



## Grades 6 – 8 PWCS Summer Reading Program

# WOODBRIIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

The purpose of the PWCS Summer Reading Program is to encourage students to enjoy quality literature and to continue developing their independent reading skills. Student participation in the program is voluntary. Students who choose to participate in the program are required to complete a minimum of two books.

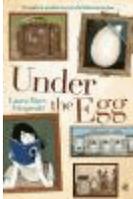
Students participating in the program in Grades 6 - 8 will complete a list of books read. The documentation is to include the name of the author, the title of the book, an explanation of the topic or plot of the book, and a parent or guardian statement that the student has completed the reading.

Students in Grades 6 - 8 who participate in Prince William County Public Library's Summer Reading Program, the Public Library documentation will apply. Students will receive an extra "A" (100) for each book completed, for a total of two. The summer reading documentation will be submitted by the student by the end of the first week of school.

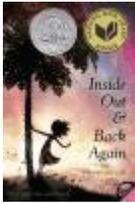
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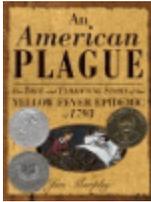
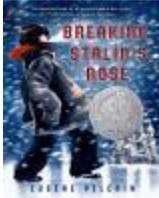
PWCS **Sixth** Grade Summer Reading Program Suggested Reading

The following titles are suggestions for summer reading. Other books selected by the student with guidance from a parent/guardian and/or librarian are also acceptable. Participation in the PWC Public Library Summer Reading Program and its documentation is also acceptable.

Author	Title	Pub. Date	Annotation
Bell, Cece	<p data-bbox="543 467 676 500">El Deafo</p> 	2014	<p data-bbox="932 461 1896 760"><b>A 2015 Newbery Honor Book</b> Going to school and making new friends can be tough. But going to school and making new friends while wearing a bulky hearing aid strapped to your chest? That requires superpowers! In this funny, poignant graphic novel memoir, author/illustrator Cece Bell chronicles her hearing loss at a young age and her subsequent experiences with the Phonic Ear, a very powerful—and very awkward—hearing aid.</p> <p data-bbox="932 769 1896 1029">The Phonic Ear gives Cece the ability to hear—sometimes things she shouldn’t—but also isolates her from her classmates. She really just wants to fit in and find a true friend, someone who appreciates her as she is. After some trouble, she is finally able to harness the power of the Phonic Ear and become “El Deafo, Listener for All.” And more importantly, declare a place for herself in the world and find the friend she’s longed for.</p>
Fitzgerald, Laura Marx	<p data-bbox="499 1105 720 1138">Under the Egg</p> 	2015	<p data-bbox="932 1101 1879 1247">Her grandfather's dying words lead thirteen-year-old Theodora Tenpenny to a valuable, hidden painting she fears may be stolen, but it is her search for answers in her Greenwich Village neighborhood that brings a real treasure.</p>

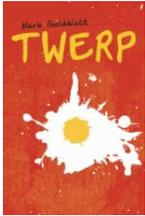
<p>Fleming, Candace</p>	<p>On the Day I Died: Stories from the Grave</p> 	<p>2012</p>	<p>In a lonely Illinois cemetery one cold October night, teen ghosts recount the stories of their deaths in different time periods, from 1870 to the present, to sixteen-year-old Mike, who unknowingly picked up a phantom hitchhiker.</p>
<p>Greenwald, Tom</p>	<p>Charlie Joe Jackson's Guide to NOT Reading</p> 	<p>2012</p>	<p>Charlie Joe Jackson may be the most reluctant reader ever born. And so far, he's managed to get through life without ever reading an entire book from cover to cover. But now that he's in middle school, avoiding reading isn't as easy as it used to be. And when his friend Timmy McGibney decides that he's tired of covering for him, Charlie Joe finds himself resorting to desperate measures to keep his perfect record intact.</p> <p><i>Charlie Joe Jackson's Guide to Not Reading</i> by Tommy Greenwald is the hilarious story of an avid non-reader and the extreme lengths to which he'll go to get out of reading a book.</p>

