



Grades 6 – 8 PWCS Summer Reading Program

Bull Run 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 number of readings over the summer.

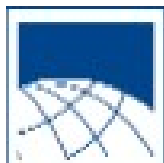
Students in Grades 6 - 8 who participate will complete a list of books read. The documentation is to include the name of the author, the title of the book, and an explanation of the topic or plot of the book, and a parent or guardian statement that the student has completed the reading. For Grades 6 - 8 students 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. Completion of the summer reading will be recorded for students by the end of the second week of school.

Lexile Levels

To help in choosing books that can promote reading growth, this year each child's 2009 English SOL score will include a Lexile Level. The Lexile Level is based on a student's SOL score on the English portion of the SOL and approximates his/her reading level. This means a child should be able to read and understand books in a Lexile range of approximately 100 points below to 50 points above the designated score.

Knowing a child's Lexile range can help to locate books that he/she might enjoy reading. Student interest and motivation for reading books that are age appropriate are critical factors to consider as book choices are made. Remember that nothing replaces conversation with the student, his teachers, and librarians in making great choices.

It is important to note that the Lexile measure does not address the content or quality of the book. Many other factors affect the relationship between a reader and a book, including its content, the age and interests of the reader, and the design of the actual book. The Lexile measure is a good starting point in the book-selection process, but parents should always consider these other factors when making a decision about which book to choose.

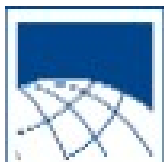


BRMS Sixth Grade Summer Reading Program

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 are also acceptable.

Author	Title	Pub. Date	Lexile Level	Annotation
Jeanne Birdsall	<i>The Penderwicks: A summer tale of four sister, two rabbits and a very interesting boy.</i>	2005	800	While vacationing with their widowed father in the Berkshire Mountains, four lovable sisters, ages four through twelve, share adventures with a local boy, much to the dismay of his snobbish mother.
Richard Peck	<i>The Teacher's Funeral</i>	2004	750	After the death of their teacher, old Miss Myrt Arbuckle, Russell and his younger brother attempt to sabotage their older sister, Tansy, the new teacher in this rural Indiana one-room schoolhouse
John Feinstein	<i>Last Shot</i> <i>Vanishing Act</i> <i>Cover-up: Mystery at the Super Bowl</i>	2005 2006 2007	760 760 780	Middle school students Stevie and Susan Carol win a sports writing contest and have a chance to cover some of the sports most exciting games. These young writers discover kidnapping, bribery and other scandals at each venue.
Patricia Munoz Ryan	<i>Esperanza Rising</i>	2000	750	After her father is murdered, Esperanza Ortega is forced to leave her beloved El Rancho de Las Rosa in Mexico and move to a migrant camp in California
Lisa Yee	<i>Stanford Wong Flunks Big Time</i> <i>Millicent Min, Girl Genius</i> <i>So Totally Emily Ebers</i>	2005 2003 2007	650 800 660	Each of these three books tells the same story from a different character's perspective. After failing 6 th grade English, Stanford Wong must forgo celebrity basketball camp for summer school and afternoons tutoring with his arch enemy, girl genius Millicent Min. But Millicent is friends with the cute new girl in town.
Elisa L. Carbone	<i>Blood on the River</i>	2006	820	Traveling to the New World in 1606 as the page to Captain John Smith, twelve-year-old orphan Samuel Collier settles in the new colony of James Town, where he must quickly learn to distinguish between friend and foe.
Michael Winerip	<i>Adam Canfield of the Slash</i>	2007	830	While serving as co-editors of their school newspaper, middle schoolers Adam and Jennifer uncover fraud and corruption in their school and in the city's government.
Gordon Korman	<i>Swindle</i>	2008	710	After unscrupulous collector S. Wendell Palamino cons him out of a valuable baseball card, Giffin Bing puts together a band of misfits to break into Palomino's heavily guarded store to steal the card back. He plans to use the mother to finance his father's failing invention, the Smart Pick fruit picker.
Andrea White	<i>Surviving Antartica: Reality TV 2083</i>	2005	670	In the year 2083, five fourteen-year-olds who were deprived by chance of the opportunity to continue their educations re-enact Scott's 1910-1913 failed expedition to the South Pole. They are contestants on a reality television show secretly aided by a TV station employee.
James L. Swanson	<i>Chasing Lincoln's Killer</i>	2009	980	Recounts the twelve-day pursuit and capture of John Wilkes Booth, covering the chase through Washington D.C., Maryland, and Virginia and examines the impact of Lincoln's death on those close to him.



