



## Suggested books for Middle School

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 2018-2019

*One Came Home* by Amy Timberlake  
*Greetings from Witness Protection!* by Jake Burt  
*The Perfect Place* by Teresa E. Harris  
*Howl's Moving Castle* by Diana Wynne Jones  
*ReStart* by Gordon Korman  
*Ghost* by Jason Reynolds  
*Booked* by Kwame Alexander  
*Better Nate than Ever* by Tim Federle  
*Esperanza Rising* by Pam Muñoz Ryan  
*Cardboard* by Doug TenNapel  
*El Deafo* by Cece Bell  
*The Way Home Looks Now* by W. Wan-Long Shang

### Virginia Readers' Choice Titles 2018 - 2019

*Big Dark* by Rodman Philbrick  
*Fuzzy* by Tom Angleberger  
*Garvey's Choice* by Nikki Grimes  
*Ghost* by Jason Reynolds  
*Hideout* by Watt Key  
*In the Shadow of Liberty* by Kenneth C. Davis  
*The Other Boy* by M.G. Hennessey  
*Scar Island* by Dan Gemeinhart  
*When Friendship Followed Me Home* by P. Griffin  
*Wolf Hollow* by Lauren Wolk

### Popular Series

*Middle School* by James Patterson  
*The Selection* by Kiera Cass  
*Smile* by Raina Telgemeier  
*A Series of Unfortunate Events* by Lemony Snicket  
*The Heroes of Olympus* by Rick Riordan

### Questions for Readers:

Did the book remind you of something in your life?  
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?

### Battle of the Books 2017-2018

*Black Star, Bright Dawn* by Scott O'Dell  
*The City of Ember* by Jeanne DuPrau  
*Dear Hank Williams* by Kimberly Willis Holt  
*I Am Princess X* by Cherie Priest  
*A Single Shard* by Linda Sue Park  
*The True Meaning of Smekday* by Adam Rex  
*Booked* by Kwame Alexander  
*Cosmic* by Frank Cottrell Boyce  
*The Eight Day* by Dianne K. Salemi  
*Revenge of the Witch* by Joseph Delaney  
*The Thing about Leftovers* by C. C. Payne  
*The Way Home Looks Now* by W. Wan-Long Shang

### Virginia Readers' Choice Titles 2017 - 2018

*House Arrest* by K.A. Holt  
*Booked* by Kwame Alexander  
*Orbiting Jupiter* by Gary Schmidt  
*Roller Girl* by Victoria Jamieson  
*The Thing About Jellyfish* by Ali Benjamin  
*The War That Saved My Life* by K. B. Bradley  
*The Seventh Most Important Thing* by S. Pearsall  
*The Boys Who Challenged Hitler* by Phillip Hoose  
*A Night Divided* by Jennifer A. Nielsen  
*Space Case* by Stuart Gibbs

### Popular Authors

Kwame Alexander  
Suzanne Collins  
Anthony Horowitz  
Gordon Korman  
Jason Reynolds  
Nicola Yoon

### Helpful Book Websites

[www.kirkusreviews.com/book-reviews/childrens-books/middle-school/published](http://www.kirkusreviews.com/book-reviews/childrens-books/middle-school/published)  
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