

**McCall Middle School
Summer Reading 2026
Incoming Grade 6**

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 by the first day of school, Wednesday, September 2. 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.

Links are provided to the Winchester Public Library's Overdrive ebook listing of the text, but you may access the book through purchase or library loan as well. Happy reading!

Adventure

[Pax](#) by Sara Pennypacker
[Charlie Thorne and the Last Equation](#) by Stuart Gibbs
[City Spies](#) by James Ponti

Biography/Memoir (nonfiction)

[Becoming Muhammad Ali](#) by Kwame Alexander and James Patterson
[Free Lunch](#) by Rex Ogle
[Global](#) by Eoin Colfer
[The Radium Girls](#) (Young Reader's Edition) by Kate Moore

Classics

[Are You There God, It's Me Margaret](#) by Judy Blume
[The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe](#) by C.S. Lewis
[A Wrinkle in Time](#) by Madeleine L'Engle

Fantasy

[Daughter of the Deep](#) by Rick Riordan
[Miles Morales: Spider-Man](#) by Jason Reynolds
[Spirit Hunters](#) by Ellen Oh
[Witch Boy](#) by Molly Knox Ostertag
[Midsummer's Mayhem](#) by Rajani LaRocca*

Historical Fiction

[Code Talker: A Novel about the Navajo Marines of World War 2](#) by Joseph Bruchac
[Loyalty](#) by Avi
[Prairie Lotus](#) by Linda Sue Park
[The Night Diary](#) by Veera Hiranandani

Humor

[Frazzled - Everyday Disasters and Impending Doom](#) by Booki Vivat
[The Fourth Stall](#) by Chris Rylander
[Wink](#) by Rob Harrell

Mystery

[Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus](#) by Dusti Bowling
[Olivetti](#) by Allie Millington
[Unplugged](#) by Gordon Korman
[Fast Pitch](#) by Nic Stone
[Isle of Ever](#) by Jen Calonita

Poetry/Novel in Verse

[Drum Roll, Please](#) by Lisa Jen Bigelow
[Starfish](#) by Lisa Fipps
[The Crossover](#) by Kwame Alexander
[The Door of No Return](#) by Kwame Alexander

Realistic Fiction

[The Benefits of Being an Octopus](#) by Ann Braden
[Measuring Up](#) by Lily LaMott
[New Kid](#) by Jerry Craft
[Prettiest](#) by Brigit Young
[What Happened to Rachel Riley](#) by Claire Swinarski
[The Labors of Hercules Beal](#), by Gary D. Schmidt
[The Year My Life Went Down the Toilet](#) by Jake Maia Arlow

Science Fiction

[Fuzzy Mud](#) by Louis Sachar
[Stowaway](#) by John David Anderson
[We're Not from Here](#) by Geoff Rodkey
[The Unwanteds](#) by Lisa McMann

Sports

[Hoops](#) by Matt Tavares
[Swim Team](#) by Johnnie Christmas
[Crash](#) by Jerry Spinelli
[Heat](#) by Mike Lupica

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