

# Suggested Summer Reading

## Middle & High School 2016

The books below are suggestions designed to be engaging summer reads; please know that students may read any age- and level-appropriate book of their choice. Keep in mind that some content may be too mature for younger readers, and therefore parental discretion is advised. Check with your local school for any required summer reading. Your public librarian can offer additional suggested titles, series, and authors. For a quick recommendation based on a book you enjoyed, try <http://www.whatshouldireadnext.com/>.

<b><i>Suggested Series</i></b>	<b><i>AUTHOR</i></b>	<b><i>LEXILE</i></b>	<b><i>SUMMARY</i></b>
<b><i>39 Clues</i></b>	multiple authors	550-730	Dan and Amy Cahill are given the choice of receiving a million dollars or uncovering the thirty-nine clues hidden around the world that will lead to the source of the family's power, but by taking on the clues, they end up in a dangerous race against their own family.
<b><i>Alex Rider</i></b>	Anthony Horowitz	610-780	After the death of the uncle who had been his guardian, fourteen-year-old Alex Rider is coerced to continue his uncle's dangerous work for Britain's intelligence agency, MI6.
<b><i>Artemis Fowl</i></b>	Eoin Colfer	600	When a twelve-year-old evil genius tries to restore his family fortune by capturing a fairy and demanding a ransom in gold, the fairies fight back with magic, technology, and a particularly nasty troll.
<b><i>Beautiful Creatures</i></b>	Kami Garcia	670	In a small South Carolina town, where it seems little has changed since the Civil War, sixteen-year-old Ethan is powerfully drawn to Lena, a new classmate with whom he shares a psychic connection and whose family hides a dark secret that may be revealed on her sixteenth birthday.
<b><i>Bluford High</i></b>	Various Authors	740	The Bluford Series focuses on the lives of a group of high school students and their families. Set in contemporary urban America, each novel addresses complex topics relevant to the lives of today's students: family, friendship, trust, isolation, violence, and peer pressure, to name a few.
<b><i>Dead is...</i></b>	Marlene Perez	580-630	Seventeen-year-old Daisy Giordano, daughter and sister of psychics, attempts to help her mother discover who is behind a series of bizarre attacks on teenage girls in their little town of Nightshade, California.
<b><i>Divergent</i></b>	Veronica Roth	700	In a future Chicago, sixteen-year-old Beatrice Prior must choose among five predetermined factions to define her identity for the rest of her life, a decision made more difficult when she discovers that she is an anomaly who does not fit into any one group, and that the society she lives in is not perfect after all.
<b><i>Escape from Furnace</i></b>	Alexander Gordon Smith	950-1010	When fourteen-year-old Alex is framed for murder, he becomes an inmate in the Furnace Penitentiary, where brutal inmates and sadistic guards reign, boys who disappear in the middle of the night sometimes return weirdly altered, and escape might just be possible.
<b><i>H.I.V.E.</i></b>	Mark Walden	920-1040	Thirteen-year-old orphan Otto Malpense, identified as a boy with a special talent for villainy, is kidnapped and taken to the remote Higher Institute of Villainous Education, or H.I.V.E., where he is enrolled in a six-year training program and

