A Boy at War: a Novel of Pearl Harbor	Historical Fiction
Mazer, Norma Fox	Any Title	Realistic
McKinley, Robin	Rose Daughter	YA
Mikaelsen, Ben	Touching Spirit Bear; Sparrow Hawk Red; Petey	Adventure
Montgomery, L.M.	Anne of Green Gables Series	Realistic
Morgan, Melissa J.	Camp Confidential Series	Realistic
Mowll, Joshua	Operation Typhoon Shore; Operation Red Jericho	Adventure
Meyer, Stephenie	Twilight Series	YA; Horror
Myers, Walter Dean	Hoops; Fallen Angels; Monster	YA; Realistic
Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds	Shiloh	Animal
Newman, Leslea	Fat Chance	Realistic
Nimmo, Jenny	Charlie Bone Series	Fantasy
Nickerson, Sara	How to Disappear Completely and Never be Found	Mystery
Nix, Garth	The Keys to the Kingdom Series; The Abhorsen Trilogy	Fantasy
Nixon, Joan Lowery	Any Title	(YA); Mystery
Juster, Norton	The Phantom Toll Booth	Fantasy
O'Roark Dowell, Frances	Chicken Boy; Dovey Coe; The Secret Language of Girls	Realistic
Orwell, George	Animal Farm; 1984	YA; Mixed
Paolini, Christopher	Eragon; Eldest	YA; Fantasy
Paterson, Katherine	Any Title <i>except Bridge to Terebithia</i>	Realistic

Patterson, James	Maximum Ride Series	YA; Science Fiction
Paulsen, Gary	Any Title <i>except Hatchet</i>	(YA); Realistic
Peck, Richard	The Teacher's Funeral; Here Lies the Librarian; On the Wings of Heroes	Historical Fiction
Perkins, Lynne Rae	All Alone in the Universe; Criss Cross	Realistic
Pierce, Tamora	Protector of the Small Series;The Immortals Series;Circle Opens Series;Song of the Lioness Series	Fantasy
Prachett, Terry	Tiffany Aching Adventure Series	YA; Fantasy
Pullman, Philip	The Golden Compass; The Subtle Knife;The Amber Spyglass	Fantasy
Rawlings, Marjorie Kinnan	The Yearling	Animal
Rawls, Wilson	Where the Red Fern Grows	Animals
Rees, Celia	Pirates (YA); Sorceress; Witch Child (YA)	(YA); Historical
Remarque, Erich Maria	All Quiet on the Western Front	YA; Historical
Rennison, Louise	The Georgia Nicolson Series	YA
Rhodes, Amelia Atwater	Any Title	YA; Fantasy
Ritter, John H.	The Boy Who Saved Baseball; Choosing Up Sides; Over the Wall	Sports
Rowling, J.K.	Any Title	Adventure
Ryan, Pam Munoz	Becoming Naomi Leon; Esperanza Rising	Realistic
Sachar, Louis	Any Title	Humor
Salisbury, Graham	Eyes of the emperor (YA); House of the red fish (YA); Jungle dogs; Lord of the deep (YA); Under the blood-red sun	(YA); Historical Fiction
Schreiber, Ellen	Vampire Kisses Series	YA; Romance
Series	Star Wars	Science Fiction
Sewell, Anna	Black Beauty	Animal
Shan, Darren	Cirque Du Freak: A Nightmare Story Series	Horror
Shelley, Mary	Frankenstein	YA; Horror
Shusterman, Neal	The Dark Side of Nowhere (YA); Dissidents (YA); Downsiders:a novel; Dread Locks (YA); Duckling Ugly (YA); Full Tilt:a novel (YA); Mindbenders: Stories to Warp Your Brain; Mindstorms:Stories to Blow Your Mind; Mindtwisters:Stories to Shred Your Head; Red Rider's Hood (YA); The Schwa was	(YA); Mixed
Smith, Roland	Cryptid Hunters; Sasquatch	Adventure
Snicket, Lemony	A Series of Unfortunate Events Series	Adventure
Spradlin, Michael P.	Spy Goddess Series	YA; Adventure
Spinelli, Jerry	Any Title <i>except Loser</i>	(YA); Realistic
Stevenson, Robert Louis	Treasure Island; Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde (YA); Kidnapped (YA)	(YA); Mixed
Stoker, Bram	Dracula	(YA); Horror
Stroud, Jonathan	The Bartimaeus Trilogy	Fantasy
Swallow, Pamela Curtis	It Only Looks Easy	Realistic
Swift, Jonathan	Gulliver's Travels	YA; Fantasy
Taylor, Mildred	Let the Circle be Unbroken	YA; Historical
Tolkien, J.R.R.	The Lord of the Rings Trilogy	YA; Fantasy
Twain, Mark	The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn (YA); Tom Sawyer	(YA); Adventure
