

2021 Summer Reading List - 6th Grade



[Ruins of Gorlan by Jack Flanagan](#)

Fantasy

When fifteen-year-old Will is rejected by battleschool, he becomes the reluctant apprentice to the mysterious Ranger Halt, and winds up protecting the kingdom from danger.



[Pax by Sara Pennypacker](#)

Animal Fiction/Dystopian

After being forced to give up his pet fox Pax, a young boy named Peter decides to leave home and get his best friend back.



[Stella by Starlight by Sharon M. Draper](#)

Historical Fiction

When a burning cross set by the Klan causes panic and fear in 1932 Bumblebee, North Carolina, fifth-grader Stella must face prejudice and find the strength to demand change in her segregated town.



[Ghost by Jason Reynolds](#)

Realistic Fiction

Ghost, a naturally talented runner and troublemaker, is recruited for an elite middle school track team. He must stay on track, literally and figuratively, to reach his full potential.



[Framed! by James Ponti](#)

Mystery

In Washington, D.C., twelve-year-old Florian Bates, a consulting detective for the FBI, and his best friend Margaret help thwart the biggest art heist in United States history.



[Roller Girl by Victoria Jamieson](#)

Graphic Novel

A graphic novel adventure about a girl who discovers roller derby right as she and her best friend are growing apart.

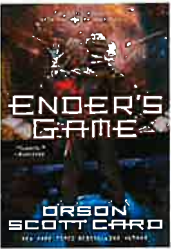
2021 Summer Reading List - 7th Grade



Tagged by Diane C. Mullen

Realistic

When Liam, a fourteen-year-old graffiti artist, can't keep his grades up and is threatened by a local gang in the projects of Minneapolis, his mother sends him to Lake Michigan for the summer.



Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card

Fantasy

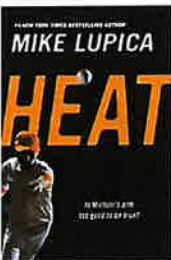
Young Ender Wiggin may prove to be the military genius Earth needs to fight a desperate battle against a deadly alien race that will determine the future of the human race.



Valkyrie by Kate O'Hearn

Fantasy

Freya is a Valkyrie, a reaper of souls. But she hates what she must do. She doesn't like humans and the pain they inflict on each other, and she never wants to visit another battlefield. But when a soldier begs her to help his family back in the human realm, she'll have to find a way to keep her promise to the soldier and prevent the wrath of Odin from destroying the world.



Heat by Mike Lupica

Sports Fiction

Pitching prodigy Michael Arroyo is on the run from social services after being banned from playing Little League baseball because rival coaches doubt he is only twelve years old and he has no parents to offer them proof.



Crossover by Kwame Alexander

Sports Fiction

Fourteen-year-old twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs and lows on and off the court as their father ignores his declining health.



The Stars Beneath Our Feet by David Barclay Moore

Realistic

Unable to celebrate the holidays in the wake of his older brother's death in a gang-related shooting, Lolly Rachpaul struggles to avoid being forced into a gang himself while constructing a fantastically creative LEGO city at the Harlem community center.

2021 Summer Reading List - 8th Grade



[For Every One by Jason Reynolds](#)

Realistic / Verse

Jason Reynolds shares this letter-poem, written several years ago, in the hope that it will encourage readers to continue reaching for their own dreams.



[New Kid by Jerry Craft](#)

Graphic Novel

Instead of sending Jordan to the arts school of his dreams, his parents enroll him in a prestigious private school known for its academics. Jordan turns out to be one of the few kids of color in his entire grade and struggles to find balance between his home life and new upscale academy.



[Other Words for Home by Jasmine Warga](#)

Realistic

Jude never thought she'd be leaving her beloved older brother and father behind, all the way across the ocean in Syria. But when things in her hometown start becoming volatile, Jude and her mother are sent to live in Cincinnati with relatives. This new life brings unexpected challenges and surprises.



[The Looking Glass Wars by Frank Beddor](#)

Fantasy

When she is cast out of Wonderland by her evil aunt Redd, young Alyss Heart finds herself living in Victorian Oxford as Alice Liddell and struggles to keep memories of her kingdom intact until she can return and claim her rightful throne.



[Miles Morales: Spider-Man by Jason Reynolds](#)

Fantasy

Brooklyn Visions Academy student **Miles Morales** may not always want to be a superhero, but he must come to terms with his identity - and deal with a villainous teacher - as the new Spider Man.



[The Angel Experiment by James Patterson](#)

Fantasy Adventure

Maximum Ride and her "flock" -- Fang, Iggy, Nudge, Gasman and Angel -- are just like ordinary kids, only they have wings and can fly. It may seem like a dream come true to some, but their lives can morph into a living nightmare at any time.