

Newton Middle School ²⁰²⁴ Summer Reading Guide

These selections include new and award winning books, and titles that endure the test of time. Some titles on this list are based on favorite books of the students at NMS. Included are, new book titles out this year, some highlighted by Arapahoe Library District librarians over the last year. This summer, try a new genre or author!

The list is divided according to genre and some books are coded by the reading level.



2023-24 NMS Favorites

(According to Destiny & Reading Counts)

Summer I Turned Pretty series,

by Jenny Han (mr, r)

Hunger Games series, by Suzanne Collins, (d)

Maze Runner series, by James Dashner (sf)

Harry Potter series, by J.K. Rowling (f)

Middle School Worst Years of My Life

series, by Lemony Snicket (h, mr)

Trapped by Michael Northrop (as)

Uglies series, by Scott Westerfeld (sf)

Maximum Ride series,

by James Patterson (sf, as)

Percy Jackson and the Olympians

series, by Rick Riordan (f)

Divergent series, by Veronica Roth (d)

Hatchet series, by Gary Paulsen (as)

Ground Zero by Alan Gratz (hf)

Selection series, by Kiera Cass (f)

Warriors series, by Erin Hunter (f)

Flipped by Wendelin Van Draanen (mr)

Alone by Megan E. Freeman (sf, as)

Inheritance Games series,

by Jennifer Lynn Barnes (m)

Holes by Louis Sachar (mr)

Red Queen series, by Victoria Aveyard (f)

Scythe series, by Neal Shusterman (f)

Ranger's Apprentice series,

by John Flanagan (f)

I Am Number Four (Lorien Legacies series),

by Pittacus Lore (sf)

The Bad Beginning (Series of Unfortunate

Events), by Lemony Snicket (f)

Fablehaven series, by Brandon Mull (f)

Girl Stolen series, by April Henry (t)

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ALD: arapahoelibraries.org

Bemis: bemis.marmot.org

Modern Realism, Mystery & Humor

Stars and Smoke by Marie Lu (mr, r)

Ruby Lost and Found by Christina Li (mr, ALD)

No Place Like Home by James Bird (mr)

Control Freaks by J. E. Thomas (mr)

Not an Easy Win by Chrystal D. Giles (mr, sj)

Brighter Than the Sun by Daniel Aleman (mr, O)

The Reckoning by Wade Hudson (mr, sj)

Hummingbird by Natalie Lloyd (mr, ALD)

Wave by Diana Farid (mr, v, ALD)

Omar Rising by Aisha Saeed (mr, sj)

Borrow My Heart by Kasie West (mr, r, ALD)

Starfish by Lisa Fipps (mr, ALD)

What Happened to Rachel Riley

by Claire Swinarski (mr, ALD)

Turtles of the Midnight Moon

by Maraia Josae Fitzgerald (m, ALD)

Jackaby series, by William Ritter (m)

The Storytellers by Brandon Hobson (m, f)

I Must Betray You by Ruta Sepetys (m, hf)

Swindle series, by Gordon Korman (m, h)

A Perfect Mistake by Melanie Conklin (m, ALD)

Don't Want to be Your Monster

by Deke Moulton (m)

Malice by Pintip Dunn (m, r)

Take by Jennifer Bradbury (m)

The Double Life of Danny Day

by Mike Thayer (h)

The Prince and the Apocalypse

by Kara McDowell (h, mr, r)

Didn't See That Coming

by Jesse Q. Sutanto (h, mr, r)

Liar, Liar series, by Gary Paulsen (h, mr)

Princess Diaries series, by Meg Cabot (h)

Codename Zero series, by Chris Rylander (h)

The Date to Save by Stephanie Kate Strohm (h, r)

Key to Reading Guide Categories

(O) Older Readers-eighth grade level and above.

