

Dear MS Students and Families,

Thank you for an amazing school year!

Summer is a time of fun, exploration, and growth for middle school students; it is also the perfect time to READ! To read for pleasure can be one of the most rewarding activities in life. Now that the school year is coming to an end, we encourage you to continue to enjoy worthwhile books over the summer.

Attached you will find a recommended reading list from our MS team. All middle school students are required to read **at LEAST 2 books** this summer, either from the list below or a book of their choice (on grade level). Students will then be required to complete at **LEAST 1 book project** from the list below. The book project must be **typed and printed** before you return to school in September.

Please bring the book project with you on the **FIRST** day of school and submit it to your Humanities or Literature Teacher.

Have a wonderful summer and see you in September!

From,
MS Team

Book Project Requirements:

For each book project, include: Your full name, title of the book, author, number of pages, genre, main characters, setting, a 8-10 sentence objective summary, and a THEME statement.

Your assignments must be typed and printed. Make sure it is double spaced and use 12 point font. Proofread your work before printing. This is good practice for middle school, when you will be required to type many assignments. If you need to practice your typing skills, please visit these sites: <http://www.typingweb.com/> or <http://typingclub.com/>.

Book Project Options:

1. Write a 2 page question and answer interview between you and the main character in the story.
2. Write a 1-2 page letter to the author on your thoughts about the book. Avoid plot summary.
3. Pretend that you are one of the characters in the book you read. Write a journal or diary with 5 entries (paragraphs) of the character's feelings and thoughts throughout the course of the book.
4. Become one of the minor characters in your story and write 2 pages on what you like/dislike about the main character.
5. Imagine that you are the author of the book you have just read. Suddenly the book becomes a bestseller. Write a 1-2 page letter to a movie producer trying to get that person interested in making your book into a movie. Explain why the story, characters, conflicts, etc., would make a good film. Suggest a filming location and the actors to play the various roles. (Note: You may only use books which have NOT already been made into movies)
6. Write a feature article (with a headline) that tells the story of the book as it might be found on the front page of a newspaper in the town where the story takes place.
7. Write the first 3 paragraphs for a sequel. Then outline what would happen in the rest of the book.

Classics/Traditional Literature

- Little Women*** Alcott
The four March sisters experience joy and pain as they grow up in 1860s Massachusetts.
- Johnny Tremain*** Forbes
Discover the battles of the American Revolution through the eyes of a young silversmith apprentice.
- Mythology: Timeless Tales of Gods and Heroes*** Hamilton, E.
From Artemis to Thor, classic tales retold.
- A Wrinkle in Time*** L'Engle
Published 50 years ago, this modern classic adventure pits the Murry children against the evil IT, as they travel through time and space to rescue their father.
- Uncle Remus: The Complete Tales*** Lester
A fresh retelling of the classic tales from the African-American tradition of the South.
- Call of the Wild*** London
A classic wilderness adventure.
- Treasure Island*** Stevenson
The quintessential adventure – pirates, treasure, and the high seas!
- The Sword and the Circle*** Sutcliff
Discover all the drama and action of the Arthurian legend.
- The Hobbit, or There and Back Again*** Tolkien
It all begins here: an impossible quest, trickery, and finally - the Ring. Immerse yourself in Middle-Earth and meet Gandalf, Gollum, and our unlikely hero, Bilbo Baggins. Prequel to *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy.
- Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea*** Verne
Can anyone escape from the submarine Nautilus and the brutal Captain Nemo?

Short Stories/Poetry

- Friends: Stories About Old Friends, New Friends, and Unexpectedly True Friends***
Many notable authors contributed to this collection of short stories about all kinds of friends.
- Owning It: Stories about Teens with Disabilities*** --
Ten noted young adult authors illuminate experiences with a wide range of conditions, from cancer to alcoholism.
- The Curse of the Campfire Weenies and Other Warped and Creepy Tales*** Lubar
Perfect for scaring everyone at summer sleepovers!
- The Freedom Business*** Nelson
An illustrated tribute in poems to African slave Venture Smith.
- The Cuckoo's Haiku and Other Birding Poems*** Rosen
Bring this on a nature walk!
- Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! Voices From a Medieval Village*** Schlitz
Travel back in time to 1255 and get a glimpse of everyday life in this extraordinary series of interconnected monologues.
- The World According to Dog: Poems and Teen Voices*** Sidman
A wonderfully illustrated collection.