BRMS Seventh Grade Summer Reading Program

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Author	Title	Pub. Date	Lexile Level	Annotation
Carl Hiaasen	<i>Flush</i>	2005	830	Noah's family tries to stop the <i>Coral Queen</i> casino boat from illegally dumping waste in the Florida Keys. His dad is caught and put in jail and Noah is determined to succeed where his father failed.
Walter Dean Myers	<i>Scorpions</i>	1990	610	Jamal, who is pressured to become leader of the Scorpions gang, worries about school, family, and the rough kids on the street. A realistic look at a boy who wants to do the right thing but gets caught up in the culture of violence
Linda Sue Park	<i>A Single Shard</i>	2003	920	Tree-ear, a thirteen-year-old orphan in medieval Korea, lives under a bridge near a potters' village, and longs to learn how to throw the delicate celadon ceramics himself.
Richard Peck	<i>A Year Down Yonder</i>	2002	710	During the recession of 1937, fifteen-year-old Mary Alice is sent to live with her feisty, larger-than-life grandmother in rural Illinois and comes to a better understanding of this fearsome woman.
Christopher Paolini.	<i>Eragon</i> <i>Eldest</i> <i>Brisignr</i>	2003 2005 2008	710 970 1050	The fate of the Empire rests in the hands of Eragon, a 15 year old boy who finds a mysterious stone which changes into a dragon hatching. With an ancient sword and an old storyteller for guidance, he is thrust into a world of destiny, magic and power
Gary Paulsen	<i>Hatchet</i>	1987	1020	The book describes Brian's survival for fifty-four days in the Canadian wilderness after a plane crash.
Joseph Bruchac	<i>Code Talker</i>	2005	910	After being taught in a boarding school run by whites that Navajo is a useless language, Ned Begay is recruited by the Marines to become a Code Talker, sending urgent messages during WWII in his native language
Gloria Whalen	<i>Homeless Bird</i>	2000	800	Thirteen-year-old Koly enters into an ill-fated arranged marriage and must either suffer a destiny dictated by India's customs or find the courage to oppose tradition.
Susan Campbell Bartoletti	<i>The Boy Who Dared</i>	2008	760	In October, 1942, seventeen-year-old Helmuth Hübener, imprisoned for distributing anti-Nazi leaflets, recalls his past life and how he came to dedicate himself to bring the truth about Hitler to the German people.
Susan Campbell Bartoletti	<i>Hitler's Youth: Growing Up in Hitler's Shadow</i>	2005	1050	A photo-illustrated look at the youth organizations Adolf Hitler founded and used to meet his sociopolitical and military ends; includes profiles of individual Hitler Youth members as well as young people who opposed the Nazis, such as Hans and Sophie Scholl.

