LEDYARD MIDDLE SCHOOL

2013 SUMMER READING LIST FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADES 7 – 9

The following books are suggested for summer reading and may be found at the Ledyard Public Libraries or at local bookstores. Many are available as E-books for the Kindle, Nook or iPAD.



Adams, Douglas <u>The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy</u>

Arthur Dent and Ford Prefect escape from earth seconds before it is demolished. They travel to a variety of galactic civilizations.

Anderson, Laurie Halse <u>Fever 1793</u>

Matilda learns perseverance and self-reliance when she is forced to cope with the horrors of a yellow fever epidemic.

Avi Any title Bauer, Joan Any title

Beagle, Peter The Last Unicorn

A mad king's curse stalks the last unicorn to her doom.

Bruchac, Joseph Skeleton Man

After Molly's parents disappear, she goes to live with a strange "great-uncle". A Mohawk legend helps keep her safe.

Carmi, Daniella Samir and Yonatan

Palestinian Samir has surgery at an Israeli hospital and has strange experiences including traveling to Mars with Israeli Yonatan.

Clements, Andrew <u>Things Not Seen</u>

One day Bobby wakes up and is literally invisible. How did this happen and what can he do to change his world?

Cole, Brock The Goats

Targets of a cruel prank at summer camp, Laura and Howie run away and find themselves facing danger and adventure.

Collier, James Lincoln My Brother Sam is Dead

Tim is torn between his brother's American patriotism and his father's English sympathies during the Revolutionary War.

Collins, Suzanne Hunger Games series

24 boys and girls are chosen to fight to the death in this survival game in a hungry futuristic world.

Condie, Allyson Matched series

In the future, society determines your job, life partner and death. Some teens try to change the system by any means necessary.

Creech, Sharon Walk Two Moons

13 year old Salamanca travels from Ohio to Idaho with her eccentric grandparents on a quest to find her mother.

Crutcher, Chris Any title Duncan, Lois Any title

Echert, Allen W. Incident at Hawk's Hill

6 year old Ben is adopted by a badger when he wanders out into the Canadian prairie and hides in a burrow to escape a storm.

Farmer, Nancy The Ear, the Eye, and the Arm: A Novel

In 2194 Zimbabwe, 3 children are kidnapped and put to work in a plastic mine while 3 mutant detectives search for them.

Funke, Cornelia Inkheart series

Meggie's father Mo, has the ability to read characters in stories to life. What happens when those characters are villains?

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Gallo, Donald (ed.) Ultimate Sports: Short Stories by Outstanding Writers...

Diverse teens in a variety of sports. Writers include Crutcher, Lipsyte, and Mazer.

George, Elizabeth The Sign of the Beaver

Left alone to guard the family cabin in 18th century Maine, Matt has to learn to survive with the help of some natives.

Hesse, Karen Witness

In 1924 a small town in Vermont, the Ku Klux Klan is infiltrating the local population. Violence increases as everyone is affected.

Hiaasen, Carl Hoot

Roy moves to a small town where he becomes involved with some unusual friends trying to protect burrowing owls.

Hobbs, Will River Thunder

Jessie joins her friends on an adventurous rafting trip on the Colorado River.

Holm. Jennifer L. Boston Jane: An Adventure

16 year old Jane Peck finds little use for her lady-like manners during her long sea voyage to the Pacific Northwest.

Holt, Kimberly Willis When Zachary Beaver Came to Town

Zachary is billed as the fattest boy in the world, but Toby gets to know the mean outsider, and confronts his own anger and hurt.

Horowitz, Anthony any title

Jacques, Brian Castaways of the Flying Dutchman

In 1620, a boy and his dog are rescued from the doomed ship, the Flying Dutchman, by an angel who guides them in their travels.

Klass, David Firestorm and sequels

Strangers kill Jack's adopted parents and learns he is from the future. He has been brought back to earth to save it from extinction.

Kostick, Conor Epic series

Erik lives in a society where disputes are settled through a virtual reality computer world. Erik and his friends become heroes in Epic.

