

# Newton County Middle Schools' Summer Reading List



Students must read one (1) book from the list below for the grade level in which they will be enrolled at the beginning of the school year. They must be prepared to complete an assignment given by the Language Arts teacher the first week of school. Two additional books (and assignments) may be completed for extra credit. **Quest students must read two books from the list below and must be prepared to complete an assignment. Additional books (and assignments) may be completed for extra credit.**

6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade
<i>A Wrinkle In Time</i> by L'Engle	<i>Black Pearl</i> by O'Dell	<i>A Dream of Freedom: The Civil Rights Movement from 1954-1968</i> ( <i>non-fiction</i> )
<i>Absolutely Normal Chaos</i> by Creech	<i>Carver, a Life in Poems</i> by Nelson	<i>Across Five Aprils</i> by Hunt
<i>Adam of the Road</i> by Gray & Lawson	<i>Crispin: The cross of Lead</i> by Avi	<i>American Plague, An</i> by Murph
<i>Aria of the Sea</i> by Calhoun	<i>Ender's Game (and/or its sequels)</i> by Card	<i>Animal Farm</i> by Orwell
<i>Artemis Fowl (and/or its sequels)</i> by Colfer	<i>Eragon (and/or its sequels)</i> by Paolin	<i>Anne of Green Gables</i> (unabridged) by Montgomery
<i>Belle Prater's Boy</i> by White	<i>Face on the Milk Carton</i> by Cooney	<i>Around the World in Eighty Days</i> by Verne
<i>Bloomability</i> by Creech	<i>Getting Near to Baby</i> by Coulombis	<i>Bless Me, Ultima</i> by Anaya
<i>Bridge to Terabithia</i> by Patterson	<i>Girl Named Disaster, A</i> by Farmer	<i>Call of the Wild</i> by London
<i>Bud Not Buddy</i> by Curtis	<i>Hobbit, The</i> by Tolkein	<i>Cold Sassy Tree</i> by Burns
<i>Crispin: At the Edge of the World</i> by Avi	<i>Hoot</i> by Hiassen	<i>Dogsong</i> by Paulsen
<i>Dacey's Song</i> by Voight	<i>Hope Was Here</i> by Bauer	<i>Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde</i> by Stevenson ( <i>classic</i> )
<i>Ella Enchanted</i> by Levine	<i>House of the Scorpion, The</i> by Farmer	<i>Eleanor Roosevelt</i> by Freedman
<i>Esperanza Rising</i> by Ryan	<i>I Heard the Owl Call My Name</i> by Craven	<i>Fever, 1793</i> by Anderson
<i>Fledgling, The</i> by Langton	<i>Inkheart</i> by Funke	<i>Flannery O'Connor: A Biography</i> by Simpson
<i>Flush</i> by Hiaasen	<i>Island of the Blue Dolphins</i> by O'Dell	<i>Gathering of Days, A</i> by Blos
<i>Girl who Owned a City, The</i> by Nelson	<i>Izzy Willy Nilly</i> by Voight	<i>Great Fire, The</i> by Murphy
<i>House of Dies Drear</i> by Hamilton	<i>Jacob Have I Loved</i> by Patterson	<i>Grey King, The</i> by Cooper
<i>It's Like This, Cat</i> by Neville	<i>Julie of the Wolves</i> by George	<i>Hannibal</i> by Abbott ( <i>classic</i> )
<i>Joyful Noise (Poetry)</i> by Fleishchman	<i>Millicent Min, Girl Genius</i> by Yee	<i>Hero and the Crown, The</i> by Cooper
<i>Land, The</i> by Taylor		<i>High King, The</i> by Alexander
<i>Lily's Crossing</i> by Giff		<i>Hound of the Baskervilles</i> (unabridged) by Conan
<i>Miracle's Boys</i> by Woodson		<i>I, Juan de Pareja</i> by Borton de
<i>My Brother Sam is Dead</i> by		

