## Middle School Summer Reading List

### Realistic Fiction

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Click the following link to see the sixth grade list.
- Moving Up to Sixth Grade

This book list was created by the Newton Free Librarians and Newton Public Schools Middle School Library Teachers.

Something for everyone! Click on the book cover or the title to check our catalog and read a review of the book.

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To All the Boys I've Loved Before - Han, Jenny
Call Number: J FIC, TEEN, EB
Lara Jean writes love letters to all the boys she has loved and then hides them in a hatbox until one day those letters are accidentally sent.

The Whole Story of Half a Girl - Hiranandani, Veera
Call Number: J FIC, EB
When Sonia's father loses his job and she must move from her small, supportive private school to a middle school, the half-Jewish half-Indian sixth-grader experiences culture shock as she tries to navigate the school's unfamiliar social scene, and after her father is diagnosed with clinical depression, she finds herself becoming even more confused about herself and her family.

We Were Liars - Lockhart, E.
Call Number: J FIC, TEEN, EB, EA
Spending the summers on her family's private island off the coast of Massachusetts with her cousins and a special boy named Gat, teenaged Cadence struggles to remember what happened during her fifteenth summer.

The Theory of Everything - Luna, Kari
Call Number: J FIC, TEEN
When fourteen-year-old Sophie Sophia journeys to New York with a scientific boy genius, a Kerouac-loving bookworm, and a giant shaman panda guide, she discovers more about her visions, string theory, and a father who could be the key to an extraordinary life.

Ketchup Clouds - Pitcher, Annabel
Call Number: J FIC, TEEN, P, EA
Zoe, a teenager in Bath, England, writes letters to a death-row inmate in Texas hoping to find comfort sharing her guilty secret over the death of a friend with someone who can never tell her family.

The Swap - Shull, Megan
Call Number: J FIC, EB
When seventh-grader Ellie, who is having best-friend problems, and eighth-grader Jack, who is under tremendous pressure from his father, switch bodies and lives, they learn a great deal about themselves and the opposite sex.

Counting By 7s - Sloan, Holly Goldberg
Call Number: J FIC, TEEN, EB
Twelve-year-old genius and outsider Willow Chance must figure out how to connect with other people and find a surrogate family for herself after her parents are killed in a car accident.

Promise of Shadows - Ireland, Justina
Call Number: J FIC
As a human/god offspring, Zephyr Mourning is destined for a life of servitude but when she uses a forbidden dark power to kill the minor god who murdered her sister she is sent to Tartarus, where she discovers that she may be the Nyx, a dark goddess prophesied to change the balance of power.

The Mark of the Dragonfly - Johnson, Jaleigh
Call Number: J FIC
Since her father's death in a factory in the Dragonfly territories, thirteen-year-old Piper has eked out a living as a scrapper in Merrow Kingdom, but the arrival of a mysterious girl sends her on a dangerous journey to distant lands.

The Falconer - May, Elizabeth
Call Number: J FIC, TEEN
In 1844 Edinburgh eighteen-year-old Lady Aleiana Kameron is neither an ordinary debutante, nor a murderess--she is a Falconer, a female warrior born with the gift for hunting and killing the faeries who prey on mankind and who killed her mother.

Unthinkable - Werlin, Nancy
Call Number: J FIC
Fenella, the first of cursed Scarborough girls, is challenged to accomplish three tasks of destruction against her family in order to finally leave her miserable life of purgatory in the faerie realm and return to the human world.

A Confusion of Princes - Garth, Nix
Call Number: J FIC, TEEN, EB
Battling aliens, space pirates, and competitors, Prince Khemri meets a young woman, named Raine, and learns more than he expected about the hidden workings of a vast, intergalactic Empire, and about himself.

Revolution 19 - Rosenblum, Gregg
Call Number: J FIC, TEEN
Although they have never gotten along well, seventeen-year-old Levi follows his older brother Boaz, an ex-Marine, on a walking trip from Boston to Washington, D.C. in hopes of learning why Boaz is completely withdrawn.

Under the Never Sky - Rossi, Veronica
Call Number: J FIC, TEEN, CD, EB
Aria and Perry, two teens from radically different societies—one highly advanced, the other primitive—hate being dependent on one another until they overcome their prejudices and fall in love, knowing they can’t stay together.