Lasky, Kathryn True North: A Novel of the Underground Railroad

Lucy, a Boston socialite's grandfather works with the Underground Railroad. She encounters Afrika, a runaway slave from VA.

Lipsyte, Robert One Fat Summer

An overweight 14 year old boy experiences a turning point summer where he loses weight and learns to stand up for himself.

Lisle, Janet Taylor The Art of Keeping Cool

In 1942, Robert and his cousin uncover long-hidden family secrets and become involved with a German suspected of being a spy.

Matas, Carol Daniel's Story

Daniel's family is forced from their home and sent to Auschwitz, the Nazi death camp.

Mazer, Norma Fox After the Rain

After discovering her grandfather is dying, 15 year old Rachel becomes more aware of his life and feelings, both good and bad.

McDonald, Joyce Shades of Simon Gray

17 year old Simon lies in a coma, finding his life overlapping with a man who was lynched over 200 years ago.

Mikaelsen, Ben Touching Spirit Bear series

Cole is a teenage offender who has beaten a classmate almost to death. He is banished to a remote Alaskan island for one year.

Murdoch, Catherine Gilbert Dairy Queen: A Novel

Just because DJ is a girl why shouldn't she train a rival football player? What happens if she decides to try out for football herself?

Nixon, Joan Lowery The Other Side of Dark

Stacy wakes up to realize she has been in a coma for 4 years. She is remembering the identity of the man who murdered her mother.

O'Dell, Scott Sing Down the Moon

The forced migration of Navajos from their Arizona homeland is told from the Native American point of view.

Palacio, R.J. Wonder

The thing is Auggie's just an ordinary kid, with an extraordinary face. But can be convince his new classmates that he's just like them, despite appearances?

A Single Shard Park. Linda Sue

A 13 year old orphan in medieval Korea lives under a bridge in a potter's village and longs to learn the ceramics trade.

Maximum Ride series Patterson, James

Max and friends have been genetically altered to have wings. She and her "flock" escape from the lab and have many adventures.

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Paulsen, Gary Any title Peck, Richard Any title Roth, Veronica Divergent

One choice decides your friends, your beliefs and one choice determines your loyalties forever. What will you choose?

Sachar, Louis <u>Small Steps</u>

The sequel to Holes is a story about self-sacrifice and doing the right thing. Armpit gets involved in a questionable scheme.

Sender, Ruth <u>The Cage</u>

A teenage girl recounts the persecution of her family in a Polish ghetto, deportation train and concentration camp.

Stead, Rebecca When You Reach Me

When Miranda's mother is chosen to be on a game show in NYC, notes arrive from what looks like the future. Newbery Award.

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

A Southern African-American family maintains their pride and independence against hard times and racial injustices.

Tolkien, J.R.R. <u>The Hobbit or Lord of the Rings trilogy</u>

Wizards, dwarves, hobbits and elves help to bring Middle Earth back under control from the ravages of dragons, orcs and evil men.

Trueman, Terry Stuck in Neutral

14 year old Shawn suffers from severe cerebral palsy and is unable to communicate. He is afraid his father is about to kill him.

Ullman, James <u>Banner in the Sky</u>

Rudi dreams of being the first teen to climb the highest mountain in Switzerland called the Citadel.

Voight, Cynthia <u>Homecoming</u> series

Four abandoned children travel through CT looking for their grandmother and a place where they will be loved.

Waters, Daniel <u>Generation Dead</u>

"Living Impaired" students are new in high school and the rest of the student body has to decide how to react to the "zombies".

Westerfeld, Scott <u>Uglies</u> series

In a future society teens go through an operation that makes them "pretty". There is a sinister secret that goes with the surgery.

Yolen, Jane The Devil's Arithmetic

Hannah resents her Jewish heritage until she time travels to a small Jewish village in Nazi-occupied Poland.

Zevin, Gabrielle Elsewhere

Liz has been killed in an accident and now lives in Elsewhere with her grandmother. The residents get younger every day.

Nutmeg Nominees for 7-8 grades



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