

SHARON MIDDLE SCHOOL

2026 SUMMER READING RECOMMENDATIONS

7TH GRADE

This summer, everyone moving to 7th-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.

Click on the title to go to the library catalog where you can see what is checked in and to request copies.

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 assistance.

FICTION

Beyond the Bright Sea by Lauren Wolk – Set adrift on the ocean in a small skiff as a newborn, twelve-year-old Crow embarks on a quest to find the missing pieces of her history.

City Spies by James Ponti – Sara Martinez is facing years in the juvenile detention system for hacking into the foster care computer system to prove that her foster parents are crooks. But then she gets a second chance when a mysterious man offers her a chance to join a group of MI6 affiliated spies.

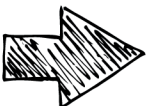
The Eye of Ra by Ben Gartner – Exploring a mysterious cave in the mountains behind their house, John and his sister Sarah are shocked to discover they've time traveled to ancient Egypt!

The Fort by Gordon Korman – Five middle schoolers find a fully stocked bomb shelter constructed decades ago in the local woods by an eccentric tycoon and lost until a hurricane exposes the entrance. So, how to keep the hideout secret from interfering grown-ups--and, more particularly, from scary teen psychopath, Jaeger Devlin.

From The Desk of Zoe Washington by Janae Marks – Avid baker Zoe Washington receives a letter on her twelfth birthday from her biological father, who is in prison for a terrible crime. Could he really be innocent?

Holes by Louis Sachar – As further evidence of his family's bad fortune which they attribute to a curse on a distant relative, Stanley Yelnats is sent to a hellish correctional camp in the Texas desert where he finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a new sense of himself.

The Insiders by Mark Oshiro – San Francisco and Orangevale may be in the same state, but for Héctor Muñoz, they might as well be a million miles apart. Back home, being gay didn't mean feeling different. At Héctor's new school, he couldn't feel more alone. Most days, Héctor just wishes he could disappear. And he does. Right into the janitor's closet. But one day, when the door closes behind him, Héctor discovers he's stumbled into a room that shouldn't be possible. A room that connects him with two new friends from different corners of the country--and opens the door to a life-changing year.



FICTION, CONT.

Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky by Kwame Mbalia - Seventh-grader Tristan Strong tumbles into the MidPass and, with allies John Henry and Brer Rabbit, must entice the god Anansi to come out of hiding and seal the hole Tristan accidentally ripped in the sky.

GRAPHIC NOVELS

The Magic Fish by Trung Le Nguyen - Real life isn't a fairytale. But Tiễn still enjoys reading his favorite stories with his parents from the books he borrows from the local library. It's hard enough trying to communicate with your parents as a kid, but for Tiễn, he doesn't even have the right words because his parents are struggling with their English. Is there a Vietnamese word for what he's going through?

NONFICTION

I Am Not A Label: 34 Disabled Artists, Thinkers, Athletes, and Activists From Past and Present by Cerrie Burnell - These short biographies tell the stories of people who have faced unique challenges that have not stopped them from becoming trailblazers, innovators, advocates, and makers. Each person is a leading figure in their field, be it sports, science, math, art, breakdancing, or the world of pop.