

## 2025 Summer Reading Challenge

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As our school year comes to a close, we all look forward to summer—a time that affords us a chance to relax and have fun with family and friends. In addition, summer is a great opportunity to encourage your child to explore great books. Our WTS students are encouraged to share the love of reading with their family. You and your child may enjoy reading together, or they may wish to read on their own. No matter the choice, books will take our children to places near and far, without ever leaving home. Summer reading is the perfect vacation destination for everyone!

At White Township School, literacy is a priority at every grade level. We invite students to challenge themselves as readers throughout the summer, enlisting their families for support. With the help of our teachers, we have compiled suggested reading lists by grade level. Local libraries are also excellent resources for recommended books. As your child reads, record books on the 2025 summer reading log posted on our website. Remember to turn in your summer reading log in September so that we may recognize your child's efforts in the fall.

Your support and encouragement contributes to your child's love of reading and is much appreciated!

Do you have a favorite genre or author?  
Are you interested in trying something new?

**Our lists are suggestions NOT requirements!**

**Your greatest resource is**  
The Warren County Public Library!  
<https://www.warrenlib.org/>

Use the website or app to search and request a book, download ebooks or audiobooks  
**It's free!**

**\* Book recommendations by grade level\***  
<https://www.the-best-childrens-books.org>

**\* Audio books and ebooks for reluctant readers and people on the go\***  
Warren County Library  
scroll down to: eBooks for Children & Teens

Free public domain books

**\*Book lists, reviews, and authors links\***  
American Library Association Children's Notable Books, Recordings, and Digital Media

American Library Association Top Ten Young Adult Choices

Pernille Ripp: Must-Reads 2025

Children's Book Council Favorites Award Choices

The Children's Book Review

**\*Tool to help find a book that's just right\***  
Scholastic Book Wizard

**\* Reading lists by grade level and topic/genre\***  
<https://www.greatschools.org/gk/book-lists/>

Please realize that there is a difference, usually in the subject matter rather than the reading level, between Juvenile and Young Adult classifications. Be mindful of this in order to make appropriate choices.

## WHITE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL

### Suggested Summer Reading Book List

# 2025

### Entering Grades 6-8



## Entering Grade 6

### Fiction

*Absolutely Almost* by Lisa Graff  
*Artemis Fowl* by Colter  
*Birdwing* by Martin  
*Boy at War* by Mazer  
*Dragon Rider* by Funke  
*The Edge Chronicles* by Stewart & Ridell.  
*Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Hunt  
*Inkheart* by Cornelia Funke  
*Last Apprentice*, (Series) by Delaney  
*Magician's Elephant* by DiCamillo  
*Missing May* by Rylant  
*One for the Murphys* by Hunt  
*Out of My Mind* by Sharon Draper  
*Ruby Holler* by Creech  
*Runaway Twin* by Kehret  
*The Spiderwick Chronicles* by Black & DiTerlizzi  
*Summer Ball, Heat, Game Changer, & Travel Team ~*  
ALL by Lupica  
*Swindle* by Korman  
*The Lightning Thief & Red Pyramid ~* both by Riordan  
*The Mysterious Benedict Society* by Stewart  
*The Throne of Fire* by Riordan  
*Waiting for Normal* by Connor  
*When You Reach Me* by Stead  
*Where the Moon Meets the Mountain* by Grace Lin

### Historical Fiction

*Bat 6* by Wolff  
*Countdown* by Willes  
*Heart of Samurai* by Press  
*Roof Toppers* by Rudell  
*The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg* by Philbrick

### Nonfiction

*Genius! The Most Astonishing Inventions of All Times*  
by Kespert  
*Swimming with Sharks* by Lang  
*Untamed* by Silvey  
*The Real Princess Diaries* by Norwich

## Entering Grade 7

### Fiction

*East* by Pattou  
*Elephant Run* by Smith  
*The Golden Compass* by Pullman  
*Hero and the Crown* by McKinley  
*How I Live Now* by Rosoff  
*Inkheart* by Cornelia Funke  
*Percy Jackson & The Olympians* series by Riordan  
*Talent* by Dean  
*Touching the Spirit Bear* by Mikaelson  
*The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros  
*The Scorch Trials* (Maze Runner) by Dashner  
*Red Kayak* by Cummings  
*Genesis Begins Again* by Alicia D. Williams  
*Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus* by  
Bowling  
*Booked* by Kwame Alexander  
*Out of My Mind* by Draper  
*The Lions of Little Rock* by Levine  
*Walker's Crossing* by Naylor  
*The Road to Memphis* by Taylor

### Historical Fiction/Nonfiction

*Across Five Aprils* by Hunt  
*The Boy Who Dared* by Bartoletti  
*Clockwork* by Pullman  
*The Great Chicago Fire, 1871* by Massi  
*Lord of the Nutcracker Men* by Lawrence  
*Summer of My German Soldier* by Green  
*Almost Astronauts* by Stone  
*Ben Franklin's Almanac* by Fleming  
*Good Brother, Bad Brother* by Giblin  
*Into Thin Air* by Krakauer  
*Left for Dead* by Nelson  
*Never Cry Wolf* by Mowat  
*Revenge of the Whale: The True Story of the*  
*Whaleship Essex* by Nathaniel Philbrick

## Entering Grade 8

### Fiction

*Absolutely Normal Chaos* by Creech  
*Close to Famous* by Joan Bauer  
*Crossed* by Ally Condie  
*Evermore* by Noel  
*The Forest of Hands & Teeth* by Ryan  
*Gossamer* by Lowry  
*Heart of a Champion* by Deucker  
*The Hobbit* by Tolkien  
*Just Listen* by Dessen  
*Looking for Alaska* by Green  
*The Lord of the Rings* by Tolkien  
*Rules of the Road* by Bauer  
*Soldier Dog* by Angus  
*Summer Ball* by Lupica  
*Taming the Star Runner* by Hinton  
*Uglies* by Westerfeld  
*Year of the Hangman* by Blackwood

### Historical Fiction

*April Morning* by Fast  
*The Boy Who Dared* by Bartoletti  
*Christy* by Marshall  
*Daniel Half Human* by Chotjewitz  
*Milkweed* by Spinelli  
*The True Adventure of Nicolo Zen* by Christopher  
*We are Witnesses* by Boas

### Classics

*The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* by Doyle  
*Around the World in Eighty Days* by Verne  
*Adventures of Tom Sawyer* by Twain  
*Call of the Wild* by London  
*Dandelion Wine* by Bradbury  
*Little Women* by Alcott  
*White Fang* by London  
*Robinson Crusoe* by Defoe