(ALD) Arapahoe Library District Suggestion

f-Fantasy, sf-Science Fiction, d-Dystopian, m-Mystery t-Thriller-Horror, hf-Historical Fiction, h-Humor, gf-Graphic Novel, mr-Modern Realism, as-Adventure/Survival, v-Verse r-Romance sj-Social Justice, b-Biography, nf-Non-Fiction

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Historical Fiction, Adventure Survival, & Non-Fiction

- Stone River Crossing** by Tim Tingle (hf)
Stateless by Elizabeth Wein (hf, m)
The Lost Year by Katherine Marsh (hf, mr)
Heroes by Alan Gratz (hf)
Berliners by Vesper Stamper (hf, ALD)
Nothing Else but Miracles by Kate Albus (hf)
Way of the Warrior (Young Samurai series), by
Chris Braford (hf)
Stella by Starlight by Sharon Draper (hf, sj)
White Rose by Kip Wilson (hf, v)
We Are Wolves by Katrina Nannestad (hf)
Lifeboat by Susan Hood (hf, v)
Lake House by Sarah Beth Durst (as, t)
The Big Dark by Rodman Philbrick (as, mr)
Global by Eoin Colfer (as, gf)
Thieves' Gambit by Kayvion Lewis (as, m, O)
96 Miles by J. L. Esplin (as)
Pearl of the Sea by Anthony Silverston (as, gf)
Wild Bird by Wenelin Van Draanen (as)
A Rebel in Auschwitz by Jack Fairweather (nf)
Into the Wild by Jon Krakauer (b)
**Chasing Space, An Astronaut's Story of Grit, Grace
and Second Chances** by Leland Melvin (b)
**The Boys in the Boat, Nine Americans and
Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin
Olympics** by Daniel James Brown (nf)

Young Adult

- All the Things We Never Knew**
by Liara Tamani (mr, s)
Mermaid's Tale by L. E. Richmond (f)
Before the Devil Knows You're Here
by Autumn Krause (hf)
**The Curious Incident of the Dog in the
Night-Time** by Mark Haddon (mr)

Sports Fiction

- Captain Skidmark Dances with Destiny**
by Jennifer A. Irwin (s, h)
Fast Pitch by Nic Stone (s, ALD)
The Wizenard series by Wesley King (s, f)
Woodsie by Bruce Brooks (s)
Before the Ever After
by Jacqueline Woodson (s, v)

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Fantasy, Science Fiction, & Horror

- West of the Sea** by Stephanie Willing (f)
Supernatural Society by Rex Ogle (f)
The Storm Runner series, J.C. Cervantes (f)
Magyk (Septimus Heap series), by Angie Sage (f)
Those We Drown by Amy Goldsmith (f)
This Poison Heart series, by Kalynn Bayron (f)
The Demon Sword Asperides
by Sarah Jean Horwitz (f)
Courtesy of Cupid by Nashae Jones (f, O)
The Warrior Heir series,
by Cinda Williams Chima (f)
The Immortal Games by Annaliese Avery (f)
Into the Sunken City by Dinesh Thiru (f)
Loki's Wolves series, by K.L. Armstrong (f)
The Reader series by Traci Chee (f)
Tiger Quest series by Colleen Houch (f)
Jennifer Chan is Not Alone by Tae Keller (f)
New Dragon City by Mari Mancusi (f, ALD)
Shadow and Bone series, by Leigh Bardugo (f)
Race for the Escape by Christopher Edge (sf, as)
Izzy and at the End of the World
by K.A. Reynolds (sf)
The Colliding Worlds of Mina Lee
by Ellen Oh (sf, as)
Cinder (The Lunar Chronicles series),
by Marissa Meyer (sf)
Matched series, by Ally Condie (sf, d)
Time Travel for Love and Profit
by Sarah Lariviere (sf)
Gone Wolf by Amber McBride (sf, d, sj)
In the City of Time by Gwedolyn Clare (sf)
Alone Out Here by Riley Redgate (sf)
In the Red by Christopher Swiedler (sf)
Bloom series by Kenneth Oppel (sf)
Children of Stardust by Edudzi Adodo (sf)
A Living Nightmare (Cirque du Freak series) (t)
The Beginning (Fear Street series), R.L. Stine (t)
Rot and Ruin series, by Jonathan Maberry (t)
The Girls are Never Gone
by Sarah Glenn Marsh (t)
Bad Girls Don't Die series, by Katie Alender (t)

