



Central Bucks School District **Middle School Summer Reading List - 2009**

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Grade 7:

Students entering seventh grade must read at least two books over the summer. One of the books must be selected from the seventh grade list below. The other book should be selected based on personal interest, parent recommendation, and reading ability. It need not be from the grade level book list.

Title	Author	Description
Boy	Roald Dahl	In this autobiography, Roald Dahl shares his childhood memories and the events in his life that led him to the writing of several modern classics, including <u>James and the Giant Peach</u> and <u>Charlie and the Chocolate Factory</u> .
The King of Shadows*	Susan Cooper	Nat Field's dream is to perform as Puck in Shakespeare's <i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i> . His acting skills are put to the test when he finds himself transported back in time to Shakespearean England.
Hope Was Here	Joan Bauer	When sixteen-year-old Hope and the aunt who has raised her move from Brooklyn to Mulhoney, Wisconsin, to work as a waitress and cook in the Welcome Stairways diner, they become involved with the diner owner's political campaign to oust the town's corrupt mayor.
Stargirl	Jerry Spinelli	Stargirl, a teen who animates quiet Mica High with her colorful personality, suddenly finds herself shunned for her refusal to conform.
The Maze	Will Hobbs	Rick, a fourteen-year-old foster child, escapes from a juvenile detention facility near Las Vegas and travels to Canyonlands National Park in Utah where he meets a bird biologist working on a project to reintroduce condors to the wild.
Transall Saga	Gary Paulsen	A mysterious beam of light transports Mark into another time and perhaps another planet. He must make a new life for himself as he searches for a pathway home.
Flipped	Wendelin Van Draanen	In alternating chapters, two teenagers describe how their feelings about themselves, each other, and their families have changed over the years.
If a Tree Falls at Lunch Period	Gennifer Choldenko	Kirsten and Walk, seventh-graders at an elite private school, describe how race, wealth, weight, and other issues shape their relationships as they and other misfits stand up to a mean but influential classmate.
The Green Glass Sea*	Ellen Klages	While her father works on the Manhattan Project, eleven-year-old gadget lover and outcast Dewey Kerrigan lives in Los Alamos Camp, and becomes friends with Suze, another young girl who is shunned by her peers.
Every Living Thing	Cynthia Rylant	Twelve stories in which animals change people's lives for the better.
So B. It	Sarah Weeks	After spending her life with her mentally retarded mother and agoraphobic neighbor, twelve-year-old Heidi sets out from Reno, Nevada, to New York to find out who she is.

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Grade 8:

Students entering eighth grade must read at least two books over the summer. One of the books must be chosen from the eighth grade list below. The other book should be selected based on personal interest, parent recommendation, and reading ability. It need not be from the grade level book list.

Title	Author	Description
Z for Zachariah	Robert C. O'Brien	Seemingly the only person left alive after a nuclear war, a 16-year-old girl is relieved to see a man arrive in her valley until she realizes that he is a tyrant and she must somehow escape.
Milkweed*	Jerry Spinelli	A street child, known to himself only as Stopthief, finds community when he is taken in by a band of orphans in a Warsaw ghetto which helps him weather the horrors of the Nazi regime.
The House of the Scorpion*	Nancy Farmer	In a future where humans despise clones, Matt enjoys special status as the young clone of El Patrón, the 142-year-old leader of a corrupt drug empire nestled between Mexico and the United States.
Deathwatch	Robb White	An exciting novel of suspense, based on a fight to the finish between an honest and courageous young man and a cynical business tycoon who believes that anything can be had for a price.
Al Capone Does My Shirts	Gennifer Choldenko	A twelve-year-old boy named Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935 when guards' families were housed there, and has to contend with his extraordinary new environment in addition to life with his autistic sister.
Schooled	Gordon Korman	Cap lives in isolation with his grandmother, a former hippie; but when she falls from a tree and breaks her hip, Cap is sent to a foster home where he has his first experience in a public school.
Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie	Jordan Sonnenblick	Steven Alper is a typical eighth-grader--smarter than some, a better drummer than most, but with the usual girl problems and family trials. Then, on October 7, his five-year-old brother, Jeffrey, falls, has a nosebleed that doesn't stop, and is diagnosed with leukemia.

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Grade 9:

Students entering ninth grade must read at least two books over the summer. Both books should be selected from the ninth grade list below.

Title	Author	Description
The Martian Chronicles*	Ray Bradbury	Mars is a place where a fine dust settles on the great cities of a silent, destroyed civilization. The wonders begin as men from Earth attempt to colonize the red planet.
And Then There Were None	Agatha Christie	Ten strangers--each with a sordid past--are summoned by an absent millionaire to a private island off the coast of Devon and begin to die one by one upon arrival.
The Good Earth*	Pearl Buck	The story of a Chinese peasant and his passionate, dogged accumulation of land during famine, drought, and revolution.
Soldier's Heart	Gary Paulsen	Eager to enlist, fifteen-year-old Charley has a change of heart after experiencing both the physical horrors and mental anguish of Civil War combat.
Tears of a Tiger	Sharon Draper	The death of high school basketball star Rob Washington in an automobile accident affects the lives of his close friend Andy, who was driving the car, and many others in the school.
The Book Thief*	Markus Zusak	Trying to make sense of the horrors of World War II, Death relates the story of Liesel—a young German girl whose book-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her family and the Jewish man they are hiding, as well as their neighbors.
Life As We Knew It	Susan Pfeffer	Through journal entries, sixteen-year-old Miranda describes her family's struggle to survive after a meteor hits the moon, causing worldwide tsunamis, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions.
Chinese Cinderella	Adeline Mah	The author tells the story of her painful childhood in China where she lived until the age of fourteen with her father, stepmother, and siblings, all of whom considered her bad luck because her mother died shortly after giving birth to her.

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