



Anne Arundel County Public Schools

# Middle School Summer Reading

Suggested reading for students entering  
grades **6 • 7 • 8** in **2017**

The titles on this list are suggestions and other books may be substituted. Ask your librarian for recommendations.

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## Grade 6

*Around the World* by Matt Phelan  
*Breadcrumbs* by Anne Ursu  
*The Boundless* by Kenneth Oppel  
*The Case of the Missing Marquess* by Nancy Springer  
*Courage Has No Color: The True Story of the Triple Nickles, America's First Black Paratroopers* by Tanya Lee Stone  
*Eruption! The Science of Saving Lives* by Elizabeth Rusch  
*Escape From Mr. Lemoncello's Library* by Chris Grabenstein  
*Greenglass House* by Kate Milford  
*Inside Out & Back Again* by Thanhha Lai  
*Magyk* by Angie Sage  
*The Mysterious Benedict Society and the Perilous Journey* by Trenton Lee Stewart  
*Out of My Mind* by Sharon Draper  
*Pax* by Sara Pennypacker  
*Raymie Nightingale* by Kate DiCamillo  
*Roller Girl* by Victoria Jamieson  
*Rooftoppers* by Katherine Rundell  
*A Tangle of Knots* by Lisa Graff  
*When You Reach Me* by Rebecca Stead

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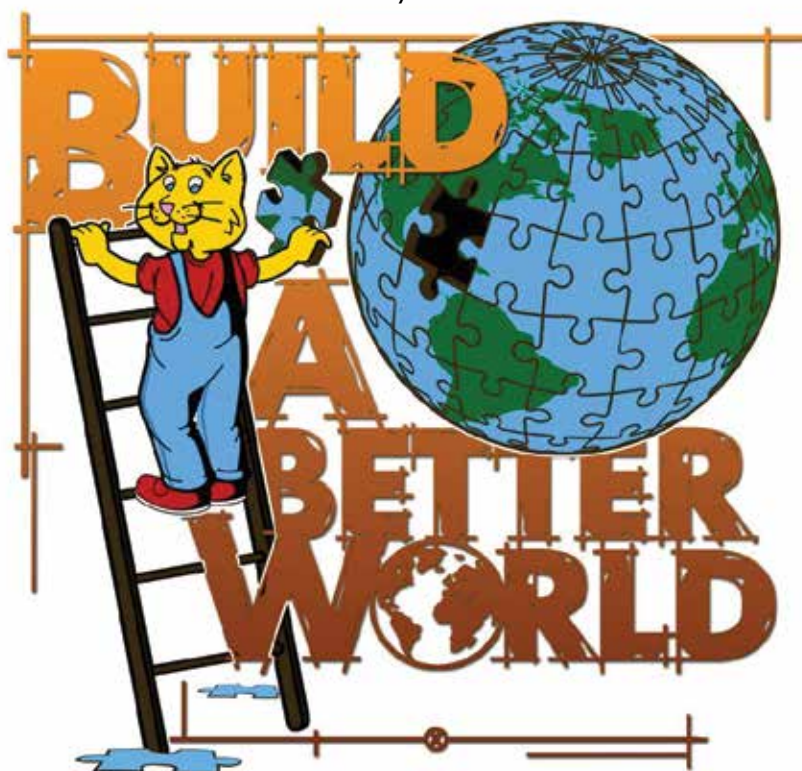
## Grade 7

*Bone: Out of Boneville* by Jeff Smith  
*Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson  
*Closed for the Season* by Mary Dowling Hahn  
*Crossover* by Kwame Alexander  
*Do You Know the Monkey Man* by Dori Hilstead Butler  
*Eggs* by Jerry Spinelli  
*Family Romanov* by Candace Fleming  
*The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman  
*The Impossible Rescue* by Martin Sandler  
*The Last Dragonslayer* by Jasper Fforde  
*Listen, Slowly* by Thanhha Lai  
*A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park  
*Primates: The Fearless Science of Jane Goodall, Dian Fossey, and Biruté Galdikas* by Jim Ottaviani and Maris Wicks  
*Shakespeare Bats Cleanup* by Ronald Koertge  
*Stickman Odyssey* by Christopher Ford  
*Tall Story* by Candy Gourlay  
*We will Not Be Silent: The White Rose Student Resistance Movement that Defied Adolf Hitler* by Russell Freedman  
*Will in Scarlet* by Matthew Cody  
*Zen and the Art of Faking It* by Jordan Sonnenblick

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## Grade 8

*Capital Days: Michael Shiner's Journal and the Growth of our Nation's Capital* by Tonya Bolden  
*Discovering Wes Moore* by Wes Moore  
*Ghost* by Jason Reynolds  
*Good Brother, Bad Brother: The Story of Edwin Booth and John Wilkes Booth* by James Cross Giblin  
*Hidden* by Helen Frost  
*Loser* by Jerry Spinelli  
*A Monster Calls* by Patrick Ness  
*Nation* by Terry Pratchett  
*The Nest* by Kenneth Oppel  
*On My Honor* by Marion Dane Bauer  
*Payback Time* by Carl Deuker  
*Shackleton: Antarctic Odyssey* by Nick Bertozzi  
*Scorpia* by Anthony Horowitz  
*Threatened* by Eliot Schrefer  
*Uglies* by Scott Westerfeld  
*Ungifted* by Gordon Korman  
*The Watch that Ends the Night: Voices from the Titanic* by Allan Wolf  
*Why'd They Wear That?: Fashion as the Mirror of History* by Sarah Albeep  
*A Wrinkle in Time: The Graphic Novel* by Madeleine L'Engle and Hope Larson  
*You Are Here: Around the World in 92 Minutes* by Chris Hadfield



### ☆ Remember ☆

- All reading need not be difficult.
- You can develop fluency and improve your rate of reading with "fun" books.
- Some books with familiar vocabulary and style reveal surprisingly complex themes and ideas.
- Expand your background knowledge and vocabulary with newspapers, magazines, biographies, and informational books. *Nonfiction is great!*