

## Tips on How to Choose the Right Book for You!



- Has the author written other books that you've liked?
- Did the book win any awards? Award winners are usually very good reads.
- Does the write-up on the back or the inside cover sound interesting?
- Does the cover look interesting? Is it worn? That might mean the book has been well read and well loved...
- Open the book to any page and read-is it readable? Do you like the author's style?
- Read the first page. Does the book start off interesting?
- Have any of your friends read the book?
- How many pages does the book have? Can you handle the length? Make sure you challenge yourself, but don't overwhelm yourself!
- Email a teacher or your Media Specialist and ask for their recommendations

On the reading list, \* indicates you may also read any other title in the series or by the author.



## Summer Reading Tips for Parents

- Get your child a library card and use it.
- Make trips to the local library or bookstore.
- Get involved in the library's summer reading program.
- Encourage your child to read anything this summer, whether it's a book, short story, comic book, magazine, or newspaper. Ask your child what they think about what they've read. Listen to what they say!
- Be a reader yourself. Share what you are reading with your child. There's nothing like a good role model.
- Help your child set a realistic reading goal for the summer.
- Turn off the TV & video games. Read a book instead.
- Encourage your child to keep a summer scrapbook. Have your child write captions that tell the story of your family's summer activities.

### Where can you find the books on the Summer Reading List?

- Oldham County Public Library
- South Oldham Middle School Library
- Barnes & Noble
- Books-A-Million
- Borders Booksellers
- Amazon.com



Dear SOMS Parents,

Summer is a wonderful time! A time for freedom, exploration and learning. A time to enjoy reading which like baseball and swimming, improves with practice. It's important to remember, though, that our summer reading should be pleasurable and self-selected. It should be appealing to the reader.

Countless studies have demonstrated that a child who reads during the summer months will have



improved reading and comprehension skills when school resumes in the fall. Additionally, the more a child reads the better they read and as a result the more they learn.

South Oldham Middle School has encouraged summer reading for numerous years. This year, our focus is on expanding our Summer Reading Program. In addition to the one book that we normally request that your child read, SOMS is providing incentives for your child to read additional books from the summer reading list. Your child will need to complete one of the activities that can be found on the Summer Reading Activities Menu in order to be eligible for the prizes that are a part of our Summer Reading Program.

Inside this brochure is an abbreviated version of our summer reading list. The full list can be found on the SOMS web. The reading list is intended to help your student find quality books that might normally be overlooked.

Again, we wish you a safe summer filled with fun, relaxation, and hopefully, lots and lots of reading!

## Fantasy Fiction

Cooper, Susan/**The dark is rising\***  
DuPrau, Jeanne/**The city of Ember\***  
Barron, T.A./ **The eternal flame\***  
Cashore, Kristin/**Graceling**  
Collins, Suzanne/**The hunger games**  
Flanagan, John/**The burning bridge\***  
Gaiman, Neil/**The graveyard book**  
Hale, Shannon/**Book of a thousand days**  
Hunter, Erin/**Eclipse\***  
Hunter, Erin/**Great Bear Lake\***  
Jacques, Brian/**Doomwyte\***  
Jones, Frewin/**The lost queen**  
Law, Ingrid/**Savvy**  
Marr, Melissa/**Ink exchange**  
Marr, Melissa/**Wicked lovely**  
Pierce, Tamora/**Melting stones\***  
Ryan, Carrie/**The forest of hands and teeth**

## Folklore & Fairy Tales

DiCamillo, Kate/**The tale of Despereaux**  
Haddix, Margaret Peterson/**Just Ella**  
McKinley, Robin/**Beauty**  
Napoli, Donna Jo/**Beast**  
Napoli, Donna Jo/**Breath**  
Napoli, Donna Jo/**Zel**  
Vande Velde, Vivian/**Heir apparent**  
George, Jessica Day/**Sun and moon, ice and snow**  
Hale, Shannon/**The goose girl**  
Levine, Gail Carson/**Fairest**  
Napoli, Donna Jo/**Spinners**  
Yolen, Jane/**Troll Bridge: a roll 'n' roll fairy tale**  
Bunce, Elizabeth/**A curse dark as gold**

## Mystery Fiction

Haddix, Margaret Peterson/**Running out of time**  
Westerfeld, Scott/**So yesterday**  
Abrahams, Peter/**Behind the curtain: an Echo Falls mystery \***  
Balliett, Blue/**Chasing Vermeer**  
Cormier, Robert/**In the middle of the night**  
Duncan, Lois/**Don't look behind you \***  
Ferguson, Alane/**The circle of blood: a forensic mystery\***  
Giles, Gail/**Dead girls don't write letters**  
Hiaasen, Carl/**Scat**  
Higson, Charles/**SilverFin: a James Bond adventure**  
Pullman, Philip/**The ruby in the smoke\***  
Springer, Nancy/**The case of the cryptic crinoline\***

