

# Sharon Middle School

## 2025 Summer Reading Recommendations

### 6th Grade

This summer, everyone moving to 6th-grade is expected to read two books that they have never read before.

One of those books should come from the following list.

The second can be another choice from this list or anything else that you are interested in reading.

All recommended books are displayed in the Teen Area. If you do not see what you are looking for, please ask a library staff member for help.

#### Fiction

*Good Different* by Meg Eden Kuyatt - Seventh-grader Selah Godfrey knows that to be "normal" she has to keep her feelings tightly controlled when people are around, but after hitting a fellow student, she needs to figure out just what makes her different - -and why that is ok.

*Look Both Ways* by Jason Reynolds - Jason Reynolds conjures ten tales (one per block) about what happens after the dismissal bell rings, and brilliantly weaves them into one wickedly funny, piercingly poignant look at the detours we face on the walk home, and in life.

*Not Your All American Girl* by Wendy Wan-Long Shang and Madelyn Rosenberg - Sixth-graders Lauren and Tara have always done everything together so it is only natural that they both try out for their middle school musical play, about an "all-American" girl in 1958; Tara gets the lead role, as usual, because in the teacher's mind Lauren, half-Jewish and half-Chinese, does not fit the image of all-American girl - -Lauren is hurt but resolved to support her friend, but her two grandmothers are furious and they intend to do something about it.

*Roll With It* by Jamie Sumner - Twelve-year-old Ellie, who has cerebral palsy, finds her life transformed when she moves with her mother to small-town Oklahoma to help care for her grandfather, who has Alzheimer's Disease.

*Sal and Gabi Break the Universe* by Carlos Hernandez - In order to heal after his mother's death, Sal learned how to meditate. But no one expected him to be able to take it further and 'relax' things into existence. Turns out he can reach into time and space to retrieve things from other universes.

*Save Me a Seat* by Gita Varadarajan and Sarah Weeksby - Joe and Ravi don't think they have anything in common, but soon enough they have a common enemy, the biggest bully in their class, and a common mission, to take control of their lives over the course of a single crazy week.

*Unplugged* by Gordon Korman - Relates, in multiple voices, the adventures of a group of youngsters at an electronics-free wellness camp where wealthy, spoiled Jett, leads other campers in trying to stop a criminal.

*When You Trap a Tiger* by Tae Keller - Would you make a deal with a magical tiger? This uplifting story brings Korean folklore to life as a girl goes on a quest to unlock the power of stories and save her grandmother.

## Graphic Novels

*Two Tribes* by Emily Bowen Cohen - In her poignant debut graphic novel inspired by her own life, Emily Bowen Cohen embraces the complexity, meaning, and deep love that comes from being part of two vibrant tribes.

## Nonfiction

*Home of the Brave: 15 Immigrants Who Shaped U.S. History* by Brooke Khan - The United States has always been a nation of immigrants—and now you can learn all about the amazing people who've helped shape it, with an exciting and engaging look into the lives and contributions of these incredible individuals.