Welcome to Summer!

Summer means it's time for you to read whatever you want. So grab your beach blanket and snuggle down with a good book, magazine, or audiobook. Anything you read or listen to during the summer keeps your brain in shape for the season.

2016 One School, One Book

The Seventh Most Important Thing
by Shelley Pearsall

This is a coming-of-age story about a middle school student named Arthur Owens. Arthur is struggling to adapt to life after his father’s death. Unfortunately for Arthur he makes a poor decision in a moment of anger and sadness. As a result, he is required do community service every weekend with a man named James Hampton. The experience of the community service with Hampton allows Arthur to redeem himself in the most surprising and wonderful way.

The story is inspired by real life artist James Hampton's life and work. You can read about him and see his work at this link.

Summer Reading Assignments

6th Grade
7th Grade
8th Grade (coming soon!)

Sports Fiction

Booked - Kwame Alexander
Twelve-year-old Nick loves soccer and hates books, but soon learns the power of words as he wrestles with problems at home, stands up to a bully, and tries to impress the girl of his dreams.

Soar - Joan Bauer
Moving to Hillcrest, Ohio, when his adoptive father accepts a temporary job, twelve-year-old Jeremiah, a heart transplant recipient, has sixty days to find a baseball team to coach.

The Walk On - John Feinstein
After moving to a new town, freshman Alex Myers is happy to win a spot on the varsity team as a quarterback but must deal with the idea of not playing for two years since the first-string quarterback is not only a local hero, he is also son of the corrupt head coach.

Kid Owner - Tim Green
When Ryan learns his estranged father left him the Dallas Cowboys in his will, it is all Ryan can do to keep his dad's other son from snatching the team away.

Yard War - Taylor Kitchings
Twelve-year-old Trip Westbrook lives in Mississippi in 1964 and discovers the underlying racism in his family and neighborhood when he invites his maid's son Dee to play football in the yard.

Losers Take All - David Klass
At a sports-crazy NJ high school where all kids must play on a team, a group of rebels start a soccer team designed to undermine the jock-culture of the school.

Fantasy

The Demon Catchers of Milan - Kat Beyer
After surviving being possessed by a demon, sixteen-year-old Mia leaves her family in New York to stay with cousins in Italy, where she must study her family's heritage of demon catching in order to stay alive.

The Demon King - Cinda Williams Chima
Relates the intertwining fates of former street gang leader

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Graphic Novels

Awkward - Svetlana Chmakova
After shunning Jaime, the school nerd, on her first day at a new middle school, Penelope Torres tries to blend in with her new friends in the art club, until the art club goes to war with the science club, of which Jaime is a member.

Drowned City - Don Brown
A graphic novel account of the Hurricane Katrina disaster in November of 2005, when the city of New Orleans, Louisiana, and surrounding areas were flooded and more than fourteen hundred people lost their lives.

Gotham Academy - Becky Cloonan et al.
Gotham City's most prestigious prep school is a very weird place. But nothing is as strange as the students! Like, what's up with Olive Silverlock? And why is that freshman Maps always following her around?

The Isobel Journal - Isobel Harrop
Eighteen-year-old Isobel's narrative scrapbook uses mini-graphic novels, photographs, sketches, and captions to relate her witty observations about herself, friendship, and love.

Lumberjanes - Noelle Stevenson et al.
Jo, April, Mal, Molly, and Ripley are five bad, butt-kicking best pals determined to have an awesome summer together...and they're not going to let a magical guest or an array of supernatural critters get in their way.

If You're Reading This - Trent Reedy
Michael Wilson has a lot of problems: his father was killed in Afghanistan, his overprotective mother doesn't want him to play football, and he has suddenly started to receive letters that his father wrote before he died.