Fantasy

The Amaranth Enchantment

A strange turn of events leaves Lucy in possession of a magical and powerful gem. Should she keep it? Her encounters with the handsome, mysterious Prince Gregor and a cunning thief lead her down a path of dangerous deceptions and hidden truths.

Berry

13th Reality: The Journal of Curious Letters

Atticus "Tick" Higginbottom has just received a most unusual letter, warning of great danger and asking for his help. The problem is, he needs to solve the riddles to journey to other worlds. Thankfully, his dad is willing to help. Other series titles: *The Hunt for Dark Infinity*, *The Blade of Shattered Hope*.

Dashner

So You Want To Be a Wizard

Never underestimate the power of a book! Nita discovers a dusty library book and unlocks her inner magical powers. She and fellow wizard Kit must travel to an alternate New York City where disaster is about to strike. Follow Nita and Kit's adventures in the next 9 titles in the *Young Wizards* series.

Duane

***Stoneheart* trilogy**

Did you know that the statues of London can come to life? George finds this out in terrifying fashion and is thrust into a war with devastating consequences. Trilogy titles: *Stoneheart*, *Ironhand*, *Silvertongue*.

Fletcher

The Dark Lord of Derkholm

It's time for revolt - Derk is fed up with alien "tourists" on his planet. How will his wizarding powers stand up against the evil Mr. Chesney?

Jones

The Hero and the Crown

Aerin, the king's daughter, has been shunned by her people because her mother was a witch. Little does she know that an old war-horse, a long-lost magical protection, and a powerful sword will lay the path to her redemption -- and to true love.

McKinley

The Apothecary

It's 1952 and Janie and her family move to London from California to escape anti-Communist feelings. Soon she's involved with Russian spies who are trying to get their hands on *The Pharmacopoeia* - a book filled with magical secrets.

Meloy

Inheritance, or The Vault of Souls

Eragon, Roran, and Nasuada combine forces to battle the evil Galbatorix in this stunning conclusion to the series. Other series titles: *Eragon*, *Eldest*, *Brisings*.

Paolini

***Harry Potter* series**

The epic saga of "The Boy Who Lived" - wizards, goblins, Quidditch, friendship, mischief, bravery, and sacrifice. The best way to enjoy the series is on audio with narrator Jim Dale, who creates unique voices for the many memorable characters.

Rowling

***The Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel* series**

Yes, Nicholas Flamel is a real person, and he owns a bookstore in San Francisco. When his book of alchemy is stolen in a fiery attack, it's up to Sophie and Josh to try and get it back. An amazing adventure! Series titles: *The Alchemyst*, *The Magician*, *The Sorceress*, *The Necromancer*, *The Warlock*, *The Enchantress*.

Scott

The Silver Bowl

Molly is an ordinary scullery maid at the castle, with an extraordinary gift - she has visions of the future. When one of these visions shows danger to the king's heir, she resolves to keep him safe, no matter the cost to herself.

Stanley

The Ring of Solomon: A Bartimaeus Novel

Asmira, a proud member of Queen of Sheba's royal guard, is on an impossible mission to kill the ruthless King Solomon. Bartimaeus, a powerful wise-cracking djinn, is stuck building a castle. When their paths collide, sparks fly and allegiances are tested. *Bartimaeus Trilogy* titles: *The Amulet of Samarkand*, *The Golem's Eye*, *Ptolemy's Gate*.

Stroud

Extraordinary

Phoebe and Mallory are unlikely best friends - Phoebe's rich but plain, and Mallory is gorgeous...and a faerie who has been sent to settle an old score. When Mallory's resolve falters, her older brother arrives to romance Phoebe and to finish the job.

Werlin

Science Fiction

Ship Breaker

Nailer has a meager existence as part of a scavenging crew, stripping scrap metal of the many abandoned oil rigs and ships off the American coast. His world is turned upside down when he finds a shipwreck with a beautiful, wealthy survivor. Can he keep these treasures to himself, or will the ruthless bosses kill them both?

