

Summer Reading List - Students Entering Grade 6

Fiction

Dogs of War – Sheila Keenan

Three fictional stories, told in graphic novel format, about soldiers in World War I, World War II, and the Vietnam War.

The One and Only Ivan – Katherine Applegate

When Ivan, a gorilla who has lived for years in a down-and-out circus-themed mall, meets Ruby, a baby elephant that has been added to the mall, he decides that he must find her a better life.

Lions of Little Rock – Kristen Levine

In 1958 Little Rock, Arkansas, painfully shy twelve-year-old Marlee sees her city and family divided over school integration, but her friendship with Liz, a new student, helps her find her voice and fight against racism.

I Represent Sean Rosen – Jeff Baron

Pretending to be his own adult manager, a thirteen-year-old boy sells a movie idea to a major Hollywood studio.

The Heartbreak Messenger – Alexander Vance

When doing a favor for a friend leads him to begin a service that allows his classmates to gently break up with each other by proxy, Quentin enjoys unexpected initial success before becoming discouraged by the constant exposure to broken hearts.

Ungifted – Gordan Korman

Due to an administrative mix-up, troublemaker Donovan Curtis is sent to the Academy of Scholastic Distinction, a special school for gifted and talented students, after pulling a major prank at middle school.

Golden Boy – Tara Sullivan

A Tanzanian albino boy finds himself the ultimate outsider, hunted for his skin and its supposed powers.

The Last Dragonslayer – Jasper Fforde

As magic fades from the world, Jennifer Strange is having trouble keeping her magician employment agency business afloat, until she begins having visions that foretell the death of the last dragon and coming of Big Magic.

Jepp Who Defied the Stars – Katherine Marsh

Jepp, a teenage dwarf living in 16th century Europe, leaves home to seek his destiny.
Series

Non-Fiction

Smile – Raina Telgemeier

In this graphic novel memoir, Raina just wants to be a normal sixth grader. But one night after Girl Scouts she trips and falls, severely injuring her two front teeth. What follows is a long and frustrating journey with family, friends, boys and dental drama.

Hana's Suitcase – Karen Levine

A biography of a Czech girl who died in the Holocaust, told in alternating chapters with an account of how the curator of a Japanese Holocaust center learned about her life after Hana's suitcase was sent to her.

How They Croaked and

How They Choked (follow up to 1st book) – Georgia Bragg A look at the deaths and general misfortune of several famous people throughout history.

Titanic: Voices from the Disaster – Deborah Hopkinson

Tells the tale of the sinking of the Titanic using the narratives of the witnesses and survivors to the disaster.

The Boy on the Wooden Box – Leon Leyson

Traces the story of Holocaust survivor Leon Leyson, who was the youngest child in his family and possibly the youngest of the hundreds of Jews rescued by Oskar Schindler.