

Stafford Middle School

Summer 2008 Reading List

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Because reading is a crucial component of everyone's education, we are offering the following list to promote the reading habit over the summer. The list below for each grade level contains a variety of choices so that your child will both enjoy and benefit from a summer of reading.

We require our students to read **one** book from the list, or any other book you approve of, prior to the start of school on August 27, 2008. [Incoming grades 7 and 8, please click here for a list of assignments.](#) [Incoming grade 6, please click here for a list of assignments.](#) Your child must complete one assignment for the novel he/she reads. This assignment must be turned in by Friday, August 29th to your child's English teacher who will credit and record what your child has read over the summer.

The recommended book list will be available at the Stafford Library. The following web sites can assist you in providing further information about award winning books:

<http://www.nutmegaward.org/index.htm>

<http://www.ala.org/alsc/newbery.html>

<http://www.ala.org/ala/emiert/corettascottkingbookaward/corettascott.htm#winner>

<http://www.ala.org/ala/alsc/alscresources/booklists/MiddleSchoolReads.cfm>

[Stafford Middle School Library http://www.stafford.ctschool.net/SMS/library.html](http://www.stafford.ctschool.net/SMS/library.html)

The following web sites provide book reviews, book summaries, author information, book activities and much more:

KidsReads.com <http://www.kidsreads.com/>

Teenreads.com <http://www.teenreads.com/>

The following link is Mrs. Callahan's end of the year book talk:

Book Talk

Thank you for your partnership in promoting your child's education.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Valentine, Principal

Stafford Middle School English, Reading, and Library Media Teachers

READING LIST FOR IN-COMING SIXTH GRADERS

Author	Title
Abbott, Tony	Firegirl
Balliett, Blue	Chasing Vermeer
Birdsall, Jeanne	The Penderwicks : a summer tale of four sisters, two rabbits, and a very interesting boy
Bruchac, Joseph	The Warriors
Clements, Andrew	Room One Things Not Seen Things Hoped For
Curtis, Christopher Paul	The Watsons go to Birmingham--1963 : a novel
Fleischman, Sid	The Entertainer and the Dybbuk
Freedman, Russell (Nonfiction)	The Wright brothers : how they invented the airplane
Grimes, Nikki	Jazmin's Notebook
Han, Jenny	Shug
Harkrader, Lisa	Airball : my life in briefs

Kehret, Peg	Escaping the Giant Wave
Kinney, Jeff	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Greg Heffley's Journal
Korman, Gordon	No More Dead Dogs
Lord, Cynthia	Rules
Lubar, David	Hidden Talents
Lupica, Mike	Heat
Murphy, Jim (Nonfiction)	An American Plague: the true and terrifying story of the yellow fever epidemic of 1793
O'Dell, Kathleen	Agnes Parker Girl in Progress Agnes Parker: Keeping Cool in Middle School
Pullman, Philip	The Scarecrow and His Servant
Perkins, Lynne Rae-	Criss Cross
Sage, Angie	Magyk Flyte Physik
Turner, Ann	Hard Hit

*****2009 Nutmeg Nominees** [\(Click here\)](#)

Book Series

- Baseball Card Adventure
 - [Babe and Me : a baseball card adventure](#) - Gutman, Dan
- Warriors, the New Prophecy Series- Hunter, Erin
 - [Midnight](#)(Book 1) - Hunter, Erin
- Percy Jackson & The Olympians- Riordan, Rick
 - [The Lightning Thief](#) (Book 1) - Riordan, Rick
- Shadow Children- Haddix, Margaret Peterson
 - [Among the Hidden](#) (Book 1)- Haddix, Margaret Peterson
- The Spiderwick Chronicles- DiTerlizzi, Tony
 - [The Field Guide](#) (Book 1)- DiTerlizzi, Tony