			immediately begins formulating a plan to escape.
<b><i>Leviathan</i></b>	Scott Westerfeld	790-810	In an alternate 1914 Europe, fifteen-year-old Austrian Prince Alek, on the run from the Clanker Powers who are attempting to take over the globe using mechanical machinery, forms an uneasy alliance with Deryn who, disguised as a boy to join the British Air Service, is learning to fly genetically-engineered beasts.
<b><i>Maximum Ride</i></b>	James Patterson	680-770	After the mutant Erasers abduct the youngest member of their group, the "bird kids," who are the result of genetic experimentation, take off in pursuit and find themselves struggling to understand their own origins and purpose.
<b><i>Maze Runner</i></b>	James Dashner	720-760	Sixteen-year-old Thomas wakes up with no memory in the middle of a maze and realizes he must work with the community in which he finds himself if he is to escape.
<b><i>Michael Vey</i></b>	Richard Paul Evans	500	Fourteen-year-old Michael discovers he has special electrical powers and, with the help of his best friends, becomes aware that there are other teens with similar powers, but something or someone is hunting them and, after Michael's mother is kidnapped, he will need to rely on his powers and his friends to rescue his mom, protect himself, and save the others.
<b><i>Middle School</i></b>	James Patterson	700	When Rafe Kane enters middle school, he teams up with his best friend, "Leo the Silent," to create a game to make school more fun by trying to break every rule in the school's code of conduct.
<b><i>Midnighters</i></b>	Scott Westerfeld	740-810	Upon moving to Bixby, Oklahoma, fifteen-year-old Jessica Day learns that she is one of a group of people who have special abilities that help them fight ancient creatures living in an hour hidden at midnight; creatures that seem determined to destroy Jess.
<b><i>Pendragon</i></b>	D.J. MacHale	680	Fourteen-year-old Bobby Pendragon, having learned he is a Traveler--someone who can ride "flumes" through time and space, is soon off to the alternative dimension of Denduron where he teams up with Loor, a girl his age from the warrior-territory of Zadaa, in an attempt to save the gentle Milago people from slavery.
<b><i>Sherlock Holmes, The Legend Begins</i></b>	Andrew Lane Young	860-940	In 1868, with his army officer father suddenly posted to India, and his mother mysteriously "unwell," fourteen-year-old Sherlock Holmes is sent to stay with his eccentric uncle and aunt in their vast house in Hampshire, where he uncovers his first murder and a diabolical villain.
<b><i>Skeleton Creek</i></b>	Patrick Carman	740-830	Although housebound following an eerie accident, teenaged Ryan continues to investigate the strange occurrences in his hometown of Skeleton Creek, recording his findings in a journal and viewing email video clips sent by fellow detective Sarah.
<b><i>Strange Case of Origami Yoda</i></b>	Tom Angleberger	760	Sixth-grader Tommy and his friends describe their interactions with a paper finger puppet of Yoda, worn by their weird classmate Dwight, as they try to figure out whether or not the puppet can really predict the future. Includes instructions for making Origami Yoda.
<b><i>Tales of the Frog Princess</i></b>	E.D. Baker	710-920	After reluctantly kissing a frog, an awkward, fourteen-year-old princess suddenly finds herself a frog, too, and sets off with the prince to seek the means--and the

			self-confidence--to become human again.
<b><i>The Faerie Wars Chronicles</i></b>	Herbie Brennan	750-830	Troubled by family problems, Henry finds his life taking a whole new dimension when he and his friend, old Mr. Fogarty, become involved with Prince Pyrgus Malvae who has been sent from the faerie world in order to escape the treacherous Faeries of the Night.
<b><i>The Heir Chronicles</i></b>	Cinda Williams Chima	690-770	Sixteen-year-old Jack discovers that he is one of the last warriors of the Weirlind, an underground society of magical people, and must fight to determine which house--the White Rose or the Red Rose--will rule the Weir.
<b><i>The Ranger's Apprentice</i></b>	John Flanagan	920	When fifteen-year-old Will is rejected by battle school, he becomes the reluctant apprentice to the mysterious Ranger Halt, and winds up protecting the kingdom from danger.
<b><i>Theodore Boone</i></b>	John Grisham	840	Thirteen-year-old Theodore Boone, who knows every judge, police officer, and court clerk in the small town of Strattenburg, finds himself involved in a murder trial because of knowledge he might have about a cold-blooded killer.
<b><i>Uglies</i></b>	Scott Westerfeld	770	Just before their sixteenth birthdays, when they will be transformed into beauties whose only job is to have a great time, Tally's best friend runs away and Tally must find her and turn her in, or never become pretty at all.
<b><i>Warriors Series</i></b>	Erin Hunter	630-1120	Graystripe, deputy leader of ThunderClan, has finally returned to his forest home after being kidnapped by Twolegs, and finds that Firestar has appointed a new deputy leader.
<b><i>Young Bond Series</i></b>	Charles Higson	790-900	Young James Bond attends school at the prestigious Eton boarding school, and teams up with Red to investigate the mystery of the disappearance of a boy, Alfie Kelly, Red's cousin, allegedly linked to a madman with a plot for global domination.
<b><i>Suggested Author</i></b>	<b><i>Genre</i></b>		<b><i>Suggested Author</i></b> <b><i>Genre</i></b>
Anthony Horowitz	Adventure		Jeff Kinney Humor
Gordon Korman	Adventure		Gordon Korman Humor
Gary Paulsen	Adventure		James Patterson Humor
Alexander Gordon Smith	Adventure		Scott Westerfeld Sci Fi/Dystopia
Hilari Bell	Fantasy		Suzanne Collins Sci Fi/Dystopia
C.S. Lewis	Fantasy		James Dashner Dystopia
Rick Riordan	Fantasy		Chris Crutcher Sports Fiction
JRR Tolkien	Fantasy		Tim Green Sports Fiction
Laurie Halse Anderson	Historical Fiction		Mike Lupica Sports Fiction