## Historical Fiction

Hoffman, Alice/**Incantation**  
Speare, Elizabeth George/**Witch of Blackbird Pond**  
Frazier, Charles/**Cold Mountain**  
Kingsolver, Barbara/**The poisonwood Bible**  
Anderson, Laurie Halse/**Chains**  
Anderson, Laurie Halse/**Fever, 1793**  
Bartoletti, Susan Campbell/**The boy who dared**  
Benson, Ann/**The burning road**  
Bruchac, Joseph/**Code Talker**  
Cooney, Caroline/**Goddess of yesterday**  
Curtis, Christopher Paul/**Bud, Not Buddy**  
Grant, K.M./**Green jasper**  
Greenwood, Barbara/**Factory girl**  
Klages, Ellen/**The green glass sea**  
Larson, Kirby/**Hattie Big Sky**  
Lawrence, Iain/**The convicts**  
McDonald, Joyce/**Devil on my heels**  
Meyer, L.A./**Bloody Jack: being an account of the adventures of Mary "Jacky" Faber, ship's boy**  
Meyer, Carolyn/**The true adventures of Charley Darwin**  
Napoli, Donna Jo/**Bound**  
Paulsen, Gary/**The legend of Bass Reeves**  
Reeve, Philip/**Here lies Arthur**  
Salisbury, Graham/**Eyes of the emperor**  
Draper, Sharon M./**Cooper Sun**  
Zusak, Markus/**The book thief**

## SciFi

Haddix, Margaret Peterson/**Turnabout**  
Pfeffer, Susan Beth/**Life as we knew it\***  
Etchemendy, Nancy/**The power of Un**  
Farmer, Nancy/**The house of the scorpion**  
Haddix, Margaret Peterson/**Found**  
Opper, Kenneth/**Airborn\***  
Patterson, James/**The dangerous days of Daniel X**  
Sleator, William/**The beasties**  
Sleator, William/**The boxes**  
Weyn, Suzanne/**The bar code rebellion\***  
Jinks, Catherine/**Evil Genius**  
Card, Orson Scott/**Ender in exile**

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To locate the complete SOMS Summer Reading List, please go to the following location on the SOMS web page:  
[www.oldham.kyschools.us/soms/](http://www.oldham.kyschools.us/soms/)  
Select the **Media Center** tab  
then click on the **Destiny Quest** icon Reading Lists are located in the **Resource Lists** Box.

## Overcoming Life's Obstacles & Hurdles

Giff, Patricia Reilly/**Pictures of Hollis Woods**  
Baldacci, David/**Wish you well**  
Cooney, Caroline B./**Burning up**  
Rosoff, Meg/**How I live now**  
Spinelli, Jerry/**Crash**  
Winston, Sherri/**The Kayla chronicles**  
Connor, Leslie/**Waiting for normal**

## The Sporting Life

Coy, John/**Box out**  
Pena, Matt de la/**Ball don't lie**  
Feynstein, John/**Cover up**  
Feynstein, John/**Last shot**  
Green, Tim/**Baseball great**  
Green, Tim/**Football genius**  
Lupica, Mike/**Summer ball**  
Murdock, Catherine Gilbert/**Dairy Queen**  
Parker, Robert B. /**The Boxer and the spy**

## Books to Make you Laugh Out Loud

Allison, Jennifer/**Gilda Joyce, psychic investigator \***  
Baker, E.D./**The frog princess**  
Ferris, Jean/**Much ado about Grubstake**  
Fleischman, Sid/**Bo & Mzzz Mad**  
Limb, Sue/**Girl, 15, charming but insane\***  
Lowry, Lois/**The Willoughbys**  
Mlynowski, Sarah/**Frogs & French kisses\***  
Paulsen, Gary/**The Schernoff discoveries**  
Peck, Richard/**The teacher's funeral**  
Walsh, Marissa/**A field guide to high school**  
Rennison, Louis/**Angus, thongs, and full-frontal snogging\***

## Vampires and other Ghouls

Atwater-Rhodes, Amelia/**Midnight predator \***  
Brewer, Heather/**The chronicles of Vladimir Tod \***  
Clare, Cassandra/**City of bones**  
Cooney, Caroline B./**Fatal bargain**  
Delaney, Joseph/**Attack of the fiend**  
De la Druz, Melissa/**Blue bloods \***  
Hautman, Pete/**Sweetblood**  
Johnson, Maureen/**Devilish**  
Rook, Sebastian/**London, 1850 \***  
Schreiber, Ellen/**Vampireville \***  
Shan, Darren/**Cirque du freak \***  
Stroud, Jonathan/**Ptolemy's gate\***