Bruiser - Shusterman, Neal
Call Number: J FIC, TEEN, EB
Inexplicable events start to occur when sixteen-year-old twins Tennyson and Brontë befriend a troubled and misunderstood outcast, aptly nicknamed Bruiser, and his little brother, Cody.

Curveball - Sonnenblick, Jordan
Call Number: J FIC, TEEN, CD
After an injury ends former star pitcher Peter Friedman’s athletic dreams, he concentrates on photography which leads him to a girlfriend, new fame as a high school sports photographer, and a deeper relationship with the beloved grandfather who, when he realizes he’s becoming senile, gives Pete all of his professional camera gear.
Sports

Zombie Baseball Beatdown - Bacigalupi, Paolo
Call Number: J FIC, TEEN, CD
While practicing for their next baseball game, thirteen-year-old friends Rabi, Miguel, and Joe discover that the nefarious activities of the Delbe, Iowa, meatpacking plant have caused cows to turn into zombies.

Swag - Deuker, Carl
Call Number: J FIC, TEEN
High school senior point guard Jonas Dolan is on the fast track to a basketball career until an unthinkable choice puts his future on the line.

The Walk on (the Triple Threat, 1) - Feinstein, John
Call Number: J FIC, TEEN
After moving to a new town his freshman year in high school, Alex Myers is happy to win a spot on the varsity team as a quarterback but must deal with ideas of not playing for two years since the first-string quarterback is not only a local hero, he is also the son of the corrupt head coach.

Gold Medal Winter - Freitas, Donna
Call Number: J FIC
Esperanza Flores’s place on the United States Olympic figure skating team has come at the expense of an injured skater, so in addition to the pressure of sudden fame and outsized expectations Espi has to deal with the resentment of her teammates—and their efforts to sabotage her routine.

The League - Heldring, Thatcher
Call Number: J FIC
Fourteen-year-old Wyatt, hoping to impress a girl and ward off a bully, decides to join his older brother’s summer football league, “The League of Pain,” against the advice of his parents, who think golf is the right sport for him.

Fantasy League - Lupica, Mike
Call Number: J FIC, TEEN, EB
In Los Angeles, twelve-year-old Charlie’s skill at fantasy football gains the attention of both the local media and the owner of a professional football team.

Underhand - McIsaac, M. J.
Call Number: TEEN
Nick is determined to clear his brother’s name when a vicious rumor jeopardizes Markus’s lacrosse scholarship.

Screaming at the Ump - Vernick, Audrey
Call Number: J FIC, TEEN
Twelve-year-old Casey lives with his father and grandfather at their family-run umpire school, and as he deals with

All Fall Down - Carter, Ally
Call Number: TEEN
There are many powerful people along Embassy Row who want Grace to block out all her unpretty thoughts. But Grace will not stop until she finds out who killed her mother and make the killer pay.

Knightley and Son - Gavin, Rohan
Call Number: J FIC, J MYST, TEEN
A father and son detective team investigates the mystery surrounding a book that makes its readers commit terrible crimes, and a sinister organization known as the Combination.

Zebra Forest - Gewirtz, Adina Rishe
Call Number: J FIC, TEEN
When eleven-year-old Annie first started lying to her social worker, she had been taught by an expert: Gran. She told Annie and her little brother, Rew, the one thing they know about their father: that he was killed in a fight with an angry man who was sent away. But then something shocking happens to unravel all their stories: a rattling at the back door, an escapee from the prison holding them hostage in their own home, four lives that will never be the same.

The Body in the Woods - Henry, April
Call Number: TEEN
While helping the Portland County Sheriff’s Search and Rescue to seek a missing autistic man, teens Alexis, Nick, and Ruby find, instead, a body and join forces to find the girl’s murderer, forming an unlikely friendship, as well.

The Darkest Path - Hirsch, Jeff
Call Number: TEEN
Since he was captured by the Glorious Path, a militant religion based on the teachings of a former soldier, fifteen-year-old Cal has served the Path in its brutal war with the remains of the United States government, and tried to survive and protect his younger brother but when he kills an officer to protect a friend, Cal is forced take his brother and the dog and run.

Devin Rhodes Is Dead - Kam, Jennifer Wolf Kam
Call Number: J FIC
To most people Cassandra and Devin are teenage girls who are best friends—but Cassandra actually resents the arrogant and bossy Devin, and when Devin turns up dead in a ravine Cassandra is wracked by her guilty secret.