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READING LIST FOR IN-COMING SEVENTH GRADERS

Author	Title
Abrahama, Peter	Down the Rabbit Hole
Alexie, Sherman	The absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian
Allison, Jennifer	Gilda Joyce: Psychic Investigator Gilda Joyce: the Ladies of the Lake Gilda Joyce: the Ghost Sonata
Bennett, Holly	The Bonemender
Bruchac, Joseph	Code Talker: A Novel About the Navajo Marines of World War Two
Canales, Viola	The Tequila Worm
Freedman, Russell (Nonfiction)	Cowboys of the Wildwest
Funke, Cornelia Caroline	Inkheart Inkspell
Gaiman, Neil	Coraline
Hughes, Dean	Soldier boys
Kinney, Jeff	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Greg Heffley's Journal
Lubar, David	True Talents Flip
Lupica, Mike	The Big Field
Moriarty, Jaclyn	The Year of Secret Assignments
Murphy, Jim (Nonfiction)	Blizzard!: the Storm that changed America
Myers, Walter Dean	Monster Scorpions
Pfeffer, Susan Beth	Life As We Knew I t
Rees, Celia	Pirates! : the true and remarkable adventures of Minerva Sharpe and Nancy Kington, female pirates

Rees, Douglas	Vampire High
Shafer, Audrey	The Mailbox
Smith, Greg Leitich	Ninjas, Piranhas and Galileo
Vega, Denise	Click Here: (to find out how I survived seventh grade)
Van Draanen, Wendelin	Flipped
Wooding, Chris	Poison Storm Thief

*****2009 Nutmeg Nominees** [\(Click here\)](#)

Book Series

- Gatekeepers-Horowitz, Anthony
 - [Raven's Gate](#) (Book 1) - Horowitz, Anthony
- Cirque Du Freak Series-Shan, Darren
 - [Cirque Du Freak](#) (Book 1)-Shan, Darren
- [The Divide](#) (Book 1)- Kay Elizabeth
- The Lost Years of Merlin Series-Barron, T. A.
 - [The Seven Songs of Merlin](#) (Book 2)- Barron, T.A
- Pendragon Series-MacHale, D.J.
 - [The Merchant of Death](#) (Book 1)- MacHale, D.J.

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READING LIST FOR IN-COMING EIGHTH GRADERS

Author	<u>Title</u>
Adoff, Jaime	Jimi and Me
Alexie, Sherman	The absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian
Bauer, Joan	Hope was Here
Bauer, Michael Gerard	Don't Call Me Ishmael
Cary, Kate	Bloodline: A Novel
Cooney,Caroline B.	Code Orange
Cormier, Robert	The Rag and Bone Shop : a novel

Crowe, Chris (nonfiction)	Getting Away with Murder : The True Story of the Emmett Till Case
Flake, Sharon	Bang!
Fradin, Dennis B. (nonfiction)	The Signers : the fifty-six stories behind the Declaration of Independence
Freedman, Russell (nonfiction)	Give me liberty!: the story of the Declaration of Independence
Godbersen, Anna	The Luxe
Graham, Gardner	Inventing Elliot
Higson, Charles	SilverFin: a James Bond Adventure
Holub, Josef	An Innocent Soldier
Johnson, Maureen	13 Little Blue Envelopes
Lubar, David	Flip Dunk
Michael, Livi	The Whispering Road
Miller, Kristen	KiKi Strike: Inside the Shadow City
Morpurgo, Michael	Private Peaceful
Moses, Sheila P.	The Legend of Buddy Bush
Myers, Walter Dean	Fallen Angels
Peters, Julie Anne	Define "Normal" : A novel
Plum-Ucci, Carol	The Body of Christopher Creed
Rees, Douglas	Vampire High
Roach, Mary (non-fiction)	Stiff : The curious lives of human cadavers
Wolff, Virginia Euwer	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Make Lemonade 2. True Believer
Yolen, Jane	Armageddon Summer
Zenatti, Valerie, 1970- (nonfiction)	When I was a soldier : a memoir

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Book Series

- Fablehaven-Mull, Brandon
 - [Fablehaven](#) (Book 1) - Mull, Brandon
- Leven Thumps- Skye, Obert
 - [Leven Thumps and the Gateway to Foo](#) (Book 1)- Skye, Obert
- Georgia Nicolson Diaries- Rennison, Louise
 - [Angus, Thongs and Full-Frontal Snogging : confessions of Georgia Nicolson](#) - Rennison, Louise
- Mediator Series- Cabot, Meg
 - [Shadowland](#) (Book 1)- Cabot, Meg
- Redwall Series - Jacques, Brian
 - [Redwall](#) (first book in the series)- Jacques Brian
- Demonata-Shan, Darren
 - [Lord Loss](#) (Book 1)-Shan, Darren

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