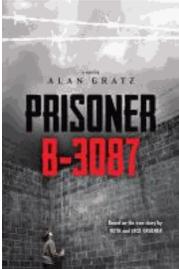
<p>Hemphill, Michael</p>	<p>Stonewall Hinkleman and the Battle of Bull Run</p> 	<p>2009</p>	<p>While participating in a reenactment of the Battle of Bull Run, twelve-year-old Stonewall Hinkleman is transported back to the actual Civil War battle by means of a magic bugle.</p>
<p>Lai, Thanhha</p>	<p>Inside Out and Back Again</p> 	<p>2013</p>	<p>Through a series of poems, a young girl chronicles the life-changing year of 1975, when she, her mother, and her brothers leave Vietnam and resettle in Alabama.</p>
<p>Lord, Cynthia</p>	<p>Half a Chance</p> 	<p>2014</p>	<p>Lucy, with her mother and her photographer father, has just moved to a small rural community in New Hampshire, and with her new friend Nate she plans to spend the summer taking photos for a contest, but pictures sometimes reveal more than people are willing to see.</p>

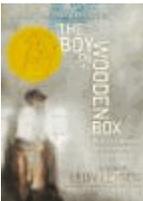
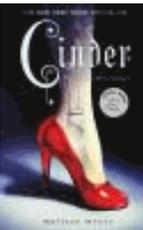
<p>Murphy, Jim</p>	<p>An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793</p> 	<p>2003</p>	<p>Provides an account of the yellow fever epidemic that swept through Philadelphia in 1793, discussing the chaos that erupted when people began evacuating in droves, leaving the city without government, goods, or services, and examining efforts by physicians, the Free African Society, and others to cure and care for the sick.</p>
<p>Yelchin, Eugene</p>	<p>Breaking Stalin's Nose</p> 	<p>2011</p>	<p>In the Stalinist era of the Soviet Union, ten-year-old Sasha idolizes his father, a devoted Communist, but when police take his father away and leave Sasha homeless, he is forced to examine his own perceptions, values, and beliefs.</p>
<p>Turnage, Sheila</p>	<p>Three Times Lucky</p> 	<p>2012</p>	<p>Washed ashore as a baby in tiny Tupelo Landing, North Carolina, Mo LoBeau, now eleven, and her best friend Dale turn detective when the amnesiac Colonel, owner of a café and co-parent of Mo with his cook, Miss Lana, seems implicated in a murder.</p>

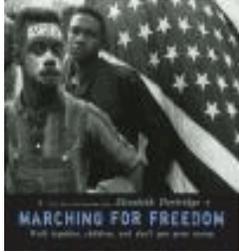
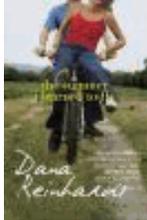
**PWCS **Seventh** Grade Summer Reading Program Suggested Reading**

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Author	Title	Pub. Date	Annotation
Mills, Claudia	Zero Tolerance 	2013	Seventh-grader Sierra Shepard has always been the perfect student, so when she sees that she accidentally brought her mother's lunch bag to school, including a paring knife, she immediately turns in the knife at the school office. Much to her surprise, her beloved principal places her in in-school suspension and sets a hearing for her expulsion, citing the school's ironclad no weapons policy. While there, Sierra spends time with Luke, a boy who's known as a troublemaker, and discovers that he's not the person she assumed he would be--and that the lines between good and bad aren't as clear as she once thought.
Goldblatt, Mark	Twerp 	2013	In Queens, New York, in 1969, twelve-year-old Julian Twerski writes a journal for his English teacher in which he explores his friendships and how they are effected by girls, a new student who may be as fast as Julian, and especially an incident of bullying

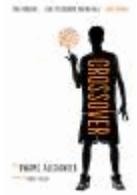
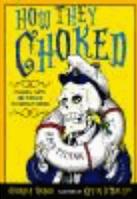
<p>Bauer, Joan</p>	<p>Almost Home</p> 	<p>2012</p>	<p>Sixth-grader Sugar and her mother lose their beloved house and experience the harsh world of homelessness.</p>
<p>Gratz, Alan</p>	<p>Prisoner B-3087</p> 	<p>2013</p>	<p>Based on the life of Jack Gruener, an eleven-year-old boy tries to survive the Nazi occupation of Krakow. Relates his incarceration in a succession of concentration camps, culminating in the final liberation of Dachau.</p>
<p>Hiaasen, Carl</p>	<p>Scat</p> 	<p>2009</p>	<p>Nick and Marta are both suspicious when their biology teacher, the feared Mrs. Bunny Starch, disappears, and try to uncover the truth despite the police and headmaster's insistence that nothing is wrong.</p>