The Voice Inside My Head - Laidlaw, S. J.
Call Number: J FIC
Luke’s older sister, Pat, has always been his moral compass, every time he has a decision to make. So when Pat disappears on a tiny island off the coast of Honduras and the authorities claim she’s drowned—despite the fact that they can’t produce a body—Luke heads to Honduras to

Fad Mania! - BIX, Cynthia Overbeck
Call Number: J 973.9 B55F, 306.097 B5SF 2015
Fad Mania! takes readers through a century of fads in the United States—from swallowing goldfish to cramming phone booths and showing up for spontaneous flash mob events—providing a great snapshot of American popular culture.

The Fashion Book - Dorling, Laurie
Call Number: 641.562 G82M
An adaptation of “The Guns at Last Light,” tracing the Battle of Normandy and the Allied liberation of Western Europe through the end of World War II.

The Fashion Book - Dorling, Laurie
Call Number: 641.562 G82M
A sassy style guide for teenage girls shares insight into the fashion world and how to personalize one’s appearance for best results, chronicling fashion trends throughout history while sharing practical tips from top designers and models.

Snicker Century - Keyser, Amber
Call Number: 685.31 K52S 2015
A cookbook for beginners and for all those interested in pursuing an eco-friendly lifestyle, includes one hundred favorite recipes and tips for eating on a budget in a healthy and environmentally friendly way.

Harry Potter - Revenson, Jody
Call Number: 791.437 R32H 2014
Dementors and House-elves, merpeople and Chinese Fireball Dragons—these are just a few of the magical creatures and frightening monsters populating J. K. Rowling’s wizarding world. Harry Potter: The Creature Vault is a fascinating look at how this menagerie was brought to life for the blockbuster Harry Potter film series.

No Summit Out of Sight - Romero, Jordan
Call Number: 796.522 R66N 2014
The story of Jordan Romero, who at the age of 13 became the youngest person ever to reach the summit of Mount Everest. At age 15, he reached the summits of the world’s 7 highest mountains.

The Top 10 of Everything in Sports - Sports Illustrated Kids Magazine Staff
Presented in the format of Top 10 lists, this book is a comprehensive yet fun look at the greatest aspects of Pro Sports. From the top athletes to the most popular teams in
Ms. Marvel - No Normal - Wilson, G. Willow

A sixteen-year-old shortstop in Cuba who dreams of playing with the pros must choose between his country and his father who defected to the U.S.

Game Seven - Volponi, Paul

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The Silence of Our Friends - Long, Mark

A white family from a notoriously racist neighborhood in the suburbs and a black family from its poorest ward cross Houston’s color line, overcoming humiliation, degradation, and violence to win the freedom of five black college students unjustly charged with the murder of a policeman.

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Historical Fiction

Mending Horses - Barker, Michele
Call Number: J FIC
Free and on his own, Daniel Linnehan is nearly sixteen in 1839 when he joins Jonathan Stocking and Billy, a girl hiding from her abusive father, in peddling goods in New England.

Illusive - Lloyd-Jones, Emily
Call Number: JFIC, TEEN, EA
After a vaccine accidentally creates superpowers in a small percentage of the population, seventeen-year-old Ciere, an illusionist, teams up with a group of fellow high-class, super-powered thieves to steal the vaccine's formula while staying one step ahead of monsters and deadly government agents.

One Past Midnight - Shirvington, Jessica
Call Number: TEEN, EB
Each night, eighteen-year-old Sabine transitions between a life of privilege and security but no intimacy to one of economic struggle but loving relationships, and the difficulty of this strange situation causes her to consider suicide, at least in one physical reality.

Stated - Terry, Teri
In a future England, sixteen-year-old Kyla is one of the "stated," those whose memories have been erased usually because they have committed serious crimes, but as she observes more and more strange events, she also gains more memories which put her and her boyfriend, Ben, in danger.

Afterwords - Westerland, Scott
Call Number: TEEN, EB, EA
n alternating chapters, eighteen-year-old Darcy Patel navigates the New York City publishing world and Lizzie, the heroine of Darcy's novel, slips into the "Afterworld" to survive a terrorist attack and becomes a spirit guide, as both face many challenges and both fall in love.

Superheroes and Beyond - Hart, Christopher
Call Number: 741.535 H25S 2009
This book shows aspiring artists how to create a huge array of original comic book heroes and villains. The characters found within these pages are broken down into step-by-step constructions that help the student of comics visualize the basic forms and individual features of comic book superheroes.

