

2018 Summer Reading List for Middle School Grades 5-7			
MIDDLE SCHOOL			
Author	Title	Summary	Lexile (age)
1 Paul Acampora	I Kill the Mockingbird	Lucy, Elena, and Michael are excited to see <i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i> on their summer reading list, but not everyone feels the same way. The friends hatch a plot to get the entire town talking about the book, but their plans quickly spiral out of control.	640 (11-13)
2 Mark Alpert	The Six	VR games are Adam's only escape. Muscular dystrophy has stolen his mobility and will soon take his life. When an AI threatens the world, Adam and five other terminally ill teens are chosen to abandon their bodies and upload their minds into robots. Will the team be able to master their new forms and take down Sigma before it destroys humanity?	780 (11-13)
3 Ann Bausum	Stubby the War Dog: The True Story of World War I's Bravest Dog	The true story of a dog adopted by a young soldier during basic training in New Haven, Connecticut. Private Conroy smuggled his orphaned pup to France and the Western Front, where Stubby became the unit's mascot and eventually performed many brave deeds.	1110 (10+)
4 Kimberly Brubaker Bradley	The War That Saved My Life	Born with a twisted foot, Ada has never left her tiny tiny London flat, but with World War II looming, Ada and her little brother escape to the countryside. Ada's world opens up as she learns to trust, but is trust enough to keep her family safe?	580 (9-12)
5 Don Brown	Drowned City: Hurricane Katrina and New Orleans	The true story, told in graphic novel format, of the devastation inflicted by Hurricane Katrina on the city of New Orleans.	920 (11-13)
6 Lisa Bullard	Turn Left at the Cow	Thirteen-year-old Trav doesn't know anything about his long-gone father. When he visits his grandmother to learn more, he gets a lot more than he bargained for: bank robberies, missing money, and someone who thinks Trav knows where the cash is.	850 (11-13)
7 Joelle Charbonneau	Need	Everyone is joining the hottest new social media site, and why not? Answer one simple question - What do you need? - perform a seemingly minor task, and you get what you asked for. Kaylee's brother needs a new kidney. It's a real long shot, but she figures she'll try NEED - and quickly realizes the high price she'll have to pay.	730 (14-17)

8	Svetlana Chmakova	Awkward	From the first day of school, Penelope wants to fit in so badly that she shuns Jaime, the nerdiest kid around. Things get awkward when Penni's art club and Jaime's science club have to compete for school support. Graphic Novel.	210 (10-17)
9	Zoraida Cordova	Labyrinth Lost	While trying to get rid of her bruja powers, Alejandra accidentally banishes her family to the underworld. Alex join forces with Nova, a powerful brujo boy, and her non-magical best friend Rishi to make the dangerous journey to Los Lagos to find her family and bring them back to this world.	620 (12-17)
10	Carl Deuker	Swagger	High school senior point guard Jonas Dolan is on the fast track to a basketball scholarship until an unthinkable choice puts his future on the line.	760 (14-17)
11	Donna Gephart	Lily & Dunkin	Lily and Dunkin tell the story of their friendship in alternating chapters. Lily is transgender and negotiating a new relationship with her father, while dreading puberty and the unwanted changes it will bring. Dunkin is bipolar and trying to control his manic episodes while making friends in a new school. Their own issues help them accept each other for who they really are.	680 (10-18+)
12	Chris Grabenstein	Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library	Twelve-year-old Kyle is one of the lucky students picket to stay overnight in the new town library designed by his hero (famous game-maker Luigi Lemoncello), but when morning comes, they discover they've been locked in. Can they work together in order to escape?	720 (8-10)
13	Marilyn Hilton	Full Cicada Moon	Mimi dreams of being an astronaut, but moving from Berkeley, California, to small-town Vermont in 1969 comes with its own challenges - especially when your mom is Japanese and your dad is African American.	790 (8-12)
14	Francisco Jimenez	The Circuit	A collection of interconnected short stories that explore the experiences of a migrant family as they move through labor camps, facing poverty and impermanence, and enduring through faith, hope, and back-breaking work.	na
15	Hena Khan	Amina's Voice	Amina struggles to stay true to her family's vibrant culture while simultaneously blending in at school after tragedy strikes her community.	800 (8-12)
16	Wesley King	OCDaniel	Daniel has some strange habits, like flipping light switches, avoiding certain numbers, and more. He doesn't know exactly what's going on, but he tries very hard to make sure no one notices - until someone does. Soon Daniel is caught up in a friendship and then a mystery that will change his life.	560 (8-12)
17	Stacey Lee	Outrun the Moon	In the early 1900s, 15-year-old Mercy Wong is determined to escape the poverty of Chinatown by getting an education. Mercy talks her way into St. Clare's School for Girls, and she stands strong until a historic earthquake hits San Francisco.	780 (12-18)
18	Lee Gjertsen Malone	The Last Boy at St. Edith's	Jeremy is the only boy left at St. Edith's after the school's failed experiment with co-education. One boy, 475 girls. He's desperate to leave, but his mom won't let him. Jeremy pulls a series of pranks in hopes of getting expelled. Needless to say, events do not go as planned.	780 (8-12)

