



Ayer Shirley Middle School
Reading Menu
Summer 2022



The following are some suggestions for your summer reading and their [summaries](#). If you don't find something of interest here, try these sites: lexile.com and [What Should I Read Next](#). Happy reading!

Lexile Key

6th Grade = 875L to 1180L

7th Grade = 950L to 1250L

8th Grade = 1000L to 1310L

Realistic Fiction

Under the Mesquite by Guadalupe Garcia (990L)
Rules by Cynthia Lord (670L)
Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper (700L)
Rain Reign by Ann Martin (720L)
Restart by Gordon Korman (730L)
Counting by 7s by Holly Goldberg Sloan (770L)
Wonder by R.J. Palacio (790L)
Wolf Hollow by Lauren Wolk (800L)
The Only Black Girls in Town by Brandy Colbert
Paperboy by Vince Vawter (940L)
The Wednesday Wars by Gary Schmidt (990L)
Black Brother by Jewell Parker Rhodes
Another Brooklyn by Jacqueline Woodson
Esperanza Rising by Pam Muñoz Ryan (750L)

Poetry

Love That Dog by Sharon Creech (1010L)
Swimming Upstream: Middle School Poems by
D. Tilley (No Lexile)
The Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo
The Rose that Grew From Concrete by Tupac
Shakur

Fantasy

The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhill
(640L)
The Key to Extraordinary by Natalie Lloyd (670L)
Things Not Seen by Andrew Clements (690L)
Divergent Trilogy by Veronica Roth (700-830L)
Maze Runner Series by James Dashner (810L)
Uglies by Scott Westerfeld (770L)
Sal and Gabi Break the Universe by Carlos
Hernandez
Harry Potter Series by J.K. Rowling (880-950L)
The Golden Compass by Philip Pullman (930L)
The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien (1000L)
Hurricane Child by Kacen Callendar (1010L)

Action/Adventure

Peak by Roland Smith (760L)
Allies by Alan Gratz (780L)
Call It Courage by Armstrong Sperry (830L)
Hatchet by Gary Paulsen (1020L)
The Call of the Wild by Jack London (1120L)
The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins 820L

Historical Perspective

The War that Saved My Life by *K. B. Bradley* (580L)

The Breadwinner by *Deborah Ellis* (710L)

Thieves of Ostia by *Caroline Lawrence* (720L)

One Crazy Summer by *Rita Williams-Garcia* (750L)

Little Leaders by *Vashti Harrison* (1050L)

Everything Sad is Untrue by *Daniel Nayeri* (800L)

Chasing Lincoln's Killer by *J. L. Swanson* (980L)

I Have Lived a Thousand Years by *Livia*

Bitton-Jackson (720L)

Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom by *Elsbeth*

Leacock and Susan Buckley (780L)

One Crazy Summer by *Rita Williams* (750L)

All About Science!

Bomb: The Race to Build and Steal the Most

Dangerous Weapon by *Steve Sheinkin* (920L)

The Thing About Jelly Fish by *Ali Benjamin*

How We Got to the Moon by *John Rocco* (1170 L)

What's In Your Genes? by *Katie Mckissick*

Welcome to Mars: Making a Home on the Red

Planet by *Buzz Aldrin*

Girls Think of Everything: Stories of Ingenious

Inventions by Women by *Catherine Thimmesh*

Brendan Buckley's Universe and Everything In

It by *Sundee T. Frazier*

Sports Related

Tangerine (soccer) by *Edward Bloor* (680L)

Ghost (track) by *Jason Reynolds* (730L)

Lu by *Jason Reynolds* (750 L)

Travel Team (basketball) by *Mike Lupica* (930L)

Million Dollar Throw by *Mike Lupica* (960L)

Let Them Play by *Margot Theis Raven* (1100L)

The Crossover by *Kwame Alexander*(750L)

Graphic Novels

Roller Girl by *Victoria Jamieson* (440L)

Dragon Hoops by *Gene Luen Yang* (550 L)

Maximum Ride - The Angel Experiment by

James Patterson (700L)

Heartstopper by *Alice Oseman*

American Boy Chinese by *Gene Luen Yang*