



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 as well as encourage your child to become a lifelong reader and learner. Many of the books listed below can be found at our local public libraries and book stores.

The Battle of the Books list is included for those who would like to participate in this reading competition sponsored by the Williamsburg Regional Library. The Virginia Reader's Choice books are chosen by the Virginia State Reading Association.

Battle of the Books 2019-2020

The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhill
The War That Saved My Life by Kimberly Bradley
Greetings from Witness Protection! by Jake Burt
The Parker Inheritance by Varian Johnson
The Stonekeeper (Amulet #1) by Kazu Kibuishi
Hatchet by Gary Paulsen
The Amazing Maurice and His Educated Rodents by Terry Pratchett
Ghost by Jason Reynolds
Holes by Louis Sachar
The Secret Sheriff of Sixth Grade by J. Sonnenblick
The Screaming Staircase by Jonathan Stroud
Front Desk by Kelly Yang

Virginia Reader's Choice 2019-2020

Refugee by Alan Gratz
Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus by D. Bowling
Restart by Gordon Korman
Macy McMillan and the Rainbow Goddess by S. Green
Two Truths and a Lie: It's Alive! by Ammi-Joan Paquette
Lost in the Pacific, 1942: Not a Drop to Drink by T. Olson
Watchdog by Will McIntosh (local author)
Amina's Voice by Hena Khan
The Red Bandanna (Young Reader's) by Tom Rinaldi
Braced by Alyson Gerber

Popular Authors

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| Kwame Alexander | Anthony Horowitz |
| Laurie Halse Anderson | Gordon Korman |
| Katherine Applegate | Marissa Meyer |
| Suzanne Collins | Jason Reynolds |
| Eoin Colfer | Rick Riordan |
| Alan Gratz | Raina Telgemeier |

Newbery Award Winners

Merci Suarez Changes Gears by Med Medina
Hello Universe by Erin Entrada Kelly
The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhill
The Crossover by Kwame Alexander
Flora and Ulysses by Kate DiCamillo
The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate
Dead End in Norvelt by Jack Gantos
Moon over Manifest by Clare Vanderpool
When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead

Booklist's Best Books of 2018

The Assassination of Brangwain Spurge by M. Anderson
The Island at the End of Everything by Kiran Hargrave
The Language of Spells by Garret Weyr
The Serpent's Secret by Sayantani DasGupta
Sunny by Jason Reynolds
Bob by Wendy Mass and Rebecca Stead
The Book of Boy by Catherine Gilbert Murdock
Checked by Cynthia Kodohata
Finding Langston by Lesa Cline-Ransome

Popular Series

Wings of Fire by Tui Sutherland
The Unwanteds by Lisa McMann
Spy School by Stuart Gibbs
Miss Peregrine's Peculiar Children by Ransom Riggs
The Trials of Apollo by Rick Riordan
Middle School by James Patterson
The Baby-sitters Club by Gale Galligan

Helpful Book Websites

- <https://www.commonensemedia.org/book-lists>
- <https://www.kirkusreviews.com/book-reviews/childrens-books/middle-school/published/>
- www.goodreads.com/list/tag/middle-school