

# SHARON MIDDLE SCHOOL

## 2026 SUMMER READING RECOMMENDATIONS

### 8TH GRADE

This summer, everyone moving to 8th-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

*All American Boys* by Jason Reynolds & Brendan Kiely – When sixteen-year-old Rashad is mistakenly accused of stealing, classmate Quinn witnesses his brutal beating at the hands of a police officer who happens to be the older brother of his best friend. Told through Rashad and Quinn's alternating viewpoints..

*The Bletchley Riddle* by Ruta Sepetys and Steve Sheinkin – In the summer of 1940, siblings Jakob and Lizzie Novis find themselves at Bletchley Park, where Jakob works to crack Nazi codes while Lizzie investigates the mysterious disappearance of their mother--only to discover that the two mysteries are intertwined.

*Deepfake* by Sarah Darer Littman – What happens when anyone can make a video of you saying anything? A viral video, a cheating scandal and a shocking truth all combine in this timely novel.

*The Inheritance Games* by Jennifer Barnes – When a Connecticut teenager inherits vast wealth and an eccentric estate from the richest man in Texas, she must also live with his surviving family and solve a series of puzzles to discover how she earned her inheritance.

*Internment* by Samira Ahmed – Rebellions are built on hope. In a horrifying near-future United States, seventeen-year-old Layla Amin and her parents are forced into an internment camp for Muslim American citizens.

*Once Upon An Eid* edited by S.K. Ali & Aisha Saeed – A joyous short story collection by and about Muslims, edited by New York Times bestselling authors Aisha Saeed and William C. Morris Award finalist S.K. Ali, *Once Upon an Eid* showcases the most brilliant Muslim voices writing today, all about the most joyful holiday of the year: Eid!

*Sanctuary* by Paola Mendoza & Abby Sher – It's 2032, and in this near-future America, all citizens are chipped and everyone is tracked. It's almost impossible to survive as an undocumented immigrant, but that's exactly what sixteen-year-old Vali is doing. She and her family have carved out a stable, happy life in small-town Vermont, but when Vali's mother's counterfeit chip starts malfunctioning and the Deportation Forces raid their town, they are forced to flee...



## FICTION, CONT.

*Tight* by Torrey Maldonado - Bryan's new friend Mike is challenging him to have fun in ways that are crazy risky. At first, it's a rush following Mike, hopping turnstiles, subway surfing, and getting into all kinds of trouble. But Bryan never feels right acting wrong. So which way will he go when he understands that drama is so not his style? Fortunately his favorite comic heroes shed light on his dilemma, reminding him that he has power--the power to choose his friends and to stand up for what he believes is right.

*You Should See Me in a Crown* by Leah Johnson - High schooler Liz has to come up with a new plan after losing her hoped-for college scholarship. Then her brother reminds her that the school Prom Queen is awarded a scholarship, too. But Prom Queens are generally everything Liz isn't! Guess it's time for a major public image makeover.

## NONFICTION

*Chasing King's Killer: The Hunt for Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Assassin* by James L. Swanson - An astonishing account of the assassination of America's most beloved and celebrated civil rights leader, Martin Luther King.

*Fallout: Spies, Superbombs, and the Ultimate Cold War Showdown* by Steve Sheinkin - New York Times bestselling author Steve Sheinkin presents a follow up to his award-winning book *Bomb: The Race to Build -- and Steal--the World's Most Dangerous Weapon*, taking readers on a terrifying journey into the Cold War and our mutual assured destruction.