McCall Middle School
Summer Reading 2026
Incoming Grade 7

Choose at least one book from the list below (detailed descriptions available here). 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. 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.

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
Peak by Roland Smith
I Am Princess X by Cherie Priest
The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise by Dan Gemeinhart

Classic
The Golden Compass by Philip Pullman (first in a series)
Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson
Journey to the Center of the Earth by Jules Verne
The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin

Dystopian Fiction
Skyhunter by Marie Lu
Alone by Megan Freeman
Maze Runner by James Dashner

Fantasy
Hero by Mike Lupica
The Sun and the Star by Rick Riordan
Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky by Kwame Mbalia

Graphic Novels
Bomb by Steve Sheinkin
The Prince and the Dressmaker by Jen Wang
School Trip by Jerry Craft
March: Book One by John Lewis

Historical Fiction
Fever, 1793 by L.H. Anderson
Heart of a Samurai by Margi Preus
Fallout by Todd Strasser
A Night Divided by Jennifer A. Nielsen
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Horror
Scare Me, by K.R. Alexander
Forgotten Girl, by India Hill Brown
Whispering Pines, by Heidi Lang

LGBTQ+
Ash's Cabin by Jen Wang
The Other Boy by M.G. Hennessey
Hurricane Child by Kacen Callender

Nonfiction
The Mona Lisa Vanishes: A Legendary Painter, a Shocking Heist, and the Birth of a Global Celebrity by Nicholas Day and Brett Helquist
Agent Most Wanted: The Never-Before-Told Story of the Most Dangerous Spy of World War II by Sonia Purnell
Courage to Soar: A Body in Motion, A Life in Balance by Simone Biles
How They Choked: Failures, Flops, and Flaws of the Awfully Famous by Georgia Bragg
The Complete Story of Sadako Sasaki: And the Thousand Paper Cranes by Sue Dicicco & Masahiro Sasaki

Poetry
Booked by Kwame Alexander
The Red Pencil by Andrea Davis Pinkney
Other Words for Home by Jasmine Warga
Rez Dogs by Joseph Bruchac
Mid-Air by Alicia D. Williams
Mirror to Mirror by Rajani LaRocca (Authorfest 2026)

Realistic Fiction
The Running Dream by Wendy Van Draanen
See You at Harry's by Jo Knowles
No Fixed Address by Susin Nielsen
Simon Sort Of Says Erin Bow
The Probability of Everything Sarah Everett
Harbor Me by Jacqueline Woodson
I Can Make This Promise by Christine Day
When You Trap A Tiger by Tae Keller
Opinions and Opossums by Ann Braden

Science Fiction
Moongarden by Michelle A. Barry (first in a series)
Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card (first in a series)
Dragon Pearl by Yoon Ha Lee