Avi	Historical Fiction		Malin Alegria	Teen Issues
Margaret Peterson Haddix	Historical Fiction		Meg Cabot	Teen Issues
Lois Duncan	Mystery		Sharon Flake	Teen Issues
Mary Downing Hahn	Mystery		Sharon Draper	Teen Issues
Joan Lowery Nixon	Mystery		S.E. Hinton	Teen Issues
Agatha Christie	Mystery		Walter Dean Myers	Teen Issues
Jack Gantos	Humor		Jordan Sonnenblick	Teen Issues
Tom Angleberger	Humor		John Green	Teen Issues

### ***Book Lists of Award Nominees***

<a href="http://gcba.coe.uga.edu/gc-ba-awards/2016-2017-nominees/">http://gcba.coe.uga.edu/gc-ba-awards/2016-2017-nominees/</a>	The Georgia Children's Book Award Nominees List is the official list of the Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl for middle school students. The purpose of the award is to foster a love of reading in the children of Georgia and to introduce them to books of literary excellence.
<a href="http://georgiapeachaward.org/?q=node/13">http://georgiapeachaward.org/?q=node/13</a>	The Georgia Peach Book Award works to promote reading and literacy skills in teens. Each year, a committee of school and public librarians reads widely to choose a list of twenty nominated titles. This list represents the official list of the Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl for high school students.
<a href="http://www.ala.org/yalsa/teentopten">http://www.ala.org/yalsa/teentopten</a>	Sponsored by the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), the Teens' Top Ten is a "teen choice" list, where teens nominate and choose their favorite books of the previous year.
<a href="http://www.ala.org/yalsa/2016-quick-picks-reluctant-young-adult-readers">http://www.ala.org/yalsa/2016-quick-picks-reluctant-young-adult-readers</a>	Not a book lover? Try YALSA's Quick Picks of engaging reads geared toward those who don't typically like to read.
<a href="http://www.ala.org/yalsa/best-fiction-young-adults">http://www.ala.org/yalsa/best-fiction-young-adults</a>	YALSA's Best Fiction for Young Adults Committee presents fiction titles published for young adults in the past 16 months that are recommended reading for ages 12 to 18.
<a href="http://www.ala.org/yalsa/alex-awards">http://www.ala.org/yalsa/alex-awards</a>	The Alex Awards are given to ten books written for adults that have appeal to young adults, ages 12 through 18.
<a href="http://www.ala.org/yalsa/amazing-audiobooks">http://www.ala.org/yalsa/amazing-audiobooks</a>	Each year, YALSA's Amazing Audiobooks committee selects and annotates an annual list of notable audio recordings significant to young adults from those released in the past two years.

### ***Award-winning books***

<a href="http://www.ala.org/emiert/cskbookawards">http://www.ala.org/emiert/cskbookawards</a>	The Coretta Scott King Book Awards annually recognize outstanding books for young adults and children by African American authors and illustrators that reflect the African American experience.
<a href="http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/newberyaward/newberyaward">http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/newberyaward/newberyaward</a>	The Newbery Medal is awarded annually by the Association for Library Service to Children to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children.
<a href="http://www.ala.org/yalsa/morris-award">http://www.ala.org/yalsa/morris-award</a>	The William C. Morris YA Debut Award, first awarded in 2009, honors a debut book published by a first-time author writing for teens and celebrating impressive new voices in young adult literature.
<a href="http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/sibertaward">http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/sibertaward</a>	The Sibert Award honors the most distinguished informational book published in English in the preceding year for its significant contribution to children's literature.
<a href="http://www.ala.org/yalsa/printz-award">http://www.ala.org/yalsa/printz-award</a>	The Michael L. Printz Award is an award for a book that exemplifies literary excellence in young adult literature.
<a href="http://www.ala.org/yalsa/edwards-award">http://www.ala.org/yalsa/edwards-award</a>	The Margaret A. Edwards Award, established in 1988, honors an author, as well as a specific body of his or her work, for significant and lasting contribution to young adult literature.
<a href="http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/belpremedal">http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/belpremedal</a>	This award is presented to a Latino/Latina writer and illustrator whose work best portrays, affirms, and celebrates the Latino cultural experience in an outstanding work of literature for children and youth.
<a href="http://www.ala.org/yalsa/odyssey-award">http://www.ala.org/yalsa/odyssey-award</a>	The Odyssey Award is presented annually award and is given to the producer of the best audiobook produced for children and/or young adults, available in English in the United States.