

Lee County Schools
2009 Middle School
Recommended Summer Reading List

This list includes some of the thousands of books appropriate for middle school. It offers a starting point for middle grades readers to choose reading material of interest to them during the summer.

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FICTION

Adams, Douglas—*The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Universe*
Anderson, M. T.—*The Pox Party*
Avi—*Crispin: The Cross of Lead*
Bailliott, Blue—*Chasing Vermeer**
Barry, Dave and Pearson, Ridley—*Peter and the Starcatchers**
Bauer, Joan--*Squashed*
Bauer, Joan—*Sticks*
Baum, Frank—*The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*
Bertrand, Diane Gonzales—*Trino's Time*
Bradbury, Ray—*The Martian Chronicles*
Brooks, Bruce—*Throwing Smoke*
Brooks, Bruce—*What Hearts*
Burnett, Frances Hodgson—*The Secret Garden*
Bruchac, Joseph—*Code Talker**
Carbone, Elisa—*Storm Warriors**
Card, Orson Scott—*Ender's Game*
Clements, Andrew—*Things Not Seen*
Cooney, Carolina—*Ransom of Mercy Carter*
Cooper, Susan—*The Dark Is Rising Sequence*
Crutcher, Chris—*Ironman*
Crutcher, Chris—*Stotan!*
Crutcher, Chris—*Whale Talk*
Curtis, Christopher Paul—*Bud, Not Buddy**
Dowell, Frances O'Roark—*Chicken Boy**
Deuker, Carl—*Night Hoops*
Deuker, Carl—*On the Devil's Court*
De Angeli, Marguerite—*Door in the Wall*
Farmer, Nancy—*The Ear, the Eye, the Arm*
Farmer, Nancy—*The Girl Named Disaster*
Farmer, Nancy—*The House of Scorpion*
Farmer, Nancy—*The Sea of Trolls*
Fox, Paula—*The Slave Dancer*
Gaiman, Neil—*The Graveyard Book**
Greene, Bette—*Summer of My German Soldier**
Grimes, Nikki—*Bronx Masquerade**
George, Jean Craighead—*Julie of the Wolves*
George, Jean Craighead—*My Side of the Mountain*
Hearn, Julie—*The Minister's Daughter*
Hess, Karen—*Out of the Dust*
Hiaasen, Carl—*Flush**
Hiaasen, Carl--*Hoot*

Hughes, Monica—*Invitation to the Game**

Haddix, Margaret Peterson—*Just Ella**

Hoobler, Dorothy—*The Ghost in the Tokaido Inn*

Hunt, Irene—*The Lottery Rose**

Jacques, Brian—*Castaways of the Flying Dutchman**

Jacques, Brian—*Redwall*

Klise, Kate—*Regarding the Fountain: A Tale, In Letters, of Liars and Leaks*

Konigsburg, E. L.—*From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Franweiler*

