UNIVERSE OF STORIES
MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER READING LIST 2019

FANTASTIC VOYAGES

ARU SHAH AND
THE END OF TIME - Roshani Chokshi
CHARLIE HERNANDEZ AND THE
LEAGUE OF SHADOWS - Ryan Calejo
THE EPIC FAIL OF ARTURO ZAMORA
- Pablo Cartaya
IRON TRIAL - Holly Black and Cassandra Clare
MARK OF THE THIEF - Jennifer Nielsen
THE SERPENT’S SECRET - Sayantani Dasgupta

UNIVERSE WITHIN

ALL SUMMER LONG - Hope Larson
BE PREPARED - Vera Brosgol
BLENDED - Sharon Draper
HARBOR ME - Jaqueline Woodson
LIKE VENESSA - Tami Charles
MARCUS VEGA DOESN’T
SPEAK SPANISH - Pablo Cartaya

DARK MATTER

AGONY HOUSE - Cherie Priest
THE ASSASSINATION OF
BRANGWAIN SPURGE - M.T. Anderson
CITY OF GHOSTS - Victoria Schwab
FAKE BLOOD - Whitney Gardner
THE HOUSE WITH
CHICKEN LEGS - Sophie Anderson
MARY’S MONSTER: LOVE, MADNESS
AND HOW MARY SHELLEY CREATED
FRANKENSTEIN - Lita Judge
SOMETHING ROTTEN: A FRESH LOOK
AT ROAD KILL - Heather L. Montgomery

BLACK EYED SUSAN NOMINEES

NOVELS - GRADES 6-9

AMAL UNBOUND - Aisha Saeed
CHASING KING’S KILLER: THE HUNT FOR MARTIN
LUTHER KING JR’S ASSASSIN - James L. Swanson
CLICK’D - Tamara Ireland Stone
DEEP WATER - Watt Key
GAME CHANGER - Tommy Greenwald
GHOST BOYS - Jewell Parker Rhodes
HALFWAY NORMAL - Barbara Dee
LIFEBOAT 12 - Susan Hood
THE MISCALCULATIONS OF LIGHTNING GIRL
- Stacy McAnulty
REBOUND - Kwame Alexander

GRAPHIC NOVELS - GRADES 6-9

CRUSH - Svetlana Chmakova
ESTRANGED - Ethan Aldridge
GODS AND THUNDER: A GRAPHIC NOVEL OF
OLD NORSE MYTHS - Carl Bowen
ILLEGAL - Eoin Colfer and Andrew Donkin
LAST PICK - Jason Walz
THE PRINCE AND THE DRESSMAKER - Jen Wang
SOUPY LEAVES HOME - Cecil Castelucci
SPACE BOY: BOOK 1 - Stephen McCranie
SPEAK: THE GRAPHIC NOVEL - Laurie Halse Anderson
THE WENDY PROJECT - Melissa Osborne

SPACE JAM

RISING ABOVE: INSPIRING
WOMEN IN SPORTS - Gregory Zuckerman
SHOE DOG - Phil Knight
SKATEBOARDS - Patricia Lakin
THE PLAYBOOK: 52 RULES TO AIM, SHOOT AND SCORE IN
THIS GAME CALLED LIFE - Kwame Alexander
THE TRACK SERIES - Jason Reynolds
UNDISCOVERED
CAPSIZED!: THE FORGOTTEN STORY OF THE SS EASTLAND DISASTER - Patricia Sutton
IT WASN'T ME: Dana Alison Levy
IVY ABERDEEN’S LETTER TO THE WORLD: - Ashley Herring Blake
THE JOURNEY OF LITTLE CHARLIE - Christopher Paul Curtis
SHEETS - Brenna Thummler