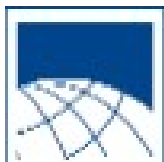


BRMS Eighth Grade Summer Reading Program

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Author	Title	Pub. Date	Lexile Level	Annotation
Gary Soto	<i>Buried Onions</i>	1997	850	When nineteen-year-old Eddie drops out of college, he struggles to find a place for himself as a Mexican American living in a violence-infested neighborhood of Fresno, California.
E.L. Konigburg	<i>Outcasts of 19 Schuyler Place</i>	2004	840	Upon leaving an oppressive summer camp, twelve-year-old Margaret Rose Kane spearheads a campaign to preserve three unique towers her great-uncles have been building in their backyard for more than 40 years.
Paul Langan, Anne Schraff or Peggy Kern	Bluford Series	2002-2009	580-740	Set in the fictional urban Bluford High, the fifteen books in the series deal with the challenges facing teens such as peer pressure, substance abuse, friendship issues and family life.
Jerry Spinelli	<i>Stargirl Love, Stargirl</i>	2002 2007	590 610	"She is an alien." "Her parents are circus acrobats." These are only a few of the theories concocted to explain Stargirl Caraway, a new 10th grader who wears pioneer dresses and kimonos to school, strums a ukulele in the cafeteria, laughs when there are no jokes, and dances when there is no music
Walter Dean Myers	<i>Monster</i>	1990	670	"Monster" is what the prosecutor calls 16-year-old Steve Harmon for his supposed role in the fatal shooting of a convenience-store owner. But was Steve really the lookout who gave the "all clear" to the murderer, or was he just in the wrong place at the wrong time?
Paul Zindel	<i>The Pigman</i>	1968	950	To pass the time, sophomores, John and Lorraine play pranks on unsuspecting people. It's during one of these pranks that they meet the "Pigman". John and Lorraine soon find that they're caught up in Mr. Pignati's zest for life
Scott Westerfeld	<i>Uglies, Pretties. Specials, and Extras</i>	2005,2005 2006,2007	770, 860, 880,790	These four futuristic books relate the story of Tally who resists the mandatory operation that every 16 year old must endure to change all teens into "new pretties".
Russell Martin	<i>The Mysteries of Beethoven's Hair</i>	2009	1400	Examines the true story of a lock of hair clipped from Beethoven's head at the time of his death in 1827, its transport to a safe house in Denmark in 1943, auction in 1994, and scientist's ability to finally determine the cause of the composer's death.
Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin adapted for young readers by Sarah Thomson.	<i>Three cups of tea: one man's mission to promote peace--one school at a time.</i>	2009	910	In 1993, while climbing one of the world's most difficult peaks, Mortenson became lost and ill, and eventually found aid in the tiny Pakistani village of Korphe. He vowed to repay his generous hosts by building a school; his efforts have grown into the Central Asia Institute, which has since provided education for 25,000 children.



BRMS Virginia Reader's Choice Selections for All Grades

Read four or more of these books by March 2010 and participate in the March pizza-party election for the best book in Virginia. Participants are also awarded a \$5.00 gift certificate for a private shopping day at the spring book fair.

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F.E. Higgins	<i>Black Book of Secrets</i>	2007	830	When Ludlow Fitch runs away from his thieving parents in the City, he meets up with the mysterious Joe Zabbidou, who calls himself a secret pawnbroker. Joe takes Ludlow as an apprentice to record the confessions of the townspeople of Pagus Parvus, where resentments are many and trust is scarce.
Shannon Hale	<i>Book of a Thousand Days</i>	2007	850	Fifteen-year-old Dashti, sworn to obey her sixteen-year-old mistress, the Lady Saren, shares Saren's years of punishment locked in a tower. Dashti then brings her lady safely to the lands of her true love, where both must hide their identity as they work as kitchen maids
Rebecca Stead	<i>First Light</i>	2008	760	Twelve-year-old Peter and his family arrive in Greenland for his father's research. Here, he stumbles upon a secret his mother has been hiding from him all his life, and begins an adventure he never would have imagined possible
Mal Peet	<i>Keeper</i>	2007	780	Paul Faustino learns about world-famous goalkeeper, El Gato's encounter with a mystical mentor named the Keeper, in the South American rain forest. The skills that he learns from his mentor help him become the best in the world and win the World's Cup.
Gary Paulsen	<i>Lawn Boy</i>	2007	780	Things get out of hand for a twelve-year-old boy when a neighbor convinces him to expand his summer lawn mowing business.
Edward Bloor	<i>London Calling</i>	2008	640	Seventh-grader Martin Conway believes that his life is monotonous and dull until the night the antique radio he uses as a night-light transports him to the bombing of London in 1940
Sarah Miller	<i>Miss Spitfire: Reaching Helen Keller</i>	2007	890	At age twenty-one, partially-blind, lonely but spirited Annie Sullivan travels from Massachusetts to Alabama to try and teach six-year-old Helen Keller, deaf and blind since age two, self-discipline and communication skills
Ingrid Law	<i>Savvy</i>	2008	TBD	This book recounts the adventures of Mibs Beaumont, whose thirteenth birthday has revealed her "savvy"--a magical power unique to each member of her family--just as her father is injured.
Margaret Peterson Haddix	<i>The Uprising</i>	2007	790	In 1927, at the urging of twenty-one-year-old Harriet, Mrs. Livingston reluctantly recalls her experiences at the Triangle Shirtwaist factory, including miserable working conditions that led to a strike, then the fire that took the lives of her two best friends, when Harriet, the boss's daughter, was only five years old.
Gary Schmidt	<i>Wednesday Wars</i>	2007	990	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