Bacigalupi

The Roar

In a future London where an animal plague has wiped out most of the natural world, Mika is desperate to find his missing twin, Ellie. Can he win the massive computer game that could lead him to her?

Clayton

***The Hunger Games* trilogy**

In the futuristic society of Panem, 24 youth contestants battle to the death in a televised competition. How long will Katniss and Peeta survive? And what will happen if they do? Trilogy titles: *The Hunger Games*, *Catching Fire*, *Mockingjay*.

Collins

Matched

Life is perfect in Cassia's world, down to her computer-assigned future husband, until a computer glitch reveals a second match - an Aberration named Ky. Like Jonas in *The Giver*, Cassia begins to have doubts about her world. Sequel: *Crossed*.

Condi

The House of the Scorpion

Matt is a clone, considered a monster by all except El Patrón. Can he ever escape the land of Opium and his horrible fate?

Farmer

Missing series

Jonah and Chip discover that they are "endangered children" from the past and must time-travel to restore history. Series titles: *Found*, *Sent*, *Sabotaged*, *Caught* (out in July).

Haddix

Simon Bloom, The Gravity Keeper

Simon didn't *mean* to become the next Keeper of the Book of Physics - the book hit him on the head by accident. As he plays around with the formulas and develops cool superpowers, he attracts the attention of the evil Sirabetta.

Reisman

Supernatural

The House of Dead Maids

Tabby Aykroyd arrives at Seldom House on the Yorkshire moors to be a nursemaid to Young Master, but soon realizes something is very wrong. The ghosts of former maids and masters haunt her every move. Can she escape their fate?

Dunkle

The Graveyard Book

Bod's parents have just been murdered - can he find safety from "the man Jack" in a nearby graveyard, with its many ghosts and mysterious creatures?

Gaiman

ghostgirl

Charlotte can't believe it - all she did was choke on a gummy bear, and now she's a ghost. Can she still make it to the Fall Ball?

Hurley

Out of Sight, Out of Mind

Amanda, the most popular girl at school, has just had the shock of her life. She somehow has switched bodies with meek Tracy Devon. How can she deal with Tracy's horrible taste in clothes? There's plenty of girl drama here.

Kaye

Pemba's Song: A Ghost Story

Pemba's mom has dragged her from her Brooklyn 'hood to small-town Connecticut and she's sure her life is over. Why is she blacking out and hearing voices?

Nelson

A Monster Calls

Conor is watching his mom battle cancer when a demanding monster pounds on his window. What does the creature want? (And could he help Conor's mom?)

Ness

The Prince of Mist

It's 1943, and Max and his family have gone to the seaside to escape the horrors of World War II. Why do the stone statues in their garden appear alive? And what is the connection to the Prince, who bargains for souls? Don't miss this nail-biter!