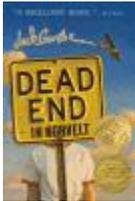
<p>Korman, Gordon</p>	<p>Schooled</p> 	<p>2007</p>	<p>Cap lives in isolation with his grandmother, a former hippie; but when she falls from a tree and breaks her hip, Cap is sent to a foster home where he has his first experience in a public school.</p>
<p>Leyson, Leon</p>	<p>The Boy on the Wooden Box : How the impossible became possible-- on Schindler's list : a memoir</p> 	<p>2013</p>	<p>Leon Leyson describes growing up in Poland, being forced from home to ghetto to concentration camps by the Nazis, and being saved by Oskar Schindler.</p>
<p>Meyer, Marissa</p>	<p>Cinder / Lunar Chronicles / Book 1</p> 	<p>2013</p>	<p>As plague ravages the overcrowded Earth, observed by a ruthless lunar people, Cinder, a gifted mechanic and cyborg, becomes involved with handsome Prince Kai and must uncover secrets about her past in order to protect the world in this futuristic take on the Cinderella story.</p>

<p>Partridge, Elizabeth</p>	<p>Marching for freedom : walk together, children, and don't you grow weary</p> 	<p>2009</p>	<p>Recounts the three months of protest that took place before Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s landmark march from Selma, Alabama, to Montgomery to promote equal rights and help African-Americans earn the right to vote.</p>
<p>Reinhardt, Dana</p>	<p>The Summer I Learned to Fly</p> 	<p>2012</p>	<p>Thirteen-year-old Drew starts the summer of 1986 helping in her mother's cheese shop and dreaming about co-worker Nick, but when her widowed mother begins dating, Drew's father's book of lists, her pet rat, and Emmett--a boy who is on a quest of his own--help her cope.</p>

PWCS **Eighth** Grade Summer Reading Program Suggested Reading

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Alexander, Kwame	<p>The Crossover</p> 	2014	Fourteen-year-old twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs and lows on and off the court as their father ignores his declining health.
Bragg, Georgia	<p>How They Choked: Failures, Flops, and Flaws of the Awfully Famous</p> 	2014	Describes the failures of fourteen historical, famous achievers, including Isaac Newton, Thomas Edison, Vincent Van Gogh, Ann Boleyn, and Amelia Earhart.

<p>Carman, Patrick</p>	<p>Pulse</p> 	<p>2013</p>	<p>In the year 2051, when most Americans live in one of two gigantic, modern States, Faith Daniels, part of a dwindling group that lives between, learns that she, like other misfits, has unusual abilities that could help when the inevitable war begins.</p>
<p>Erskine, Kathryn</p>	<p>Seeing Red</p> 	<p>2013</p>	<p>When twelve-year-old Frederick "Red" Porter's father dies in 1972, his mother wants to sell their automobile repair shop and move her two sons back to Ohio, but Red is desperate to stop the sale even if it means unearthing some dark family secrets in a Virginia rife with racial tensions.</p>
<p>Gantos, Jack</p>	<p>Dead End in Norvelt</p> 	<p>2013</p>	<p>In the historic town of Norvelt, Pennsylvania, twelve-year-old Jack Gantos spends the summer of 1962 grounded for various offenses until he is assigned to help an elderly neighbor with a most unusual chore involving the newly dead, molten wax, twisted promises, Girl Scout cookies, underage driving, lessons' from history, typewriting, and countless bloody noses.</p>
<p>Korman, Gordon</p>	<p>Masterminds</p> 	<p>2015</p>	<p>A group of kids discovers they were cloned from the DNA of some of the greatest criminal masterminds in history for a sociological experiment.</p>

<p>Schmidt, Gary D.</p>	<p>The Wednesday Wars</p> 	<p>2007</p>	<p>During the 1967 school year, on Wednesday afternoons when all his classmates go to either Catechism or Hebrew school, seventh-grader Holling Hoodhood stays in Mrs. Baker's classroom where they read the plays of William Shakespeare and Holling learns much of value about the world he lives in.</p>
<p>Smith, Roland</p>	<p>Peak</p> 	<p>2008</p>	<p>A fourteen-year-old boy attempts to be the youngest person to reach the top of Mount Everest.</p>
<p>Lu, Marie</p>	<p>Legend Legend Series/Bk 1</p> 	<p>2011</p>	<p>Fifteen-year-old June, a prodigy being groomed for success in the Republic's highest military circles, and fifteen-year-old Day, born into the slums, are brought together when June's brother, Metias, is murdered, and Day becomes the prime suspect. June seeks to avenge Metias' death, but he soon uncovers the truth about his country and the lengths it will go to keep its secrets.</p>
<p>Morpurgo, Michael</p>	<p>Shadow</p> 	<p>2012</p>	<p>Teenager Aman and his mother lose their loyal spaniel Shadow while escaping Afghanistan to flee to England, and they must depend on a friend and his grandfather to enable Shadow's return.</p>