<p>Collier  <i>Old Yeller</i> by Gipson  <i>Olive's Ocean</i> by Henkes  <i>On My Honor</i> by Bauer &amp; Kozielski  <i>One Crazy Summer</i> by Williams- Garcia  <i>Our Only May Amelia</i> by Holm  <i>Rascal: Memoir of a Better Era</i> by North (non-fiction)  <i>Selznick: The Invention of Hugo Cabret: A Novel in Words and Pictures</i>  <i>Shadow Children Series</i> by Haddix  <i>Sing Down the Moon</i> by O'Dell  <i>Slam</i> by Myers  <i>Slave Dancer</i> by Fox  <i>Souder</i> by Armstrong  <i>Stones in Water</i> by Napoli  <i>Tale of Despereaux, The</i> by Decamillo  <i>The Black Pearl</i> by O'Dell  <i>The Witch of Blackbird Pond</i> by Speare  <i>Timothy of the Cay</i> by Taylor  <i>Walk Two Moons</i> by Creech  <i>Watsons go to Birmingham 1963, The</i> by Curtis  <i>Woodsong</i> by Paulsen  <i>Wrinkle in Time, A</i> by L'Engle  <i>Yolanda's Genius</i> by Fenner</p>	<p><i>Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH</i> by O'Brien  <i>No Pretty Pictures: A Child of War</i> by Lobel (non-fiction)  <i>Outcasts of 19 Schyler Place</i> by Konigsburg  <i>Phoenix Rising</i> by Hesse  <i>Rasco and the Rats of NIMH</i> by O'Brien  <i>Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry</i> by Taylor  <i>Second Mrs. Giaconda, The</i> by Konigsburg  <i>Shabanu: Daughter of the Wind</i> by Staples  <i>Soldier Boys</i> by Hughes  <i>Soldier's Heart</i> by Paulsen  <i>Soldier's Heart</i> by Paulsen  <i>Souder</i> by Armstrong  <i>Surviving the Applewhites</i> by Tolan  <i>Swiftly Tilting Planet</i> by L'Engle  <i>The Adventures of Tom Sawyer</i> by Twain  <i>The Devil's Arithmetic</i> by Yolen  <i>The Firefly Letters: A Suffragette's Journey to Cuba</i> by Engle  <i>The House of the Scorpion</i> by Farmer  <i>The People Could Fly</i> by Hamilton  <i>The Sign of the Beaver</i> by Speare  <i>The Skin I'm In</i> by Flake  <i>Touching Spirit Bear</i> by Mikaelson  <i>Treasure Island</i> by Stevenson  <i>Treasure Island</i> by Stevenson  <i>Wanderer, The</i> by Creech  <i>Westing Game, The</i> by Raskin  <i>Wind in the Door</i> by L'Engle  <i>Zlata's Diary</i> by Filipovic</p>	<p>Trevino  <i>Lincoln: A Photobiography</i> by Freedman  <i>Little Princess, A</i> (unabridged) by Barnett  <i>Midwife's Apprentice, The</i> by Cushman  <i>Nothing but the Truth</i> by Avi  <i>Pride and Prejudice</i> by Austen  <i>Savannah</i> by Price  <i>Savannah</i> by Eugenia Price  <i>Secret Garden, The</i> by Burnett  <i>Single Shard, A</i> by Park  <i>Summer of My German Soldier</i> by Greene  <i>Swiss Family Robinson, The</i> (unabridged) by Wyss  <i>The Lottery Rose</i> by Hunt  <i>The Midwife's Apprentice</i> by Cushman  <i>The Outsiders</i> by Hinton  <i>The Red Pony</i> by Steinbeck  <i>The Road to Memphis</i> by Taylor  <i>Thief, The</i> by Turner  <i>Touching Spirit Bear</i> by Mikaelson  <i>Up a Road Slowly</i> by Hunt  <i>Watership Down</i> by Adams  <i>What Hearts</i> by Brooks  <i>Which Way Freedom</i> by Hansen  <i>White Fang</i> by London  <i>White Fang</i> by London  <i>Wolves of Willoughby Chase, The</i> by Aiken  <i>Wright Brothers, The</i> (Freedman)</p>
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**Additional Selections:**

Any Coretta Scott King Award winning (novel) from the last 10 years  
Any Newbery Award winner or Newbery Honor book from the last 10 years