Ruiz Zafón

Mystery/Adventure

- City of the Beasts*** **Allende**
Alexander goes with his grandmother to the Amazon in search of a legendary beast. Who would want to sabotage their expedition?
- The Danger Box*** **Balliett**
An original journal of Charles Darwin's captures Zoomy's interest. While he investigates the scientist's life, a thief is hot on his trail.
- The Gallagher Girls series*** **Carter**
Cammie and her friends at the Gallagher Academy are spies-in-training with amazing adventures, but also want to have normal teen fun. Titles: *I'd Tell You I Love You, But Then I'd Have to Kill You, Cross My Heart and Hope to Spy, Don't Judge a Girl by her Cover, Only the Good Spy Young, Out of Sight, Out of Time.*
- I Know What You Did Last Summer*** **Duncan**
Fans of *Pretty Little Liars*, this book is for you! Julie and her friends pledge to keep a horrible secret, but everyone starts getting mysterious, threatening notes. Who else knows about what happened?
- The Gollywhopper Games*** **Feldman**
For fans of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory!* Gil is determined to enter and win the Golly Toy company contest to restore his family's honor.
- Tunnels series*** **Gordon**
Will, an underground explorer, needs to rescue his father, who has disappeared. He digs his biggest tunnel yet, and discovers a dangerous underground civilization – but no Dad. Other series titles: *Deeper, Freefall, Closer, Spiral.*
- Chomp!*** **Hiaasen**
A ridiculous reality-TV star gets lost in the Everglades, and it's up to two kids to save him – if the wildlife doesn't get him first!
- The Castaways of the Flying Dutchman series*** **Jacques**
Neb and his trusty dog have been spared from the curse on the infamous ship *Flying Dutchman*, with a mission to help those facing injustice. Follow their adventures on land and sea as they battle pirates, factory owners, and slave traders. Series titles: *Castaways of the Flying Dutchman, The Angel's Command, Voyage of Slaves.*
- Bliss*** **Myracle**
Starting a new school is always tough, but beyond the daily drama, Bliss starts to hear "blood voices" in her head. What connection do they have to a student's death?
- Steel Trapp: The Challenge*** **Pearson**
Steven sees a woman leave a briefcase on the train to Washington, D.C. The mystery begins when she denies that it's hers. Could she be part of a terrorist organization?
- The Westing Game*** **Raskin**
One of the most clever mysteries ever! Sam Westing is dead. At the reading of his will, sixteen different people are put into teams and given bizarre clues to solve the murder and win his multi-million-dollar estate. Allegiances form and are broken, tempers fray, and bombs explode on the way to the ending you don't see coming. Check out the fabulous audio book - great for long car rides!
- The Lying Game*** **Shepard**
Sutton is Emma's long-lost sister, murdered before Emma can meet her. Can Emma, posing as Sutton, put together the clues that will lead to her killer?
- The Case of the Cryptic Crinoline*** **Springer**
Enola Holmes, sister of the famous Sherlock, is on the trail of her missing landlady and uncovers a long-ago spy network.
- The Mysterious Benedict Society*** **Stewart**
Four gifted children go undercover to disable the coded messages being broadcast from the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened. Can they succeed before the world is brainwashed? Other series titles: *The Mysterious Benedict Society and the Perilous Journey, The Mysterious Benedict Society and the Prisoner's Dilemma.*

Historical Fiction

Chains

Isabel and her sister Ruth are slaves in the American colonies. Can spying for the rebels help her gain freedom? Sequel: *Forge*.

Anderson

The Seer of Shadows

Is there really a ghost in Mrs. Von Macht's photograph? This is a riveting mystery set in 1870s New York City.

Avi

The Printer's Devil

Mog, a printer's apprentice, is drawn into a mystery involving a smuggling ring.

Bajoria

Code Talker: A Novel About the Navajo Marines of World War II

When Ned was six, he was taken from his tribe and sent to an Anglo boarding school. Now, the Marines need him to be a Navajo again.

Bruchac

Revolution

While spending Christmas break in Paris, Andi discovers a diary written during the French Revolution. Who knew that the chaos of 1700s Paris could rival the drama in her own life?

Donnelly

Phantoms in the Snow

Noah, recently orphaned, has been sent to his uncle, who is training for a special mission during World War II. Should he join this corps of mountain fighters?

Duble

The Year of the Bomb

Paul and his friends can't wait - a movie is going to be filmed in their little California town. Things turn mysterious when the FBI starts investigating the actors. Does it have any connection to the atomic bomb?

Kidd

Inside Out and Back Again

Beautiful poetry tells the heartbreaking and inspiring story of a young girl who must leave her Vietnam village when Saigon falls to the Communists. Based on events in the author's life.

Lai

Black Duck

Black Duck is the fastest rum running boat along the Rhode Island coast. The body that Rueben and Jeddy find washed up on the beach leads them into the midst of a smuggling operation.

Lisle

Bloodline

Essa, abandoned by his father, develops unusual powers in this adventure set in 600s Britain among the mistrustful clans. Can he stop a war from happening?

Moran

Child of Dandelions

Sabine and her family consider Uganda their home, even though they are Indian. When Idi Amin orders all "foreign born" to leave the country, her friends become enemies overnight.

Nanji

Bread and Roses, Too

Lawrence, Massachusetts, 1912: everybody but Rosa is excited about the big strike at the mill. Then things turn ugly.