Van Draanen, Wendelin	Flipped; How I Survived Being a Girl; Runaway	Mixed
Vega, Denise	Click Here: to find out how I survived 7th grade	Realistic
Verne, Jules	20,000 Leagues Under the Sea ; Journey to the Center of the Earth	YA; Science Fiction
Voight, Cynthia	Homecoming	Realistic
Wallace, Bill	No Dogs Allowed!	Animal
Wallace, Rich	Winning Season Series	Sports
Walters, Eric	Long Shot	Sports
Wells, H.G.	War ot the Worlds(YA); The Invisible Man;The Time Machine (YA)	Science Fiction
Westerfeld, Scott	Uglies; Pretties; Specials; Extras; The Midnighter's Series	YA; Science Fiction
Weyn, Suzanne	The Bar Code Tadoo, The Bar Code Rebellion	YA; Science Fiction

Whelan, Gloria	Angel on the Square; Burying the Sun; Chu Ju's house; Forgive the River, Forgive the Sky; Goodbye, Vietnam; The Impossible Journey; Listening for Lions; The Turning	Historical Fiction
Woodson, Jacqueline	Between Madison & Palmetto; Maizon at Blue Hill; Last Summer with Maizon; Hush; Behind You (YA)	(YA); Realistic
Wrede, Patricia C.	Enchanted Forest Chronicles; The Grand Tour, or, The Purloined Coronation Regalia; Sorcery and Cecelia, or, The Enchanted Chocolate Pot: Being the Correspondence of Two Young Ladies of Quality Regarding Various Magical Scandals in London and the Country; Mairelon the Magician	YA; Fantasy
Wyss, Johann David	The Swiss Family Robinson	Adventure
Yancey, Richard	Adventures of Alfred Kropp Series	YA; Adventure
Yee, Lisa	Millicent Min, girl genius; So totally Emily Ebers; Stanford Wong flunks big-time	Realistic
Yep, Laurence	Dragon Steel; Dragon Cauldron; Dragon's Gate(YA)	(YA); Fantasy
Zevin, Gabrielle	Elsewhere	Realistic
Non Fiction		
Anonymous	Go Ask Alice	
Armstrong, Jennifer	Photo by Brady: A Picture of the Civil War	
Asirvathan, Sandy	Bruce Willis	
Baker, Nick	The Amateur Naturalist	
Bartoletti, Susan Campbell	Black Potatoes: The Story of the Great Irish Famine, 1845-1850; Hitler Youth: Growing Up in Hitler's Shadow	
Beals, Melba	Warriors Don't Cry: A Searing Memoir of the Battle to Integrate Little Rock's Central High	
Benchmark Books	Any Title: Epidemic! Series	
Blue, Rose	Monica Seles	
Blumenthal, Karen	Let Me Play: The Story of Title IX, the Law That Changed the Future of Girls in America	
Bradley, James and Ron Powers	Flags of Our Fathers: Heroes of Iwo Jima	
Bruchac, Joseph	Bowman's Store: a journey to myself	
Calabro, Marian	The Perilous Journey of the Donner Party	
Canfield, Jack	Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul Series	
Capuzzo, Michael	Close to Shore: The Terrifying Shark Attacks of 1916	
Coffey, Wayne	Boys of Winter: The Untold Story of a Coach, a Dream, and the 1980 U.S. Olympic Hockey Team	
Crowe, Chris	Getting Away with Murder: The True Story of the Emmett Till Case	
Dahl, Roald	Boy; Going Solo	
Davidson, Margaret	Helen Keller	
DiConsiglio, John	Out of Control	
Farndon, John	1000 Things You Should Know About Plants	
Fox, Annie	Too Stressed to Think?	
Freedman, Russell	Children of the Great Depression	
Giblin, James	Thomas Jefferson; When Plague Strikes: The Black Death, Smallpox, AIDS	
Giff, Patricia Reilly	Don't tell the girls: a family memoir	
Gottlieb, Lori	Stick Figure	
Grogan, John	Marley & Me: Life and Love with the World's Worst Dog	
Hill, Christine M.	Robert Ballard : Oceanographer Who Discovered the Titanic	
Hillenbrand, Laura	Seabiscuit: an American legend	
Jackson, Livia Bitton	I Have Lived a Thousand Years: Growing Up in the Holocaust	
Jacobs, Timothy	100 Athletes Who Shaped Sports History	
Jeter, Derek and Jack Curry	The Life You Imagine: Life Lessons for Achieving Your Dreams	
Kaminsky, Marty	Uncommon Champions	
Lucent Books	Any Title: The Mystery Library Series	