TIME WARP
A FEW RED DROPS: THE CHICAGO RACE RIOT OF 1919 - Claire Hartfield
AUMA’S LONG RUN - Eucabeth Odhiambo
BONNIE AND CLYDE: THE MAKING OF A LEGEND - Karen Blumenthal
CRASH: THE GREAT DEPRESSION AND THE FALL AND RISE OF AMERICA - Marc Favreau
THE NIGHT DIARY - Veera Hiranandani
THE NOT SO BORING LETTERS OF PRIVATE NOBODY: - Matthew Landis
RESISTANCE - Jennifer Nielsen
SKYLARK AND WALLCREEPER - Anne O’Brien Carelli

CREATIVE CONSTELLATIONS
CALLING ALL MINDS: HOW TO THINK AND CREATE LIKE AN INVENTOR - Temple Grandin
EAT THIS! HOW FAST FOOD MARKETING GETS YOU TO BUY JUNK FOOD (AND HOW TO FIGHT BACK) - Andrea Curtis
EPIC GRAPHIC NOVEL CRAFTS - Jen Jones
HOW WE GOT TO NOW: SIX INNOVATIONS THAT MADE THE MODERN WORLD - Steven Johnson
MAKING FRIENDS - Kristen Gudsnuk
THE GIRL WHO Drew BUTTERFLIES - Joyce Sidman
VAN GOGH - Jessica Bailey

FINAL FRONTIER
A PROBLEMATIC PARADOX - Eliot Sappingfield
ABOVE AND BEYOND: NASA’S JOURNEY TO TOMORROW - Olugbemisola Rhudy-Perkovich
APOLLO 8: THE MISSION THAT CHANGED EVERYTHING - Martin Sandler
COUNTDOWN: 2979 DAYS TO THE MOON - Suzanne Slade
ENDURANCE: MY YEAR IN SPACE AND HOW I GOT THERE - Scott Kelley
SPOOKED!: HOW A RADIO BROADCAST AND THE WAR OF THE WORLDS SPARKED THE 1938 INVASION OF AMERICA - Gail Jarrow

STAR TALK - Neil deGrasse Tyson

WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS
BACK FROM THE BRINK: SAVING ANIMALS FROM EXTINCTION - Nancy Castaldo
EYES AND SPIES: HOW YOU’RE TRACKED AND WHY YOU SHOULD KNOW (A VISUAL EXPLORATION) - Tanya Lloyd Kyi
FANTASTIC FAILURES: TRUE STORIES OF PEOPLE WHO CHANGED THE WORLD BY FALLING DOWN FIRST - Luke Reynolds
GIRLS RESIST! A GUIDE TO ACTIVISM, LEADERSHIP AND STARTING A REVOLUTION - Kaelyn Rich
THE HYENA SCIENTIST - Sy Montgomery
JUST BREATHE: MEDITATION, MINDFULNESS, MOVEMENT AND MORE - Mallika Chopra
PUTTING PEACE FIRST: 7 COMMITMENTS TO CHANGE THE WORLD - Eric David Dawson

THE UNTACHEABLES - Gordon Korman
VOICES IN THE AIR: POEMS FOR LISTENERS - Naomi Shihab Nye

SHOOTING STARS
ELEANOR ROOSEVELT: FIGHTER FOR JUSTICE: HER IMPACT ON THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT, THE WHITE HOUSE, AND THE WORLD - Ilene Cooper
FACING FREDERICK: THE LIFE OF FREDERICK DOUGLASS, A MONUMENTAL AMERICAN MAN - Tonya Bolden
HELLO UNIVERSE - Erin Entrada Kelly
IN HARMS WAY: JFK, WORLD WAR II AND THE HEROIC RESCUE OF PT 109 - Iain Martin
MARTIN RISING: REQUIEM FOR A KING - Andrea Davis Pinkney
MY HERO ACADEMIA, VOL. 1 - Kohei Horikoshi
NOT YOUR SIDEKICK - C.B. Lee
SOMEONE LIKE ME: HOW ONE UNDOCUMENTED GIRL FOUGHT FOR HER AMERICAN DREAM - Julissa Arce

The titles selected for this recommended summer reading list were chosen specifically for those students leaving grades 6, 7 and 8. Titles included are just a sampling of the books you may enjoy reading during this summer. Many of the authors on this list have written more than one book. Check out some of these titles, too!