

# Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading List 2017

Dear Parents and Students,

In collaboration with Santa Monica Public Library, Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) is pleased to announce our summer reading program prepared by our school librarians.

Because students' maturity and reading levels vary, we encourage parents to participate actively in selecting and/or discussing these titles.

**Students are required to read two (2) books from the list for the grade they are entering in the fall. Students are responsible for obtaining their own books. The public libraries, as well as local booksellers, carry most of these titles.**

We are very excited about this program and hope the books listed will provide knowledge and pleasure for your child. Have a fantastic summer filled with reading and adventure!

Sincerely, your librarians,

*Sarah Ryan*, Malibu High School  
*Amy Di Dario*, Lincoln Middle School  
*Andrea Jarvis*, John Adams Middle School

Students must read two (2) books from the 2017 Summer Reading List. When you return in August, you will be assigned a project by your English teacher. To prepare for your in-class assignment, consider taking notes on each book including:

## Book Information

\*Title/Author

\*Genre

\*Fiction or Nonfiction

## Main Character(s)

\*Name(s)

\*Age(s)

\*Traits

## Summarize the plot.

## Rate the book on a scale of 1 to 5.

\*1 = I did not like it

\*5= It was fantastic!

## Realistic Fiction

### Draper, Sharon | **Out of My Mind**

Eleven-year-old Melody has cerebral palsy and cannot speak. When she gets a talking device, students and teachers learn of her smarts and inner strength. Coretta Scott King award winning author.

### Herlong, M.H. | **Buddy**

Twelve-year-old Li'l T and his family face great losses caused by Hurricane Katrina, including leaving Buddy, their very special, three-legged dog, behind when they must evacuate.

### Hiaasen, Carl | **Hoot**

Roy, who is new to Florida, becomes involved in another boy's attempt to save a colony of burrowing owls from a proposed construction site. Newbery Medal Honor Book.

### Spinelli, Jerry | **Crash**

Seventh-grader John "Crash" Coogan has always been comfortable with his tough behavior, until a new friend and his grandfather's stroke make him reconsider.

### Telgemeier, Raina | **Smile**

As if sixth grade isn't hard enough, Raina has to overcome braces, retainers, headgear, earthquakes, boy troubles and frenemies.

## Non-Fiction

### Fleischman, Sid | **Escape!: the Story of the Great Houdini**

An entertaining account of the magician and king of escape artists, Harry Houdini.

### Scieszka, Jon | **Knucklehead**

In this comic-scrapbook biography, Jon recounts being one of six brothers, the class clown, and his childhood in the turbulent Sixties.

## Fantasy & Science-Fiction

### Nielson, Jennifer A. | **The False Prince**

In a discontented kingdom, civil war is brewing. To unify the divided people, a plan is devised to find an impersonator of the king's long-lost son and install him as a puppet prince.

### Oppel, Kenneth | **Airborn**

Matt, a young cabin boy aboard an airship, and Kate, a wealthy young girl traveling with her chaperone, team up to search for the existence of mysterious winged creatures.

### Stead, Rebecca | **When You Reach Me**

Sixth-grader Miranda receives mysterious notes that predict future tragic events in her New York neighborhood.

### Tolkien, J.R.R. | **The Hobbit**

Hobbit Bilbo Baggins faces adventures in a land inhabited by dwarves, elves, goblins, dragons, and humans.

### Walden, Mark | **H.I.V.E.: The Higher Institute of Villainous Education**

Thirteen-year-old Otto is kidnapped and taken to a secret academy where all of the top young minds are being trained as the next generation of super-villains.

## Historical Fiction

### Choldenko, Gennifer | **Al Capone Does My Shirts**

A twelve-year-old boy named Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935, dealing with life and his autistic sister. Newbery Honor and American Library Association Best Book.

### Meloy, Maile | **Apothecary**

Follows a fourteen-year-old American girl whose life unexpectedly transforms when she moves to London in 1952 and gets swept up in a race to save the world from nuclear war.

### Williams-Garcia, Rita | **One Crazy Summer**

Three sisters travel to Oakland, California, in 1968 to spend a month with the mother who abandoned them.

## Mystery & Adventure Fiction

### Dowd, Siobhan | **The London Eye Mystery**

After Ted and Kat's cousin Salim vanishes from the London Eye Ferris wheel, the siblings investigate and solve the mystery of his disappearance.

### Hahn, Mary Downing | **Closed for the Season**

When thirteen-year-old Logan and his family move to a house in rural Virginia, he discovers that a woman was murdered there and becomes involved in the search to

uncover the killer.

### Horowitz, Anthony | **Stormbreaker**

After the death of his uncle, fourteen-year-old Alex Rider continues his uncle's dangerous work for Britain's intelligence agency, MI-6.

### Nelson, O.T. | **The Girl Who Owned a City**

When a plague sweeps over the Earth killing everyone except children under 12, ten-year-old Lisa organizes a group to build a new way of life.

### Smith, Roland | **Peak**

Fourteen-year-old "Peak" Marcello is arrested for climbing a skyscraper. The judge orders Peak to live with his father, who wants him to be the youngest person to scale Mount Everest.