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<td>Fairy Bad Day</td>
<td>Amanda Ashby</td>
<td>High schooler Emma is devastated to learn that she may not follow in her mother's footsteps as a dragon slayer, but with an unlikely band of allies she discovers that she may, indeed, be more adept at slaying giant killer fairies.</td>
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<td>The Faerie Ring</td>
<td>Kiki Hamilton</td>
<td>Tiki, living with her family of orphans in 1871 London, steals a ring belonging to Queen Victoria that binds the rulers of England and the realm of Faerie to peace, but a rebel group of faeries hopes to break the treaty using dark magic and Tiki's blood.</td>
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<td>The Girl with Borrowed Wings</td>
<td>Rinsai Rossetti</td>
<td>Seventeen-year-old Frencenhar lives a controlled and restricted life in the desert, like everyone else there, but when she meets Sangris, a Free, winged shape-shifter, everything changes.</td>
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<td>In the Time of Dragon Moon</td>
<td>Janet Lee Carey</td>
<td>In 1210 AD, Uma, a Healer raised by a tribe of people native to Wilde Island, must complete an impossible task for the English queen or be burned alive, and her only ally is the part dragon, part fairy Pendragon prince who is struggling with a secret of his own.</td>
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<td>The Scorpio Races</td>
<td>Maggie Stiefvater</td>
<td>Nineteen-year-old returning champion Sean Kendrick competes against Puck Conolly, the first girl ever to ride in the annual Scorpio Races, both trying to keep hold of their dangerous water horses long enough to make it to the finish line.</td>
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<td>Six of Crows</td>
<td>Leigh Bardugo</td>
<td>Six dangerous outcasts. One impossible heist. Kaz's crew is the only thing that might stand between the world and destruction—if they don't kill each other first.</td>
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<td>Sorrow's Knot</td>
<td>Erin Bow</td>
<td>Otter is a girl of the Shadowed People, a tribe of women, and she is born to be a binder, a woman whose power it is to tie the knots that bind the dead—but she is also destined to remake her world.</td>
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<td>White Cat</td>
<td>Holly Black</td>
<td>When Cassel Sharpe discovers that his older brothers have used him to carry out their criminal schemes and then stolen his memories, he figures out a way to turn their evil machinations against them.</td>
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<td>Ms. Marvel - No Normal</td>
<td>G. Willow Wilson et al.</td>
<td>Kamala Khan is an ordinary girl from Jersey City—until she's suddenly empowered with extraordinary gifts and becomes Ms. Marvel.</td>
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<td>Nimona - Noelle Stevenson</td>
<td>Lord Blackheart</td>
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<td>Steve Jobs</td>
<td>Jessie Hartland</td>
<td>A biography in graphic novel format of computer pioneer Steve Jobs, from his childhood in San Francisco through his creation of Apple Computer to his death in 2011 at the age of 56.</td>
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<td>The Last Boy at St. Edith's</td>
<td>Lee Gjertsen Malone</td>
<td>Twelve-year-old Jaden, an emotionally damaged adopted boy fascinated by electricity, feels a connection to a small, weak toddler with special needs in Kazakhstan, where Jaden's family is trying to adopt a “normal” baby.</td>
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<td>House Arrest</td>
<td>K. A. Holt</td>
<td>Timothy, sentenced to house arrest for stealing, keeps a journal into which he documents his fears and frustrations.</td>
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<td>I Am Princess X</td>
<td>Cherie Priest</td>
<td>Years after writing stories about a superhero character she created with a best friend who died in a tragic car accident, 16-year-old May is shocked to see stickers, patches and graffiti images of the superhero appearing all over town.</td>
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<td>Ink and Ashes</td>
<td>Valynne E. Maetani</td>
<td>When Japanese American Claire Takata finds out that her deceased father was once a member of the yakuzza, a Japanese crime syndicate, danger enters her life that could end up killing someone.</td>
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<td>Curvedball</td>
<td>Jordan Sonnenblick</td>
<td>After an injury ends star pitcher Peter Friedman's athletic dreams, he concentrates on photography which leads him to a girlfriend, fame as a high school sports photographer, and a deeper relationship with the beloved grandfather who gives Pete all of his professional camera gear.</td>
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**Science Fiction**

**All Our Yesterdays** - Cristin Terrill
Em must travel back in time to prevent a catastrophic time machine from ever being invented, while Marina battles to prevent the murder of the boy she loves.

**Dove Arising** - Karen Bao
On a lunar colony, fifteen-year-old Phaet Theta does the unthinkable and joins the Militia when her mother is imprisoned by the Moon’s oppressive government.

**The Glass Arrow** - Kristen Simmons
Stolen from her home and being groomed for auction, Aya is desperate to escape and return to her family, but her only allies are a loyal wolf and a strange mute boy who may be her best hope for freedom ... if she can truly trust him.

**Glitch** - Heather Anastasiu
In the Community, where implanted computer chips have erased human emotions and thoughts are replaced by a feed from the Link network, Zoe starts to malfunction, or glitch, and begins having her own thoughts, feelings, identity—and telekinetic powers.

**Icebreaker** - Lian Tanner
Petrel, an outcast on an ancient ship, discovers a mysterious boy marooned on an iceberg. When he’s rescued, no one knows that he’s actually on a mission to destroy the ship.

**The Prisoner of Cell 25** - Richard Evans
Fourteen-year-old Michael discovers he has special electrical powers and soon becomes aware that there are other teens with similar powers ... and that something or someone is hunting them.

**Minders** - Michele Jaffe
Sadie, a wealthy, success-oriented Minders, finds that something or someone is hunting the youth with similar powers. And when she’s forced to go on the run, she finds that she can’t escape the truth.

**The Other Side of the Island** - Allegra Goodman
Honor, living with her mom and dad on Island 365 in the Tranquil Sea, an environment controlled by the Earth government.

**Planet Middle School** - Nikkii Grimes
A series of poems describes all the battles changes at home and at school in twelve-year-old Joylin’s transition from tomboy basketball player to not-quite-girlie girl.

**The Seventh Most Important Thing** - Shelley Pearsall
In 1963, thirteen-year-old Arthur is sentenced to community service helping the neighborhood Junk Man after he throws a brick at the old man’s head in a moment of rage, but the junk he collects might be more important than he suspects.