Paterson

Keeping Corner

Can you imagine being widowed at age 12? Leela's husband has just died and according to Indian custom, she must observe a strict year of mourning.

Sheth

After the Train

Peter is tired of hearing about the Nazis - after all, it's 1955 and his German town has moved on. However, after he stumbles on a hidden letter, his world is turned upside down.

Whelan

One Crazy Summer

"Power to the People" - the slogan of the Black Panthers rings in Delphine's ears as she and her sisters adjust to living with the mother who abandoned them.

Williams-Garcia

Realistic

Anything But Typical

Jason is autistic - but that doesn't mean he's stupid. Online, he can make friendships where people won't laugh at him.

Baskin

3 Willows: The Sisterhood Grows

Jo, Polly, and Ama used to be best friends, but by 8th grade, they have grown apart. As they each deal with summertime challenges, from wilderness camp to sexy guys, they realize that they are more alike than different.

Brashares

The Truth About Truman School

Zebby and Amr can't write anything in the school paper about the problems at their school - so they decide to create a web site instead. Can they keep it under control?

Butler

Chasing Redbird

Zinnia's summer project is to clear a trail on her family's property. As she digs rocks and pulls weeds, she discovers more than she bargained for.

Creech

If I Stay

One minute Mia is in the car with her family; the next, she is in an ambulance, close to death. This intense page-turner takes place over the next 24 hours of Mia's life - hours that may be her last.

Forman

My Life in Pink and Green

Lucy has to help save her family's pharmacy business - can she combine her fashion and make-up talents? More importantly, will anyone take her seriously?

Greenwald

The Juliet Club

Kate has sworn off love, but her summer trip to Verona, Italy, home of the tragic Romeo and Juliet, holds plenty of drama and surprises.

Harper

Lemonade Mouth

When five high school students are assigned detention, they discover their shared interest in music, and a band is born - along with more trouble.

Hughes

Would You

Natalie and her friends love playing the "would you rather..." game, but somehow it doesn't seem so funny after the accident.

Jocelyn

Out of Patience

If you liked *Holes*, read this! Jake is trying to rid his family of an old curse and find buried treasure, with a...toilet plunger? Pick this for a funny, quick read!

Mehle

A Long Walk to Water

Salva, one of the Lost Boys of Sudan, manages to come to America after a brutal attack on his village. His story alternates with that of Nya, who walks hours to fetch water in a similar village. How their two lives intersect is inspiring and based on a true story.

Park

Liar, Liar: The Theory, Practice, and Destructive Properties of Deception

How many lies can Kevin tell in a week? Plenty, if he's going to have a chance at getting Tina to notice him!

Paulsen

Monsoon Summer

It's so unfair - Jazz has to spend the summer in rainy India with her family instead of enjoying the California sun with her best-maybe-boyfriend, Steve.

Perkins

Wonderstruck

Brian Selznick, author of *The Invention of Hugo Cabret*, defies genres again! This is the story of Ben and Rose, who live 50 years apart, but whose lives are interconnected through words and pictures.

Selznick

Stuck in Neutral

Shawn's trapped in a body wracked by cerebral palsy. Through his eyes, we see how he suffers - and how he fears his father may be trying to kill him.

Trueman

Lockdown

Josh has endured enough abuse at his high school and wants revenge. Can Adam stop a tragedy? This is an intense quick read.

Tullson

Humor

Origami Yoda series

Dwight has made an origami finger puppet that dispenses advice, in Jedi fashion, to his middle school friends. Is he real? Tommy aims to find out.

Angleberger

Little Blog on the Prairie

Poor Gen - her parents have signed the family up for "pioneer camp" - working on a farm as if it's 1890 instead of 2010. Little does she know that the texts she sends her friends are going up on a blog. What embarrassing details are going online?

Bell

Dead End in Norvelt

Jack's grounded for the summer, but things get more interesting when his dad acquires a World War II plane. The 2012 Newbery Award winner.

Gantos

The Seems series

Becker Drane is the Seems' newest Fixer - and his first mission might be his last. Laugh out loud as you discover this new universe, where everything from dreams to the weather is controlled in giant factories.