Konigsburg, E. L.—*The View from Saturday**

Langan, Paul—*Blood Is Thicker*

Langan, Paul—*Brothers in Arms*

Langan, Paul—*The Bully*

Langan, Paul—*Payback*

Langan, Paul—*Summer of Secrets*

Levine, Gail Carson—*Fairy Dust and the Quest for the Egg*

Law, Ingrid—*Savvy*

L'Engle, Madeleine—*A Wrinkle in Time*

Lewis, C.S.—*The Chronicles of Narnia*

Lindgren, Astrid—*Pippi Longstocking*

London, Jack—*White Fang**

Lowry, Lois—*Gathering Blue*

Lowry, Lois—*The Giver*

Lowry, Lois—*Gossamer*

Lowry, Lois—*Messenger*

Lubar, David—*Hidden Talents*

Lynn, Tracy—*Snow*

MacLachlan, Patricia—*Sarah, Plain and Tall*

Mass, Wendy—*Every Soul a Star*

Mass, Wendy—*Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life**

McCaughrean, Geraldine—*The Kite Rider**

McKinley, Robin—*Beauty: A Retelling of Beauty and the Beast*

McKinley, Robin—*The Door in the Hedge*

McKinley, Robin—*Rose Daughter*

McKinley, Robin—*Spindle's End*

Mikaelsen, Ben—*Touching Spirit Bear*

Napoli, Donna Jo—*North*

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds—*Shiloh*

O'Dell, Scott—*Island of the Blue Dolphins*

O'Dell, Scott—*The Black Pearl*

Oppel, Kenneth—*Airborn**

Paolini, Christopher—*Eragon*

Park, Linda Sue—*A Single Shard*

Patterson, James—*The Final Warning*

Patterson, James—*Maximum Ride: The Angel Experiment*

Patterson, James—*Saving the World and Other Extreme Sports*

Patterson, James—*School's Out—Forever*

Paulsen, Gary—*Hatchet*
 Paulsen, Gary—*My Life in Dog Years*
 Peck, Richard—*Strays Like Us*
 Philbrick, W. Rodman—*Freak the Mighty**
 Philbrick, W. Rodman—*The Last Book in the Universe*
 Philbrick, W. Rodman—*The Young Man and the Sea*
 Russon, Marisabina—*House of Sports*
 Ryan, Pam Munoz—*Esperanza Rising**
 Schmidt, Gary D.—*The Wednesday Wars**
 Schraff, Anne E.—*A Matter of Trust*
 Schraff, Anne E.—*Secrets in the Shadows*
 Schraff, Anne E.—*Someone to Love Me*
 Schraff, Anne E.—*Until We Meet Again*
 Shusterman, Neal—*The Schwa Was Here*
 Smith, Roland—*Peak**
 Sonnenblick, Jordan—*Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie**
 Sonnenblick, Jordan—*Notes from the Midnight Driver*
 Sonnenblick, Jordan—*Zen, and the Art of Faking It*
 Soto, Gary—*Petty Crimes*
 Stewart, Trenton Lee—*The Mysterious Benedict Society*
 Stewart, Trenton Lee—*The Mysterious Benedict Society and the Perilous Journey*
 Taylor, Mildred D.—*Role of Thunder, Hear My Cry*
 Tolan, Stephanie—*Listen!*
 Tolan, Stephanie—*Surviving the Applewhites*
 Tolkien, J.R.R.—*The Hobbit*
 Ullman, James—*Banner in the Sky*
 Voight, Cynthia—*Dacey's Song**
 Westerfield, Scott—*Uglies, Pretties, Specials*
 Westerfield, Scott—*So Yesterday*
 Yolán, Jane—*The Devil's Arithmetic*
 Yolán, Jane—*Lord of the Rightful King*
 Wells, H. G.—*The Time Machine*

NON-FICTION

Abrams, H. N.—*Heart to Heart: New Poems Inspired by 20th Century American Art*
 Anno, Masaichiro—*Anno's Mysterious Multiplying Jar*
 Armstrong, Jennifer—*Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World: The Extraordinary True Story of Shackleton and the Endurance*
Ask the Bones: Scary Stories from Around the World
 Ball, Johnny—*Go Figure! A Totally Cool Book about Numbers*
 Barnhill, Kelly—*Sewers and the Rats that Love Them*
 Barnhill, Kelly—*Blood-sucking, Man-eating Monsters*
 Barnhill, Kelly—*Sick, Nasty Medical Practices*
 Barnhill, Kelly—*Bizarre, Creepy Hoaxes*
 Barnhill, Kelly—*Terrifying, Bone-chilling Rituals and Sacrifices*

