

2016 Summer Reading List Grade 7



Hello, I am Kells' Librarian, **Ms. Elaina** and welcome to your **Summer Reading List!** Did you know that there is a TON of research out there showing that students who don't read over the summer break can lose up to **3 months of reading progress** which can affect their **overall achievement** in the classroom come fall?

Translation: Reading over the summer will make the starting school next year MUCH easier!

With this in mind, and because I think reading is one of the true pleasures in life, I have prepared a list of **suggestions** for some great summer reads! Take a peek and see if anything captures your interest. Or, head to your local library or bookstore and discover a new title or author for yourself. 😊

Note: students are not required to read the titles recommended here, however, I strongly suggest that they do read over the summer be it a novel, a graphic novel/comic book or magazines.

Happy reading,
Ms. Elaina, MLIS
Librarian

A note to parents/guardians: I have included in this list books that discuss many different points of view. If you are concerned about what your child reads (ex.: you don't want them reading anything too violent) please read the synopsis and review the book before you allow them to proceed. Though I believe that students should read about a wide variety of topics, perspectives, worldviews, etc., I leave it up to the parents'/guardians' discretion.

Want some more suggestions? Check out these sites:

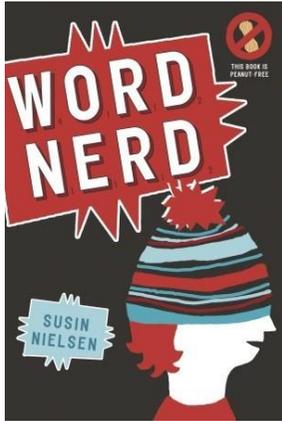
[Good Reads: Listopia - Young Adult Book Lists](#)

[NPR Books: Young Adults](#)

[Toronto Public Library: Recommended Books for Teens](#)

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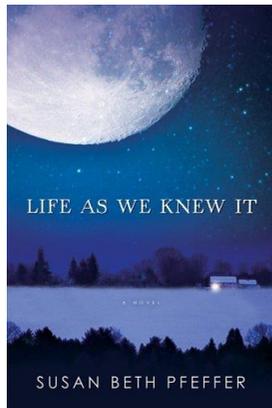


Word Nerd (Realistic Fiction)

Susin Nielsen

Twelve-year-old Ambrose is a glass-half-full kind of guy. A self-described “friendless nerd,” he moves from place to place every couple of years with his overprotective mother, Irene. When some bullies at his new school almost kill him by slipping a peanut into his sandwich — even though they know he has a deathly allergy — Ambrose is philosophical. Irene, however, is not and decides that Ambrose will be home-schooled.

Alone in the evenings when Irene goes to work, Ambrose pesters Cosmo, the twenty-five-year-old son of the Greek landlords who live upstairs. Cosmo has just been released from jail for breaking and entering to support a drug habit. Quite by accident, Ambrose discovers that they share a love of Scrabble and coerces Cosmo into taking him to the West Side Scrabble Club, where Cosmo falls for Amanda, the club director. Posing as Ambrose’s Big Brother to impress her, Cosmo is motivated to take Ambrose to the weekly meetings and to give him lessons in self-defense. Cosmo, Amanda, and Ambrose soon form an unlikely alliance and, for the first time in his life, Ambrose blossoms. There’s only one problem: Irene has no idea what Ambrose is up to.



Life as we Knew it (Science Fiction)

Susan Beth Pfeffer

High school sophomore Miranda’s disbelief turns to fear in a split second when an asteroid knocks the moon closer to Earth, like “one marble hits another.” The result is catastrophic. How can her family prepare for the future when worldwide tsunamis are wiping out the coasts, earthquakes are rocking the continents, and volcanic ash is blocking out the sun? As August turns dark and wintry in northeastern Pennsylvania, Miranda, her two brothers, and their mother retreat to the unexpected safe haven of their sunroom, where they subsist on stockpiled food and limited water in the warmth of a wood-burning stove.

Told in a year’s worth of journal entries, this heart-pounding story chronicles Miranda’s struggle to hold on to the most important resource of all—hope—in an increasingly desperate and unfamiliar world.



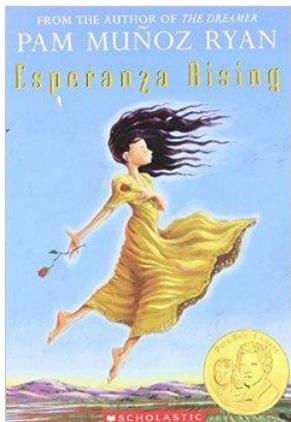
Heroes of Olympus: The Lost Hero (Fantasy Fiction)

Rick Riordan

Jason has a problem. He doesn't remember anything before waking up on a school bus holding hands with a girl. Apparently she's his girlfriend Piper, his best friend is a kid named Leo, and they're all students in the Wilderness School, a boarding school for "bad kids." What he did to end up here, Jason has no idea-except that everything seems very wrong.

Piper has a secret. Her father has been missing for three days, and her vivid nightmares reveal that he's in terrible danger. Now her boyfriend doesn't recognize her, and when a freak storm and strange creatures attack during a school field trip, she, Jason, and Leo are whisked away to someplace called Camp Half-Blood. What is going on?

Leo has a way with tools. His new cabin at Camp Half-Blood is filled with them. Seriously, the place beats Wilderness School hands down, with its weapons training, monsters, and fine-looking girls. What's troubling is the curse everyone keeps talking about, and that a camper's gone missing. Weirdest of all, his bunkmates insist they are all - including Leo-related to a god.