Hulme/Wexler

Magic in Manhattan series

Rachel can't believe it - her mother and sister are witches! This means all her problems can be solved with magic - or *can* they? You'll laugh out loud at the crazy situations she gets herself into.

Mlynowski

DWEEB: Burgers, Beasts, and Brainwashed Bullies

Wimpy Kid fans, here's suggestion #1! The evil Vice Principle Snodgrass has taken blood from the five smartest kids in the eighth grade in his plot to raise test scores. Can they take him out before everyone in the school becomes transformed?

Starmer

My Life As a Stuntboy

Wimpy Kid fans, here's suggestion #2! Derek has been discovered! He'll be a skateboarding stunt artist in a new movie with a famous teen actress. It only takes a few hours, though, for everything to fall apart.

Tashjian

Sports

The Warriors

Jake loves playing lacrosse, but when he moves from his Iroquois reservation to a boarding school, he faces many challenges.

Bruchac

Rush for the Gold

Teen reporters Stevie and Susan have another mystery on their hands. This time, Susan's a competitor at the London Olympics - is someone trying to fix her race? Other series titles: *Last Shot: A Final Four Mystery*, *Cover-Up*, *Change-Up: Mystery at the World Series*, *The Rivalry: Mystery at the Army-Navy Game*, *Vanishing Act*.

Feinstein

Football Genius

Great on-the-field action! Troy is convinced he can help his favorite team, the Atlanta Falcons, win a championship. Will anyone believe a kid?

Green

Balancing Act

Carli's gymnastics coach thinks she could be an Olympic contender - but her parents need her to help out at their ranch. Can she spend enough time training?

King

Boost

Savvy is 6'2" and a hard-working basketball phenom, practicing jump shots whenever she's not helping at her aunt's farm. But when steroids are found in her gym bag, she has to step up her defensive game.

Mackel

Kick

This amazing new novel was co-written by Walter Dean Myers and a teen fan. Kevin, arrested for stealing a car, is in danger of not playing in the state soccer tournament. Sargent Brown just may be on his side. Can Kevin trust him?

Myers/Workman

Hothead: A Novel

Cal Ripkin, Jr.'s first novel is the story of Connor, an All-Star third baseman, whose team is headed for the championship.

Ripkin, Jr.

Non-fiction

- Sugar Changed the World: A Story of Magic, Spice, Slavery, Freedom, and Science*** Aronson
Who knew that one simple ingredient could have such a complicated social and scientific history?
- They Called Themselves the K.K.K.: The Birth of an American Terrorist Group*** Bartoletti
Drawing on letters and diaries of KKK founders, as well as slave narratives and photos, the author gives life to this chilling movement.
- A Lion Called Christian*** Bourke
First published in 1971, this true story of a pet lion and his return to the African wild was re-published after the owners' reunion with Christian went viral on YouTube.
- How They Croaked: The Awful Ends of the Awfully Famous*** Bragg
Ready to be grossed out? Then read this book to find out lots of interesting (and disgusting) facts, including which king's body literally exploded after being decked out for the funeral!
- Great Moments in the Summer Olympics*** Christopher
The Olympics are happening this summer! Read up on all the events before July 27.
- Sparky: The Life and Art of Charles Schulz*** Gherman
Did you know that many Peanuts cartoon characters were based on real people? Find out about the inspiration for Lucy, Snoopy, and others in this scrapbook-style biography.
- The Dark Game: True Spy Stories*** Janeczko
Learn about codes, high-tech gadgets, and the life of double agents, from the American Revolution to the Cold War and beyond.
- Evolving Planet: Four Billion Years of Life on Earth*** Kelly
Stunning illustrations bring science to life.
- World Without Fish*** Kurlansky
A compelling look at the fishing industry and the effect that overfishing is having on our planet.
- A Night to Remember*** Lord
One hundred years ago this year, the "unsinkable" ocean liner, *Titanic*, sank on a frigid night in the Atlantic. Re-live that night with this gripping, classic account.
- What The World Eats*** Mendel
Take a trip around the world to get a glimpse of other cultures.
- Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African Americans*** Nelson
A beautifully illustrated history of ordinary people and important leaders.
- Born to Play: My Life in the Game*** Pedroia
See what PD has to say about his incredible drive to succeed on the field.
- Star Wars: The Complete Visual Dictionary*** Reynolds
Perfect for a rainy summer day! Make some popcorn and then have a *Star Wars* movie marathon!
- Animals Up Close: Zoom In On the World's Most Incredible Creatures*** Siwanowicz
Check out these amazing photographs of centipedes, flying fox bats, tarantulas, and crested geckos.
- Chasing Lincoln's Killer*** Swanson
Did you know that it took 12 days for the manhunt to catch up to John Wilkes Booth? Follow this fast-paced chase.