Steampunk LEGO - Himber, Guy
Call Number: 688.725 H57S 2015
Filled with LEGO-based airships and dirigibles, micro-wheels and penny-farthings, cabinets of curiosity and robots galore, Steampunk LEGO is an illustrated gallery of Victorian-era treasures, all built from LEGO. This full-color coffee table book is styled as a diary of the fictional Victorian-era explorer Captain Herbert Jobson as he catalogs the wonders of the world for Queen Victoria.

Throne of Glass - Maas, Sarah J.
Call Number: J FIC, TEEN, J FIC/FB, EB
After she has served a year of hard labor in the salt mines of Endor for her crimes, Crown Prince Dorian offers eighteen-year-old assassin Celsena Sardothien her freedom on the condition that she act as his champion in a competition to find a new royal assassin.

Girls Who Rocked the World - McCann, Michelle Roehm
Call Number: J 920 M12G
This fun and inspiring collection of influential stories provides forty-six illustrated examples of strong, independent female role models, all of whom first impacted the world as teenagers or younger.

Rocket Girl Volume 1: Times Squared - Montclare, Brandon
Call Number: TEEN GRAPHIC NOVELS
The NYTPD sent her to 1986 New York City to investigate the Quimtrum Mechanics megacorporation for crimes against time. Piecing together the clues, Dayoung Johansson discovers the "future" she calls home - a high-tech alternate reality version of 2013 - shouldn't exist at all!

She Is Not Invisible - Sedgwick, Marcus
Call Number: J MYST, TEEN, EB
A London teenager who is blind and her younger brother travel to New York to find their missing father, using clues from his notebook. Laureth and her younger brother Benjamin are thrust into a mystery that takes them to New York City. Surviving will take all her skill at spotting the amazing, shocking, and sometimes dangerous connections in a world full of darkness.

Horror/Supernatural

Famous Last Words - Alender, Katie
Call Number: J FIC, TEEN, EA
High-schooler Willa has just moved to California with her mother and film director stepfather, and she will be attending a private school but her real problem is that she keeps seeing things that are not really there, like a dead body in the swimming pool, and her visions may be connected to a serial killer that is stalking young girls in Hollywood.

Marie Antoinette, Serial Killer - Alender, Katie
Call Number: TEEN
While in Paris, France on a class trip, Colette Iselin enlists the help of her charming French tour guide to help uncover a possible connection between Marie Antoinette, a series of gruesome murders, and perhaps her own family history, and he also gives her insights into herself.

Meteor Men - Parker, Jeff
Call Number: J GRAPHIC
On a summer night, Alden Baylor sits in a field watching the largest meteor shower in human history. What begins as teenage adventure becomes something more - the celestial event brings travelers who will change the world completely, and Alden discovers a connection to one of them. How does a young man who had to grow up fast handle the invasion of his keep humanity from oblivion?

Dead Boy Detectives - Litt, Toby
Call Number: J GRAPHIC
Dead Boy Detectives is the Hardy Boys meets Neil Gaiman's Sandman. It stars Edwin Paine and Charles Rowland, boys who were killed in their youth long ago in London, now floating among solving crimes. It starts off as Edwin and Charles get in over their heads (normally they do stuff like find a missing cat) and get dragged back to St. Hilarion's, the boarding school both boys attended and the site of their murder. Joined by Crystal Palace, a girl among the living, the trio investigate what is really going on at St. Hilarion's.

Bozzer's - Yang, Gene Luen
Call Number: J GRAPHIC, TEEN GRAPHIC NOVELS, GRAPHIC FIC
In China in 1898 bands of foreign missionaries and soldiers roam the countryside, bullying and robbing Chinese peasants. Little Bao has had enough: harnessing the powers of ancient Chinese gods, he recruits an army of Boxers--commoners trained in kung fu who fight to free China from "foreign devils."

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The Madman of Piney Woods - Curtis, Christopher Paul
Call Number: J FIC, EB
Even though it is now 1901, the people of Buxton, Canada (originally a settlement of runaway slaves) and Chatham, Canada are still haunted by two events of half a century before—the American Civil War, and the Irish potato famine, and the lasting damage those events caused to the survivors.

Circle of Stones - Fisher, Catherine
Call Number: J FIC, TEEN
The mysterious Circus—a circular street of thirty houses—in Bath, England, provides the hub for three intertwining stories about a contemporary girl with a terrible past, an eighteenth-century architect obsessed with druids, and a prehistoric king who learns to fly.

