

## Suggested books for Middle School



# Summer Reading

Students are encouraged to read a variety of materials over the summer. Reading will keep the brain active and help to build vocabulary, fluency and comprehension. Many of the books listed below can be found at your local public library and at local bookstores.

The Battle of the Books list is included for those who would like to participate in the program at the middle school. This is a reading program sponsored by the Williamsburg Regional Library. The following titles are the books for the upcoming school year. There are additional great titles listed below that have been selected for the Virginia Readers' Choice.

### Battle of the Books 2016 – 2017

*A handful of Stars* by Cynthia Lord  
*The Crossroads* by Chris Grabenstein  
*El Deafo* by CeCe Bell  
*Fever 1783* by Laurie Halse Anderson  
*I Am Princess X* by Cherie Priest  
*Memory Boy* by Will Weaver  
*The Menagerie* by Tui T. Sutherland  
*Return to Augie Hobbie* by Lane Smith  
*Roller Girl* by Victoria Jamieson  
*Swindle* by Gordon Korman  
*The Teacher's Funeral* by Richard Peck  
*Walk Two Moons* by Sharon Creech

### Virginia Reader's Choice 2016 – 2017

*Crossover* by Kwame Alexander  
*Fort* by Cynthia DeFelice  
*All the Answers* by Kate Messner  
*The Thickety: A Path Begins* by J.A. White  
*The Eighth Day* by Dianne K. Salerno  
*Brotherhood* by A.B. Westrick  
*The Paper Cowboy* by Kristin Levine  
*Red Madness* by Gail Jarow  
*Echo* by Pam Munoz Ryan  
*The Screaming Staircase* by Jonathan Stroud

### Popular Series

*The Mortal Instruments* by Cassandra Clare  
*The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins  
*Maze Runner* by James Dashner  
*Gone* by Michael Grant  
*Divergent* by Veronica Roth  
*Harry Potter* by J.K. Rowling

### Questions for Readers

- Did the book remind you of something in your life?
- How did the author help you to picture the people and places in the book?
- Did you care what happened to a character?
- What was the most exciting thing in the book? Did the book try to teach any lessons?
- Did the book have any new words for you? How did you find out what the words mean?

### Battle of the Books 2015 – 2016

*Amulet: The Stonekeeper* by Kazu Kibuishi  
*Better Nate than Ever* by Tim Federle  
*Cardboard* by Doug TenNapel  
*The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander  
*The Crossroads* by Chris Grabenstein  
*Knucklehead* by Jon Scieszka  
*The Last Dragonslayer* by Jasper Fforde  
*The Menagerie* by Tui Sutherland  
*My Basmati Bat Mitzvah* by Paula Freedman  
*The Screaming Staircase* by Jonathan Stroud  
*Wonder* by R.J. Palacio  
*Zane and the Hurricane* by W. Rodman Philbrick

### Virginia Readers' Choice 2015 – 2016

*The Boy on the Wooden Box* by Leon Leyson  
*Counting by 7s* by Holly Sloan  
*Half a Chance* by Cynthia Lord  
*The President Has Been Shot! The Assassination of John F. Kennedy* by James L. Swanson  
*Prisoner B-3087* by Ruth Gruener  
*Seeing Red* by Kathryn Erskine  
*Shadow* by Michael Morpurgo  
*Twerp* by Mark Goldblatt  
*Under the Egg* by Laura Marx Fitzgerald  
*Zero Tolerance* by Claudia Mills

### Popular Authors

Laurie Halse Anderson  
Sharon Draper  
Jack Gantos  
Carl Hiaasen  
Anthony Horowitz  
Gordon Korman

### Book Review Websites and Lists of Popular Books by Genre

- [www.kirkusreviews.com/book-reviews/childrens-books/middle-school/published](http://www.kirkusreviews.com/book-reviews/childrens-books/middle-school/published)
- [www.vusra.org](http://www.vusra.org)
- [www.goodreads.com/list/tag/middle-school](http://www.goodreads.com/list/tag/middle-school)
- [www.booksources.com/Departments/Middle-School/Fresh-New-Reads.aspx](http://www.booksources.com/Departments/Middle-School/Fresh-New-Reads.aspx)
- [www.scholastic.com/teachers/article/ready-go-book-lists-teachers](http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/article/ready-go-book-lists-teachers)

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