

Summer Reading 2019 Incoming Grade 8

Choose at least one book from the list below. Read it at any point during the summer. After you have completed the book, compose a response on the Google Form linked on the McCall Middle School website. The response will be used as a completion grade in your English class. Please know that you are encouraged to read as many books as you wish, regardless of whether they come from this list, a series on this list, or your own inspiration. Happy reading!

Classic Authors

Flowers for Algernon by Daniel Keyes

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith

My Brother Sam Is Dead by J.L. Collier and Christopher Collier

Dystopian Fiction

Knife of Never Letting Go by Patrick Ness (part of a series)

Maximum Ride: The Angel Experiment by James Patterson (part of a series)

Legend by Marie Lu (part of a series)

Fantasy

A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness

Ice Breaker by Liam Tanner (part of a series)

The Princess Bride: S. Morgenstern's Classic Tale of True Love and High Adventure (The "Good Parts" Version), Abridged by William Goldman

Adventure

Phoenix Island by John Dixon

Scythe by Neal Shusterman (part of a series)

Graphic Novels

The Arrival by Shaun Tan

Gaijin: American Prisoner of War by Matt Faulkner

Ghostopolis by Doug TenNapel

Nimona by Noelle Stevenson

Historical Fiction

Between Shades of Gray by Ruta Sepetys

Chains by Laurie Halse Anderson

Humor

Son of the Mob by Gordon Korman

Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie by Jordan Sonnenblick

Horror

Fracture by Megan Miranda

Mystery

Shift by Jennifer Bradbury

Dead Girls Don't Write Letters by Gail Giles

When by Victoria Laurie

Nonfiction

Beyond Magenta: Transgender Teens Speak Out by Susan Kuklin

We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball by Kadir Nelson

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind by William Kamkwamba (Young Reader's Edition)

Elon Musk: Tesla, SpaceX, and the Quest for a Fantastic Future, by Ashlee Vance (Young Reader's Edition)

Realistic Fiction

Guitar Notes by Mary Amato

The Thing About Jellyfish by Ali Benjamin

Curious Incident of the Dog in Night-time by Mark Haddon

Counting by 7's by Holly Goldberg Sloan

Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda, by Becky Albertalli

Lucy and Linh, by Alice Pung

The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas

Science Fiction

Lowriders in Space by Cathy Camper

iBoy by Kevin Brooks

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams (part of a series)

Sports

The Girl Who Threw Butterflies by Mick Cochrane

True Legend by Mike Lupica

Born to Play: My Life in the Game by Dustin Pedroia

When the Game Was Ours by Jackie MacMullan, Larry Bird, and Magic Johnson

Eleven Seconds: A Story of Tragedy, Courage, and Triumph by Travis Roy

Undefeated by Steve Sheinkin