

Summer Reading 2025

Summer is the perfect time to dive into a great new book! Below is a selection of books and series that are popular among our incoming 6th-8th grade students, organized by reading level. Parents can take time to make reading fun by organizing a reading challenge or reading “camp out” (with a fort and snacks!), or encouraging reading in fun new places like in a hammock or under a tree. Local libraries will often organize summer programs with prizes for reading as well!

-Mrs. Barkley, Library Media Specialist

| Book Title | Lexile Range | Author | Description |
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| Amulet series | 170-545 | Kazu Kibuishi | Popular graphic novel series about siblings, set in a fantasy world |
| Hazardous Tales series | 170-545 | Nathan Hale | Graphic novel series about interesting events in American history |
| Zita the Spacegirl series | 170-545 | Ben Hatke | Graphic novel for fans of adventure and space travel |
| Drama | 170-545 | Raina Telgemeier | Middle schooler Callie wants to perform in her school's musical |
| New Kid series | 170-545 | Jerry Craft | A graphic novel series about trying to fit in at a new school |
| Smile/Sisters | 170-545 | Raina Telgemeier | Graphic novels about family and siblings |
| Invisible Emmie series | 170-545 | Terri Libenson | Each book in this series focuses on a different character who is trying to survive middle school |
| Nat Enough series | 170-545 | Maria Scrivan | A graphic novel series about a girl trying to gain confidence in her abilities |
| Baby-Sitters Club graphic novels | 415-760 | Various | Updated take on the classics! |
| HiLo series | 415-760 | Judd Winick | Adventure-filled graphic |

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| Who Would Win? series | 415-760 | Jerry Pallotta | Nonfiction books comparing animals' strengths |
| Gone series | 415-760 | Michael Grant | Thriller/horror for fans of dystopian tales |
| Beasts of Olympus series | 635-960 | Lucy Coats | Set in magical ancient Greece |
| Last Kids on Earth series | 635-960 | Max Brallier | Zombie adventures! |
| I Survived series | 635-960 | Lauren Tarshis | Exciting and engrossing historical fiction! There are chapter book and graphic novel versions of many of these. |
| Dragons in a Bag series | 770-1035 | Zetta Elliott | A boy and his friends are tasked with making a very special delivery |
| Blended | 770-1035 | Sharon Draper | A girl struggles with her parents' divorce and racism at her school |
| Heroes | 770-1035 | Alan Gratz | A historical fiction novel from the popular author |
| Hot Mess | 770-1035 | Jeff Kinney | The latest book in the popular <i>Diary of a Wimpy Kid</i> series |
| The One and Only series (Ivan/Bob/Ruby/Family) | 770-1035 | Katherine Applegate | A series of books about circus animals, told from the animals' perspective |
| Pax | 770-1035 | Sara Pennypacker | A tale told from a fox's point of view. Great for fans of The One and Only series! |
| Cardboard Box Engineering | 855-1165 | Jonathan Adolph | For students looking for creative projects to complete over the summer! |
| Gathering Blue | 855-1165 | Lois Lowry | If your child enjoyed <i>The Giver</i> , they will probably like this sequel! |