Bausum, Ann—*Freedom Riders: John Lewis and Jim Zwerg on the Front Lines of the Civil Rights Movement*
Bishop, Nick—*Frogs*
Bishop, Nick—*Spiders*
Bolden, Tonya-Abrahms—*Wake Up Our Souls: A Celebration of Black American Artists*
Burns, Louise—*Tracking Trash: Flotsam, Jetsam, and the Science of Ocean Motion*
Burns, Marilyn—*The I Hate Mathematics! Book*
Crowe, Chris—*Getting Away with Murder: The True Story of the Emmet Till Case*
Deem, James M.—*Bodies from the Bog*
Dendy, Leslie A.—*Guinea Pig Scientists: Bold Experimenters in Science and Medicine*
Dingus, Lowell—*Dinosaur Eggs Discovered: Unscrambling the Clues*
Filipovic, Zlata—*Zlata's Diary: A Child's Life in Sarajevo*
Fleischman, John—*Phineas Cage: A Gruesome But True Story about Brain Science**
Fleischman, Sid—*The Abracadabra Kid: A Writer's Life*
Fleischman, Sid—*Escape! The Story of the Great Houdini*
Fradin, Dennis B.—*With a Little Luck: Surprising Stories of Amazing Discoveries*
Freedman, Russell—*Children of the Great Depression*
Freedman, Russell—*In the Days of the Vaqueros: America's First True Cowboys*
Freedman, Russell—*The Wright Brothers: How They Invented the Airplane*
Freedman, Russell—*Lincoln: A Photobiography*
Freedman, Russell—*Martha Graham, A Dancer's Life*
Freedman, Russell—*Washington at Valley Forge*
George, Jean Craighead—*The Tarantula in My Purse and 172 Other Wild Pets*
George, Kristine O'Connell—*Swimming Upstream: Middle School Poems*
Giblin, James Cross—*The Many Rides of Paul Revere*
Glenn, Mel—*Jump Ball: A Basketball Season of Poems*
Gore, Al—*An Inconvenient Truth: The Crisis of Global Warming*
Grandits, John—*Technically, It's not My Fault: Concrete Poems*
Holt, David—*Spiders in the Hairdo: Modern Urban Legends*
Hynes, Patricia Freeland—*Sound Engineer*
Jackson, Donna—*The Bone Detectives: How Forensic Anthropologists Solve Crimes and Uncover Mysteries of the Dead*
Jackson, Ellen B.—*Looking for Life in the Universe: The Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence*
Jiang, Ji-li—*Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution*
Jones, Charlotte Foltz—*Accidents May Happen: Fifty Inventions Discovered by Mistake*
Landau, Elaine—*The Heroine of the Titanic: The Real Unsinkable Molly Brown*
Manatt, Kathleen G.—*Robot Scientist*
Miller, Connie—*Getting to Know Your Toilet*
Murphy, Jim—*An American Plague*
Murphy, Jim—*Blizzard!*
Murphy, Jim—*Desperate Journey*
Murphy, Jim—*The Great Fire*
Murphy, Jim—*Inside the Alamo*
Murphy, Jim—*The Real Benedict Arnold*
Murphy, Jim—*Savage Thunder*

Myers, Walter Dean—*The Greatest: Muhammad Ali*
 Nagatomo, Harino—*Draw Your Own Manga: All the Basics*
 Nelson, Kadir—*We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball*
 Parks, Rosa—*Rosa Parks, My Story*
 Perl, Lila—*Four Perfect Pebbles: A Holocaust Story*
 Paulsen, Gary—*My Life in Dog Years*
 Paulsen, Gary—*Guts: The True Stories Behind Hatchet and the Brian Books*
 Paulsen, Gary—*How Angel Peterson Got His Name and Other Outrageous Tales from Extreme Sports*
 Pratt-Serafini, Kristin Joy—*A Swim Through the Sea*
 Orr, Tamra—*Forensic Science Investigator*
 Roberts, David and Leslie, Jeremy—*Pick Me Up Stuff You Need to Know...*
 Rumford, James—*Beowulf: A Hero's Tale Retold*
Seeing the Blue Between: Advice and Inspiration for Young Poets
 Schlitz, Laura Amy—*Good Masters! Sweet Ladies!: Voices from a Medieval Village*
 Singer, Marilyn—*Footprints on the Roof: Poems about the Earth*
 Singer, Marilyn—*Venom*
 Sloan, Christopher—*How Dinosaurs Took Flight: The Fossils, the Science, What We Think We Know and the Mysteries Yet Unsolved*
 Spinelli, Jerry—*Knots in My Yo-Yo String—The Autobiography of a Kid*
 Sullivan, George—*Helen Keller*
 Taylor, Clark—*The House that Crack Built*
 Thimmesh, Catherine—*How 400,000 People Landed Apollo 11 on the Moon*
33 Things Every Girl Should Know about Women's History
 Todd and Watson—*Whatca Mean, What's Zine?: The Art of Making Zines*
 Warren, Andrea—*Surviving Hitler: A Boy in a Nazi Death Camp*
 Whedbee, Charles Harry and Blair, John F.—*Pirates, Ghosts and Coastal Lore: The Best of Judge Whedbee*
 Williams, Terrie—*Stay Strong: Simple Life Lessons*
 Woodford, Christopher—*Cool Stuff and How It Works*
 Zahler, D. L.—*The Black Death*
 *indicates book is on the Battle of the Books Booklist for 2009-2010

