

Hampton City Schools Language Arts Department
SUGGESTED SUMMER READING FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL

“It is books that are a key to the wide world; if you can’t do anything else, read all you can.”
Jane Hamilton

Grade 6

Crispin: At the Edge of the World Avi
The Anybodies N.E. Bode
I Heard the Owl Call My Name Margaret Craven
Love That Dog Sharon Creech
Bud, Not Buddy Christopher Curtis

Danny the Champion of the World Roald Dahl

Because of Winn-Dixie Kate DiCamillo
Johnny Tremain Esther Forbes
Joey Pigza Loses Control Jack Gantos
M.C. Higgins, the Great Virginia Hamilton
The Phantom Tollbooth Norton Juster
A Wrinkle in Time Madeleine L’Engle
A Friendship for Today Patricia McKissack
The Orphan Train Adventures (series) Joan Lowery Nixon
The Higher Power of Lucky Susan Patron
Soldier’s Heart Gary Paulsen
Where the Red Fern Grows Wilson Rawls

Lightning Thief Rick Riordan
Harry Potter (series) J.K. Rowling
There’s a Boy in the Girl’s Bathroom Louis Sachar
Words by Heart Quida Sebestyen
Loser Jerry Spinelli
The Well: David’s Story Mildred Taylor
Surviving the Applewhites Stephanie Tolan

Grade 7

Little Women Louisa May Alcott
Steal Away Jennifer Armstrong
Crispin: the Cross of Lead Avi
The Lost Years of Merlin T.A. Barron
Tangerine Edward Bloor

Stealing Freedom Elisa Carbon

Catherine Called Birdy Karen Cushman
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Roald Dahl
Summer of My German Soldier Bette Green
The House of Dies Drear Virginia Hamilton
Out of the Dust Karen Hesse
Hoot Carl Hiaasen
The Lottery Rose Irene Hunt
Leonardo Da Vinci Kathleen Krull

Ella Enchanted Gail Carson Levine
The Lion, the Witch, & the Wardrobe C.S. Lewis
Midnight for Charlie Bone (Series) Jenny Nimmo
Dogsong Gary Paulsen
Eragon Christopher Paolini
Four Perfect Pebbles: A Holocaust Story Lila Perl

A Stitch in Time Ann Rinaldi
Harry Potter (series) J.K. Rowling
The Wednesday Wars Gary Schmidt
Homecoming Cynthia Voigt

Grade 8

Fever 1793 Laurie Anderson
I Have Lived a Thousand Years Livia Bitton-Jackson
Midwife’s Apprentice Karen Cushman
The City of Ember Jeanne DuPrau
Zlata’s Diary: A Child’s Life in Sarajevo Zlata Filipovic
The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman Ernest J. Gaines

The Wind in the Willows Kenneth Grahame
The Old Man and the Sea Ernest Hemingway
Kira-Kira Cynthia Kadohata
Outcasts of 19 Schuyler Place E.L. Konigsburg
Chasing the Falconers Gordon Korman
The Sea Wolf Jack London
The Yearling Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings
All Quiet on the Western Front Erich Maria Remarque
Harry Potter (series) J.K. Rowling
Esperanza Rising Pam Munoz Ryan
Milkweed Jerry Spinelli

Wringer Jerry Spinelli
The Red Pony John Steinbeck
Kidnapped! Robert Louis Stevenson

The Hobbit J.R.R. Tolkein
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer Mark Twain
Around the World in 80 Days Jules Verne
Shabanu: Daughter of the True Believer Virginia Euwer Wolff