Halley - Gibbons, Faye
Call Number: J FIC
Times are hard in Depression era Georgia mountain country. Even so, fourteen-year-old Halley O'wenby, her younger brother, Robbie, and their parents, Jim and Kate manage to get by until Jim dies suddenly in an accident, and Kate decides she and her children have no choice but to move in with her parents.

Going Over - Kephart, Beth
Call Number: J FIC, TEEN, EB
In the early 1980s Ada and Stefan are young, would-be lovers living on opposite sides of the Berlin Wall—Ada lives with her mother and grandmother and paints graffiti on the Wall, and Stefan lives with his grandmother in the East and dreams of escaping to the West.

A Death-Struck Year - Lucier, Makia
Call Number: J FIC, TEEN
When the Spanish influenza epidemic reaches Portland, Oregon, in 1918, 17-year-old Cleo leaves behind the comfort of her boarding school to work for the Red Cross.

Incommunicado - Platt, Randall
Call Number: J FIC
When a wealthy Japanese American resort owner in a small, sleepy Oregon coastal town becomes the prime target of an angry mob, following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, twelve-year-old Ruby Opal Pearl "Jewels" Stokes comes to his defense.

Echo - Ryan, Pam Muñoz
Call Number: TEEN, EB
Lost in the Black Forest, Otto meets three mysterious sisters and finds himself entwined in a prophecy, a promise, and a harmonica—and decades later three children, Friedrich in Germany, Mike in Pennsylvania, and Ivy in California find themselves caught up in the same thread of destiny in the darkest days of the twentieth century, struggling to keep their families intact, and tied together by the music of the

Heap House - Carey, Edward
Call Number: J FIC, EB
Young Clod is an Iremonger. He lives in at Heap House, his family's mansion at the center of the Heaps, a vast sea of lost and discarded items whose ever-shifting masses have been known to swallow people alive.

The Fall - Griffin, Bethany
Call Number: TEEN, EB
A retelling of Edgar Allen Poe's 'The Fall of the House of Usher' in which Madeline and her twin brother, Roderick, suffer from the Usher family illness but she hears the House talking to her, filling her dreams, controlling her actions, and ensuring she never leaves the property.

Demon Derby - Harris, Carrie
Call Number: J FIC
Once a true daredevil, South Carolina high school junior Casey is in remission from cancer when a terrifying encounter at a Halloween party leads her to become a demon-fighting roller derby girl.

The Young Elites - Lu, Marie
Call Number: J FIC, TEEN, EB, EA
Adelina Amouteru survived the blood fever, a deadly illness that killed many, but left others with strange markings and supernatural powers. Cast out by her family, Adelina joins the secret society of the Young Elites and discovers her own dangerous abilities.

Fracture - Miranda, Megan
Call Number: J FIC, TEEN
After falling through the ice of a frozen lake and being resuscitated by her best friend Decker, seventeen-year-old Delaney begins experiencing a strange affinity for the dead and wonders whether she is predicting death or causing it.

Welcome to the Dark House - Stolarz, Laurie Faria
Call Number: J FIC, TEEN
Seven super fans have won the trip of a lifetime to meet the master of horror, legendary film director Justin Blake. But things quickly go from delightfully dark to dangerously deadly, when Ivy, Parker, Shayla, Natalie, Frankie, and Garth find themselves trapped in an abandoned amusement park. To earn a ticket out, they must face their darkest demons one ride at a time.

Silver - Wooding, Chris
Call Number: J FIC, TEEN
When the students at Mortingham Boarding Academy find a group of strange, silvery beetles on school grounds they are excited, but when the beetles attack them and a mysterious virus starts spreading, a group of mismatched students must work together to survive.
Brotherhood - Westrick, Anne
Call Number: J FIC
"The year is 1867, and the South has lost the Civil War. Those on the lowest rungs, like Shad's family, fear that the freed slaves will take the few jobs available. In this climate of despair and fear, a group has formed. Today we know it as the KKK.

The Cure for Dreaming - Winters, Cat
Call Number: J FIC, TEEN
In Portland, Oregon, in 1900, seventeen-year-old Olivia Mead, a suffragist, is hypnotized by the intriguing young Henri Reverie, who's paid by her father to make her more docile and womanly but who, instead, gives her the ability to see people's true natures, while she secretly continues fighting for women's rights.