BOOKS IN A SERIES

- **Alex Rider Adventures** by Anthony Horowitz / Spies
 - Stormbreaker*
 - Point Blank*
 - Skeleton Key*
 - Eagle Strike*
 - Scorpia*
 - Ark Angel*
 - Snakehead*
- **The Bloodwater Mysteries** by Pete Hautman / Mystery and Detective stories
 - Snatched*
 - Skulduggery*

- Doppelganger*
- **The Bromeliad Trilogy** by Terry Pratchett / Fantasy
 - Truckers*
 - Diggers*
 - Wings*
- **Chronicles of Prydain** by Lloyd Alexander/Fantasy
 - The Black Cauldron*
 - The Book of Three*
 - The Castle of Llyr*
 - The High King*
 - Taran Wanderer*
- **Diamond Brothers Mysteries** (Young Adult)
 - Falcon's Malteser, The*
 - Public Enemy Number Two*
 - Three of Diamonds (The French Confection, The Blurred Man, I Know What You Did Last Wednesday)*
 - South by Southeast*
 - The Greek Who Stole Christmas*
- **Diary of a Wimpy Kid Series** by Jeff Kinney/Humor
 - Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Greg Heffley's Journal*
 - Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Roderick Rules*
 - Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Last Straw*
- **The Gatekeepers** by Anthony Horowitz / Supernatural
 - Raven's Gate*
 - Evil Star*
 - Nightrise*
 - Necropolis*
- **The Hemux Tantamoq Adventures** (adventures of a mouse detective) by Michael Hoeye/Animal/Detective/Mystery
 - The Sands of Time: A New Hermux Tantmoq Adventure*
 - Time Stops for No Mouse: A Hermux Tantmoq Adventure*
 - Time to Smell the Roses: A Hermux Tantmoq Adventure*
- **Inkheart** series by Cornelia Funke / Fantasy and Magic
 - Inkspell*
 - Inkdeath*
- **Johnny Maxwell Trilogy** by Terry Pratchett / Time Travel
 - Only You Can Save Mankind*
 - Johnny and the Dead*
 - Johnny and the Bomb*
- **Just Ella** by Margaret Peterson Haddix
 - Just Ella*
 - Palace of Mirrors*
- **Keys to the Kingdom Series** by Garth Nix/Magic/Fantasy
 - Drowned Wednesday*
 - Grim Tuesday*
 - Lady Friday*

- Sir Thursday*
- **Percy Jackson & the Olympians** by Rick Riordan/Greek Mythology
 - The Lightning Thief*
 - The Sea of Monsters*
 - The Titan's Curse*
 - The Battle of the Labyrinth*
 - The Last Olympian*
- **Protector of the Small Quartet** by Tamora Pierce / Fantasy--Knights and Knighthood
 - First Test*
 - Page*
 - Squire*
 - Lady Knight*
- **Shadow Children series** by Margaret Peterson Haddix
 - Among the Hidden*
 - Among the Imposters*
 - Among the Betrayed*
 - Among the Barons*
 - Among the Brave*
 - Among the Enemy*
 - Among the Free*
- **Song of the Lioness** by Tamora Pierce/Fantasy
 - Alanna: The First Adventure*
 - In the Hand of the Goddess*
 - Lioness Rampant*
 - The Woman Who Ride Like a Man*
- **The Squire's Tale Series** by Gerald Morris/Historical Fiction
 - The Ballad of Sir Diandan*
 - The Lioness and Her Knight*
 - Parsifal's Page*
 - The Princess, the Cross, and the Dung-cart Knight*
 - The Quest of the Fair Unknown*
 - The Savage Damsel and the Dwarf*
 - The Squire, His Knight, and His Lady*
 - The Squire's Quest*
 - The Squire's Tale*
- **The Underland Chronicles** by Suzanne Collins / Fantasy
 - Gregor the Underlander*
 - Gregor and the Prophecy of the Bane*
 - Gregor and the Curse of the Warmbloods*
 - Gregor and the Marks of Secret*
 - Gregor and the Code of Claw*