Esperanza Rising (Historical Fiction)

Pam Munoz Ryan

Esperanza thought she'd always live with her family on their ranch in Mexico--she'd always have fancy dresses, a beautiful home, and servants. But a sudden tragedy forces Esperanza and Mama to flee to California during the Great Depression, and to settle in a camp for Mexican farm workers. Esperanza isn't ready for the hard labor, financial struggles, or lack of acceptance she now faces. When their new life is threatened, Esperanza must find a way to rise above her difficult circumstances--Mama's life, and her own, depend on it.

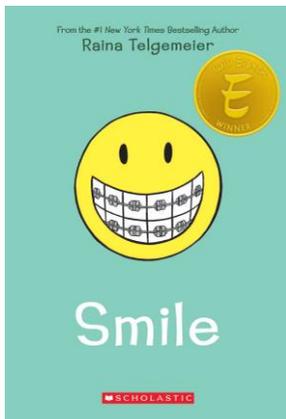


The Awesome, Almost 100% True Adventures of Matt & Craz (Humorous Fiction)

Alan Silberberg

Best friends Matt and Larry "Craz" Crazinski couldn't be more different. Matt loves order, while Craz lives on the edge. The boys share a passion for cartooning, but thanks to the school paper gatekeeper (and kind-of bully), Skip Turtle, it seems their cartoons will never be published. But then the boys discover a pen that promises to help them DRAW BETTER NOW!-and quickly realize it's no ordinary pen: Whatever they draw comes to life!

***Top choice for ESL students**



Smile (Graphic Novel)

Raina Telgemeier

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 on-again, off-again braces, surgery, embarrassing headgear, and even a retainer with fake teeth attached. And on top of all that, there's still more to deal with: a major earthquake, boy confusion, and friends who turn out to be not so friendly.

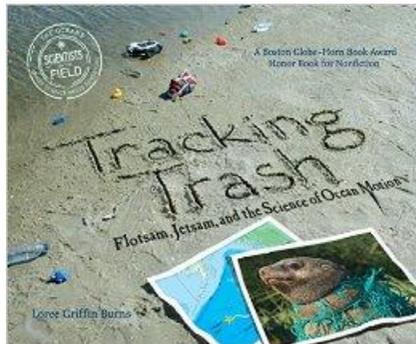


Cardboard (Graphic Novel)

Doug Tennapel

Cam's down-and-out father gives him a cardboard box for his birthday and he knows it's the worst present ever. So to make the best of a bad situation, they bend the cardboard into a man-and to their astonishment, it comes magically to life. But the neighborhood bully, Marcus, warps the powerful cardboard into his own evil creations that threaten to destroy them all!

***Top choice for reluctant readers**



Tracking Trash: Flotsam, Jetsam, and the Science of Ocean Motion (Nonfiction)

Loree Griffin Burns

Aided by an army of beachcombers, oceanographer Dr. Curtis Ebbesmeyer tracks trash in the name of science. From sneakers to hockey gloves, Curt monitors the watery fate of human-made cargo that has spilled into the ocean. The information he collects is much more than casual news; it is important scientific data. And with careful analysis, Curt, along with a community of scientists, friends, and beachcombers alike, is using his data to understand and protect our ocean.

In engaging text and unforgettable images, readers meet the woman who started it all (Curt's mother!), the computer program that makes sense of his data (nicknamed OSCURS), and several scientists, both on land and on the sea, who are using Curt's discoveries to preserve delicate marine habitats and protect the creatures who live in them. A Boston Globe-Horn Book Award Honor Book for Nonfiction.



Léo Sacrin : mémoires catastrophiques pour collégiens du futur (French Fiction)

L.A. Campbell

Léo Rifkif a eu son premier devoir d'histoire, pour lequel il doit écrire un journal intime qui voyagera dans une capsule temporelle vers les générations futures. S'il a de mauvaises notes, il devra continuer à partager sa chambre avec ses petites soeurs, absolument insupportables. De plus, sa mère impose le végétarisme à toute la famille et il doit transporter ses affaires dans un caddie.



La Nouvelle maîtresse (French Fiction)

Dominique Demers

Un nouvelle enseignante s'amène dans la classe de Marie pour remplacer leur enseignante en congé de maternité. Avec ses méthodes peu orthodoxes, elle parvient à séduire les élèves. Mais quand une bataille éclate dans la classe et que Charlotte apprend que la violence est fréquente, elle quitte la classe sans se retourner. Les élèves s'ennuient d'elle terriblement et ils sont prêts à tout faire pour qu'elle revienne.

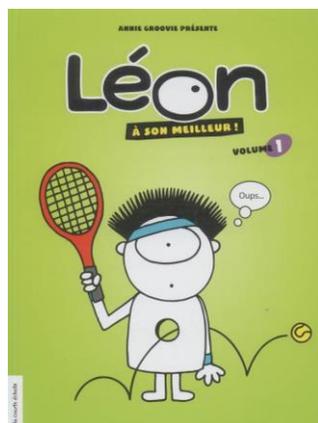


Chi (French Comic Book)

Konami Kanata

Les aventures d'un petit chat recueilli par une famille et sa découverte du monde qui l'entoure : les autos, les chiens, la litière, les croquettes...

***Top choice for students who have difficulty with French**



Léon à son meilleur (French Comic Book)

Annie Groovie

C'est parti pour des cases et des cases d'humour avec Léon le cyclope rigolo, le Chat et la séduisante Lola. Au fil du quotidien des trois amis, tout est sujet à réflexion, et surtout à plaisanterie. On découvrira que Léon est plus gourmand que galant, que le chat est plus malin que câlin, et que Lola est charmante... en tout temps !