



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
www.goodreads.com/list/tag/middle-school