



## Williamsburg-James City County Schools Middle School Reading Ideas 2021

Students are encouraged to read a variety of materials over the summer. This list suggests authors and titles that are popular with middle school students. Many of the books listed below can be found at our local public library through digital copies. Information for applying for a library e-membership can be found on any of the WJCC middle school library web pages.

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 2020-2021

*Refugee* by Alan Gratz  
*Sanity and Tallulah* by Molly Brooks  
*The Ruins of Gorlan* by John Flanagan  
*See you in the Cosmos* by Jack Cheng  
*The True Meaning of Smekday* by Adam Rex  
*The War That Saved My Life* by K. Brubaker Bradley  
*I Am Princess X* by Cherie Priest  
*Front Desk* by Kelly Yang  
*Ungifted* by Gordan Korman  
*Down the Rabbit Hole* by Peter Abrahams  
*Howl's Moving Castle* by Diana Wynn Jones  
*New Kid* by Jerry Craft

### Virginia Readers' Choice 2021-2022

*Genesis Begins Again* by Alicia D. Williams  
*Charlie Hernandez: The League of Shadows* by Ryan Calejo  
*Other Words for Home* by Jasmine Warga  
*The Collector* by K.P. Alexander  
*A Few Red Drops* by Claire Hartfield  
*Planet Earth is Blue* by Nicole Panteleakos  
*Maybe He Just Likes You* by Barbara Dee  
*Child of the Dream* by Sharon Robinson  
*Spy Runner* by Eugene Yelchin  
*The Line Tender* by Kate Allen

### Helpful Book Websites

- <https://www.commonsemmedia.org/book-lists>
- <https://www.kirkusreviews.com/book-reviews/childrens-books/middle-school/published/>

### Popular Fiction

*Prisoner B-3087* by Alan Gratz  
*The Thing About Jellyfish* by Ali Benjamin  
*Scar Island* by Dan Gemeinhart  
*Orbiting Jupiter* by Gary D. Schmidt  
*Restart* by Gordan Korman  
*Counting by 7s* by Holly Sloan  
*Look Both Ways* by Jason Reynolds  
*A Night Divided* by Jennifer A. Nielsen  
*The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander  
*Wolf Hollow* by Lauren Wolk  
*Garvey's Choice* by Nikki Grimes  
*Ghost* by Raina Telgemeier  
*New Kid* by Jerry Craft

### Popular Nonfiction

*March I, II, III* by John Lewis  
*Free Lunch* by Rex Ogle  
*Stamped: Racism, Antiracism and You* by Jason Reynolds and Ibram x Kendi  
*The Boys Who Challenged Hitler* by Phillip Hoose  
*I am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai  
*How They Croaked* by Georgia Bragg  
*The Notorious Benedict Arnold* by Steve Sheinkin  
*Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly

### Popular Series

*Wings of Fire* by Tui Sutherland  
*Ghost* by Jason Reynolds  
*Spy School* by Stuart Gibbs  
*Chains* by Laurie Halse Anderson