**We Are All Made of Molecules** - Susin Nielsen
Thirteen-year-old brilliant but socially-challenged Stewart and mean-girl Ashley must find common ground when, two years after Stewart’s mother died, he father moves in with his new girlfriend—Ashley’s mother, whose gay ex-husband lives in their guest house.

**Where the Streets Had a Name** - Randa Abdel-Fattah
Thirteen-year-old Hayaat of Bethlehem faces checkpoints, curfews, and the travel permit system when she attempts to leave the West Bank and go to her grandmother’s ancestral home in Jerusalem.

**Orbiting Jupiter** - Gary D. Schmidt
Jack, 12, tells the gripping story of Joseph, 14, who joins his family as a foster child. Damaged in prison, Joseph wants nothing more than to find his baby daughter, Jupiter, whom he has never seen.

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**The Boy on the Wooden Box** - Leon Leyson
Leon Leyson describes growing up in Poland, being forced from home to a ghetto to concentration camps by the Nazis, and being saved by Oskar Schindler.

**Details**
- **Science Fiction**
- **Nonfiction & Biography**
- **Historical Fiction**
- **Author's Notes**

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**Historical Fiction**

**Audacity** - Melanie Crowder
A historical fiction novel in verse detailing the life of Clara Lemlich and her struggle for women’s labor rights in the early 20th century in New York.

**A Bandit's Tale** - Deborah Hopkinson
In 1887, Rocco, an eleven-year-old Italian boy, moves to an all-white town in Vermont, where Mimì's mixed-race mother moves to open a school.

**Full Cicada Moon** - Marilyn Hilton
In 1969 twelve-year-old Mimì and her family move to an all-white town in Vermont, where Mimì's mixed-race mother moves to open a school.

**Heart of a Champion** - Emily Schwartz
When the U.S. declares war against Japan in 1941, everything changes for the Sakamoto family. They are banished to an isolated internment camp, and Kenji’s hopes of becoming an Asahi baseball player are overtaken by the harsh realities of his new life.

**If I Ever Get Out of Here** - Eric L. Gansworth
Seventh-grader Louis “Shoe” Blake from the Tuscarora Reservation has a new friend, George Haddonfield from the local Air Force base, but in 1975 there is a lot of tension and hatred between Native Americans and Whites—and Louis is not sure that he can rely on friendship.
Horror & Supernatural

- **Anna Dressed in Blood** - Kendare Blake
  Cas Lowood, armed with his late father's mysterious dagger, sets out to kill a ghost known as Anna Dressed in Blood, but she is unlike any ghost he has ever encountered before.

- **The Dogs** - Allan Stratton
  Cameron and his mom are always running away from his dad, and their latest refuge is a creepy, deserted farmhouse, haunted by bloodthirsty dogs.

- **Imprisoned** - Martin W. Sandler
  Examines the American internment of Japanese Americans and immigrants in concentration camps during World War II, and their struggle to rebuild their lives after they were freed at the end of the war.

- **How They Croaked** - Georgia Bragg
  Chronicles the sometimes gruesome details of the deaths of nineteen famous historical figures, including King Tut, Pocahontas, George Washington, Edgar Allan Poe, and Marie Curie.

- **Rebel Belle** - Rachel Hawkins
  Seventeen-year-old Harper Price's charmed life is turned upside down when she discovers she's been given magical powers in order to protect her school nemesis David Stark, who's an Oracle.

- **The Dead Girls of Hysteria Hall** - Katie Alender
  Sixteen-year-old Cordelia and her family move into the house they just inherited, known as Hysteria Hall, she discovers the house wants to kill her.

- **This Monstrous Thing** - Mackenzi Lee
  When a talented mechanic in 1818 Geneva brings his brother back from the dead using clockwork parts, the citizens of Geneva think they may have inspired the recently published novel Frankenstein.

- **Incommunicado** - Randall Platt
  After the Japanese bomb Pearl Harbor, a wealthy Japanese American businessman in a small Oregon town becomes the prime target of an angry mob, until twelve-year-old Ruby Opal Pearl "Jewels" Stokes comes to his defense.

- **A Night Divided** - Jennifer A. Nielsen
  When the Berlin Wall went up, Gerta, her mother, and her brother Fritz were trapped on the eastern side, while her father and her other brother Dominic were in the West. Four years later, Gerta sees her father on a viewing platform on the western side and realizes he wants her to risk her life trying to tunnel to freedom.

- **Paper Wishes** - Lois Sepahban
  Near the start of World War II, young Manami, her parents, and grandfather are taken from their home and sent to Manzanar, an ugly, dreary internment camp in the desert for Japanese-American citizens.

- **Somewhere Among** - Annie Donwerth-Chikamatsu
  Eleven-year-old Emma's life in Tokyo changes for the worse when she and her American mother, who is pregnant, must move in with her Japanese grandmother the summer before 9/11 changes the world.

- **The War That Saved My Life** - Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
  A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II, where they find life to be much sweeter away from their abusive mother.

- **Wolf Hollow** - Lauren Wolk
  Twelve-year-old Annabelle must learn to stand up for what's right in the face of a manipulative and violent new bully who targets people Annabelle cares about, including a homeless World War II veteran.