

Dear Middle School Families,

As the school year comes to a close, we look forward to providing reading options for the summer. Our librarian and language arts faculty spend much time thinking about how to maintain our students' literary engagement. Our summer reading program is designed to promote reading as an enjoyable and worthwhile activity, and to help maintain reading skills, reducing the effect of the "summer slide." This year, students in each grade level are required to read one book from the attached list.

The librarian and language arts faculty consider the varied interests, abilities, learning styles, and maturity levels of the students in each grade level and select books with appeal and points of view that are consistent with our school's educational mission. Although students are only required to read one book, we hope they will use some of their extra time to read many more books of their choosing.

The selected titles, descriptions, and book covers can be viewed on the libraries' webpage at <https://libguides.columbusacademy.org/upperschool/summerreading/ms-sr> and are also available under Middle School Resources on the Family Resources Page <https://www.columbusacademy.org/parents> of the school's website.

We hope that you might also find a title or two that you would like to read this summer and join your child in the fun.

Regards,

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Middle School Librarian

Middle School Summer Reading 2024

Nonfiction

Chinese Menu: The History, Myths, and Legends Behind Your Favorite Foods by Grace Lin

Lincoln's Grave Robbers by Steve Sheinkin

My Name is Jason. Mine Too. by Jason Reynolds and Jason Griffin

Undefeated: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indians Football Team by Steve Sheinkin

You: the Story by Ruta Sepetys

Historical Fiction

Heroes by Alan Gratz

I Must Betray You by Ruta Sepetys

The Windeby Puzzle: History and Story by Lois Lowry

Fantasy & Science Fiction

Dead City by James Ponti

The Goose Girl by Shannon Hale

Gossamer by Lois Lowry

Harvest House by Cynthia Leitich Smith

Miles Morales, Spider-Man by Jason Reynolds

Summer of the Mariposas by Guadalupe Garcia McCall

Adventure / Mystery

City Spies: Mission Manhattan by James Ponti

Code of Honor by Alan Gratz

Two Degrees by Alan Gratz

Vanished! by James Ponti

The Willoughbys by Lois Lowry

Realistic Fiction

Blended by Sharon Draper

Deep Water by Jamie Sumner

Haven Jacobs Saves the Planet by Barbara Dee

My Life in a Fish Tank by Barbara Dee

The Summer of June by Jamie Sumner