

HRS Junior High Summer Reading List and Battle of the Books Competition 2020-2021

Keep your reading skills sharp this summer by choosing some of these great books to read over the summer. In Junior High you will all take part in Battle of the Books, a fun academic team challenge where you will collectively read a list of books for a competition in the spring. You can get a jump start by reading some of the books off our Battle of the Books list this summer. You might also enjoy reading some great titles that have been nominated for the Evergreen Teen Book Award and the Young Reader's Choice Award. No matter what book you choose, the most important part is to have reading be a part of your summer routine. Take your books with you on all your summer adventures and enjoy!

1. Arlo Finch and the Valley of Fire by John August (F) (EA)
2. I am Malala by Malala Yousafzai (AB - NF) (SJ)
3. Skyward by Brandon Sanderson (SF) (EA)
4. Call of the Wild by Jack London (A) (C)
5. Harbor Me by Jacqueline Woodson (RF) (SJ)
6. Montmorency by Eleanor Updell (M) (HF)
7. Game Changer by Tommy Greenwald (EA) (RF)
8. Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai (HF) (SJ)
9. Echo by Pam Muñoz Ryan (F) (HF)
10. Kira-Kira by Cynthia Kadohata (RF)
11. The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas (RF) (SJ)
12. The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle by Leslie Connor (M) (EA) (YRCA)
13. Refugee by Alan Gratz (HF) (SJ)
14. Skink by Carl Hiaasen (M)
15. Steve Jobs: Insanely Great by Jessie Hartland (GN) (B) (NF)
16. Love a la Mode by Stephanie Kate Strohm (RF) (R) (EA)
17. Into Thin Air by Jon Krakauer (A) (NF)
18. I Will Always Write Back: How One Letter Changed Two Lives by Caitlin Alifirenka and Martin Ganda (AB)
19. The Prince and Dressmaker by Jen Wang (GN) (EA) (SJ)
20. Wonder by R.J. Palacio - **Required 7th grade summer reading** (RF)

KEY:

A - Adventure

AB - Autobiography

B - Biography

C - Classic

EA - Evergreen Teen Book Award Nominee

F - Fantasy

GN - Graphic Novel

HF - Historical Fiction

I - Informational

M - Mystery

NF - Non-Fiction

R - Romance

RF - Realistic Fiction

SF - Science Fiction

SJ - Social Justice

YRCA - Young Reader's Choice Book Award
Nominee

*Wonder by R.J. Palacio is **required reading** for all 7th grade students by the first week of school.

*All 8th grade students must read one book from this list (except Wonder) by the first week of school for a required book review and book talk in English class.

*All students in the junior high must read two books from the BoB list to earn a B-. Three books earns an A-. Four or more books earns an A+. Students have until spring trimester to fulfill the requirement.

*Typically, all students are assigned to read 3-5 books from the BoB list in order to help out their team for the BoB competition in the spring. Plan to read at least two of these books this summer and get ahead to help out your team!

*There are 6 out of 10 books on the BoB list that come from the Evergreen Book Award list. If you read at least 2 titles from the Evergreen Teen Book Award and/or Young Reader's Choice Book Award nominee lists you will be able to vote for who you think will win the award in 2021.

*Suggested summer reading is 20+ minutes a day in the summer. Students can read selections from their previous Close Reader workbook, novels from this list, or any books / texts of interest during the summer. Have fun and be creative -- cookbooks, blogs, manuals, magazines, newspapers, websites, editorials, movie reviews, maps, charts, comic books, graphic novels, poetry, song lyrics, diaries, fiction, non-fiction.

*Read everything and have fun doing **Mrs. Weythman's Summer Reading Challenge too!** See your report card envelope or the library website for information and the record sheet.



More Summer Reading Suggestions from Mrs. Weythman and the junior high English teachers:

- No Fixed Address by Susin Nielsen-Fernlund (RF) (YRCA) (SJ)
- The Eleventh Trade by Alyssa Hollingsworth (RF) (EA) (SJ)
- City of Ghosts by Victoria Schwab (F) (YRCA)
- Proud: Living My American Dream by Ibtihaj Muhammad (AB) (EA) (SJ)
- TBH: This is SO Awkward by Lisa Greenwald (RF) (YRCA)
- Suspect Red by L.M. Elliott (HF)
- Be a Changemaker: How to Start Something that Matters by Laurie Ann Thompson (I) (SJ)
- Breakout by Kate Messner (RF)
- Amal Unbound by Aisha Saeed (RF) (EA) (SJ)
- Rated by Melissa Gray (SF)
- All Fall Down by Kate Paveo (M) (R)
- Ash Princess by Laura Sebastian (F) (YRCA)
- Look Both Ways by Jason Reynolds (RF) (SJ)
- The Perfect Horse by Elizabeth Letts (HF)
- This Was Our Pact by Ryan Andrews (GN) (F)
- Amina's Voice by Hena Khan (RF) (SJ)
- Witches: The Absolutely True Tale of Disaster in Salem by Rosalyn Schanzer (NF)
- A Good Kind of Trouble by Ramee Moore (RF) (SJ)
- Darius the Great is Not Okay by Adib Khorram (RF) (YRCA) (SJ)
- The Eternal City by Paula Morris (F)
- The Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo (RF) (YRCA) (SJ)
- Grenade by Alan Gratz (HF)
- Imposters by Scott Westerfeld (SF) (YRCA)
- New Kid by Jerry Craft (GN) (SJ) (RF)
- The Mortification of Fovea Munson by Mary Winn Heider (SF)
- The Stars Beneath Our Feet by David Barclay Moore (RF) (SJ)
- Scouts by Shannon Greenland (M)
- Bomb: The Race to Build - and Steal - the World's Most Dangerous Weapon by Steve Sheinkin (NF)

** If you read at least 2 titles from the Evergreen Teen Book Award and/or Young Reader's Choice Book Award nominee lists you will be able to vote for who you think will win the award in 2021. **

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