Graphic Novels, Graphic Non-Fiction

Full-length narratives told through sequential comic-strip art are compelling and complex. From historical fiction and fantasy to classics and memoir, there's something for everyone.

<i>Trickster: Native American Tales</i>	Dembecki	Traditional literature
<i>Sandman series</i>	Gaiman	Fantasy
<i>Macbeth</i>	Haynes	Classic
<i>Malcolm X: A Graphic Biography</i>	Helfer	Biography
<i>The Hero Twins Against the Lord of Death: A Mayan Myth</i>	Jolley	Traditional literature
<i>The Prince of Tennis series</i>	Konomi	Sports
<i>Outlaw: The Legend of Robin Hood</i>	Lee	Traditional literature
<i>The Storm in the Barn</i>	Phelan	Historical fiction
<i>Blindspot</i>	Pyle	Realistic
<i>Frankenstein: The Graphic Novel</i>	Reed	Classic
<i>Persepolis (living through the Iranian Revolution)</i>	Satrapi	Memoir
<i>A Thousand Ships: Age of Bronze, vol. 1</i>	Shanower	Traditional literature
<i>Inside Out: Portrait of an Eating Disorder</i>	Shivack	Memoir
<i>Bone series</i>	Smith	Fantasy
<i>Alia's Mission: Saving the Books of Iraq</i>	Stamaty	Biography
<i>Black Butler series</i>	Toboso	Supernatural
<i>Pedro and Me: Friendship, Loss, and What I Learned</i>	Winick	Memoir
<i>Into the Volcano</i>	Wood	Adventure

****Recently Reviewed and Recommended****

Below is a list of books recommended by Spruce Street MS students and teachers!

The Egypt Game by Zilpha Keatley Snyder

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor

Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech

The Lost Hero (The Heroes of Olympus, #1) by Rick Riordan

The Maze Runner by James Dashner

The Misfits by James Howe

The Face on the Milk Carton by Caroline B. Cooney

Greenglass House by Kate Milford

Tangerine by Edward Bloor

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

Counting by 7's by Holly Goldberg Sloan
Everything, Everything by Nicola Yoon
Tears of a Tiger by Sharon M. Draper
Red Queen by Victoria Aveyard
Cinder by Marissa Meyer
Becoming Naomi León by Pam Muñoz Ryan
Shakespeare's Secret by Elise Broach
Me and Marvin Gardens by Amy Sarig King
The First Rule of Punk by Celia C. Pérez
No More Magic by Avi
Project Mulberry by Linda Sue Park
Heat by Mike Lupica
Return to Sender by Julia Alvarez
Eragon by Christopher Paolini
Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand
Front Lines by Michael Grant
The Boy in the Striped Pajamas by John Boyne
The Old Man and the Sea by Ernest Hemingway
To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson
Wringer by Jerry Spinelli
George by Alex Gino
The Seventh Most Important Thing by Shelley Pearsall
The Key to Extraordinary by Natalie Lloyd
The Wild Robot by Peter Brown
The Book Thief by Markus Zusak
The Misfits by James Howe
Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson
Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli
The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie
Life As We Knew it by Susan Beth Pfeffer
When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead
Then I Met My Sister by Christine Hurley Desire
Tall Story by Candy Gourlay
The Accidental Genius of Weseal High by Rick Detorie
Schooled by Gordon Korman
Cosmic by Frank Cottrell Boyce
Dark Life by Kat Falls