

## HAVERHILL MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER READING LIST 2009

Here is a list of suggested books for your summer reading pleasure. Be sure to keep a summer reading log to record the **titles, authors** and **number of pages** of all the books that you read this summer. You will be asked to discuss and write about your summer reading in the first two weeks after you return to school. Set yourself the goal of reading at least **three** books this summer. If you do so, you will be developing good reading habits that will help you for a lifetime of reading enjoyment. Be sure to visit the Haverhill Public Library and take advantage of their great selections and quiet space to cool off, relax, and read on a hot or rainy day. **Select titles are also available in a variety of audio formats for readers who would like to listen to the story while they read.**

It is the goal of the Summer Reading program to foster reading enjoyment and a love for reading. The Middle School English Language Arts teachers hope that you will enjoy reading books recommended by your peers, teachers and/or the librarian. You will notice that the selections are set up by genre (categories), not by grade level. **Students in grades 6 – 8 may read any selection on the list except for those designated with an asterisk \* which are selections recommended for in coming Grade 8 students only.**

### Nonfiction

*Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World* by Jennifer Armstrong  
*Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul III* by Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen, and Kimberly Kirberger  
*Orphan Train Rider: One Boy's True Story* by Andrea Warren  
*We Are the Ship: The Story of the Negro League Baseball* by Kadir Nelson  
*Three Cups of Tea Young Reader's Edition* by Greg Mortensen  
*Blizzard! The Storm that Changed America* by Jim Murphy  
*The Wall* by Peter Sis (told in graphic novel format)  
\* *A Wreath for Emmett Till* by Marilyn Nelson (in verse)

### Fantasy

*A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle  
*The Tale of Despereaux* by Kate DiCamillo  
*The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan  
*The House with a Clock in Its Walls* by John Bellairs  
*Artemis Fowl* by Eoin Colfer  
*Inkheart* by Cornelia Funke  
*The Septimus Heap* series by Angie Sage  
*Chronicles of Prydain* by Lloyd Alexander

### Fiction

*Getting Near to Baby* by Audrey Coulombis  
*Freak the Mighty* by W.R. Philbrick  
*The Girl Who Owned a City* by O. T. Nelson  
*Becoming Naomi Leon* by Pam Munoz Ryan  
*Ruby Holler* by Sharon Creech  
*Lunch Money* by Andrew Clements  
*Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret* by Judy Blume  
*Smiles to Go* by Jerry Spinelli  
*Travel Team* by Mike Lupica  
*Olive's Ocean* by Kevin Henkes  
*Kit's Wilderness* by David Almond

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**Fiction continued**

*So B. It* by Sarah Weeks

\* *The Face on the Milk Carton* by Caroline Cooney

\* *Drums, Girls & Dangerous Pie* by Jordan Sonnenblick

\* *Solitary Blue* by Cynthia Voigt

*The Crossing* by Gary Paulsen

*The Wednesday Wars* by Gary D. Schmidt

*Feathers* by Jacqueline Woodson

\* *Touching Spirit Bear* by Ben Mikaelson

\* *Lush* by Natasha Friend

\* *The Misfits* by James Howe

**Mystery**

\* *The Haunting* by Joan Lowery Nixon

*The Alex Rider Series* by Anthony Horowitz

*They Never Came Home* by Lois Duncan

*Last Shot: A Final Four Mystery* by John Feinstein

*The Invention of Hugo Cabret* by Brian Selznick

*Sammy Keys* series by Wendelin Van Draanen

**Historical Fiction**

*True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle* by Avi

*Soldier's Heart* by Gary Paulsen

*Taking Sides* by Gary Soto

\* *Fallen Angels* by Walter Dean Myers

*Witch Child* by Celia Rees

\* *Letters from Rifka* by Karen Hesse

\* *Milkweed* by Jerry Spinelli

\* *Let the Circle Be Unbroken* by Mildred Taylor

*Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! Voices from a Medieval Village* by Laura Amy Schlitz

*Elijah of Buxton* by Christopher Paul Curtis

**Science Fiction**

*The Supernaturalist* by Erin Colfer

*The City of Ember* by Jeanne DuPrau

*Shadow Children* by Margaret Peterson Haddix

**Humor**

*Al Capone Does My Shirts* by Gennifer Choldenko

*Schernoff Discoveries* by Gary Paulsen

*How Angel Peterson Got His Name* by Gary Paulsen

*Joey Pigza Loses Control* by Jack Gantos

*Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series by Jeff Kinney

*The Runaway Princess* by Kate Coombs

\* *Azumanga Daioh* by Kiyohiko Azuma (A Graphic Novel)

**Classic Titles**

*The Incredible Journey* by Sheila Burnford

*Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson

*The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett and Inga Moore

*Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott

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