19	Taran Matharu	The Novice	When Fletcher accidentally summons a Familiar, he is forced to leave his home to attend Adept Military Academy, where he is taught to use his newfound powers. Originally posted on Wattpad.	890 (12-18+)
20	Marissa Meyer	Cinder	As plague ravages the overcrowded Earth, Cinder, a gifted mechanic and cyborg, becomes involved with handsome Prince Kai and must uncover secrets about her past in order to protect the world in this futuristic take on the Cinderella story.	790 (12+)
21	Wendy Mills	All We Have Left	Muslim teen Alia is trapped in the World Trade Center as chaos descends on September 11, 2001. Fifteen years later, Jesse is doing community service as punishment for hateful graffiti. Her brother died in the Twin Towers, and her family was shattered. Alternating chapters tell the girls' stories, eventually connecting them across time.	880 (10-17)
22	Shelley Pearsall	The Seventh Most Important Thing	After his father's death in 1963, Arthur throws a brick at the local "Junk Man" when he sees him wearing his father's favorite hat. Arthur is sentenced to community service working alongside the Junk Man as he completes his mysterious project.	760 (10-13)
23	Cherie Priest	I Am Princess X	When they were young, May and Libby created a comic about Princess X. When Libby died, the comic died with her. Years later, May starts seeing images of Princess X around Seattle. No one knew about Princess X except her and Libby. Could Libby somehow be alive?	790 (11-13)
24	Jason Reynolds	Ghost	Castle Crenshaw, aka Ghost, has been running ever since he and his mom escaped from his father's violent anger. After Ghost inadvertently earns a spot on an elite track team, his mom says he can join - as long as he stays out of trouble. Unfortunately, that's not easy for Ghost to do.	730 (10-17)
25	Gary Schmidt	Orbiting Jupiter	Fourteen-year-old Joseph is already a father, although he's never seen his daughter, Jupiter. After juvenile detention, he's placed with a foster family on a farm in rural Maine. Damaged and withdrawn, Joseph now has a brother in 12-year-old Jack, who narrates Joseph's story and his desperate efforts to find his baby at any cost.	740 (11-13)
26	Steve Sheinkin	The Notorious Benedict Arnold: A True Story of Adventure, Heroism & Treachery	A biography of America's most famous traitor. Benedict Arnold was the original action hero - brave, clever, and determined to restore his family's honor - and then he turned.	990 (11-15)
27	Dave Shelton	Thirteen Chairs	One cold night, Jack is drawn into the creepy house in his neighborhood. He finds a room filled with 12 unusual people, who invite him to sit down in the thirteenth chair. One by one they tell ghost stories of doom and death, revenge and reward, until finally it's Jack's turn....	930 (11-13)

28	Rebecca Stead	Goodbye Stranger	Bridge is an accident survivor who's wondering why she's still alive. Emily has new curves and an almost-boyfriend who wants a certain kind of picture. Tabitha sees through everybody's games - or so she tell the world. The girls are best friends with one rule: No fighting. Can it get them through seventh grade?	560 (10-13)
29	Tara Sullivan	The Bitter Side of Sweet	Amadou and his brother need to harvest more and more cacao pods in order to survive the plantation bosses. Hope arrives with Khadija, the first girl to ever appear on the plantation. She has been forced into labor just like the boys, but as a girl she has even more reason to escape the bosses than they do.	810 (12-16)
30	Booki Vivat	Frazzled	Abbie Wu is stressed out. Not just because she's starting middle school or because she's stuck in a family that doesn't quite get her or because everyone has a Thing except her. No, Abbie Wu is always stressed out!	830 (9-13)