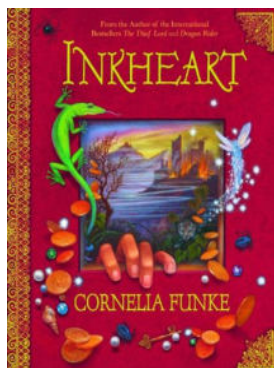


Grade 7 Summer Reading



During the course of the summer, students should read at least one of the novels from the list below *

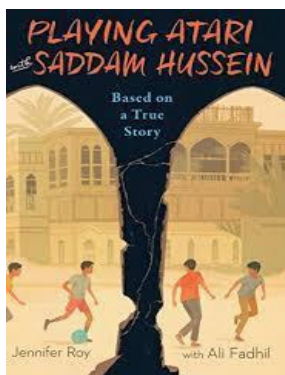


The Inkheart Series

by Cornelia Funke

Fantasy

Imagine having the power to read anything and be able to turn creatures from your wildest imaginations into a reality! Meggie and her father Mo have this ability but one night this backfires and an evil villain from the book “Inkheart” is released. To what lengths will these two characters go to send this evil back to whence he came?



Playing Atari with Saddam Hussein

by Jennifer Roy and Ali Fadhil

Based on a True Story

For forty-two days in 1991, eleven-year-old Ali Fadhil and his family struggle to survive as Basra, Iraq, is bombed by the United States and its allies.

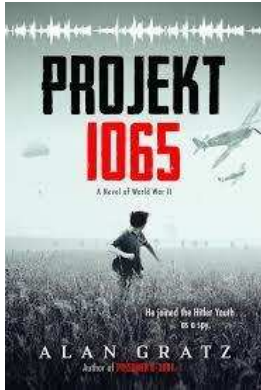


Rocket Science for the Rest of Us

By Ben Gilliland

Nonfiction

This book takes complex scientific ideas and breaks them down for the non-scientist, from explaining the size of the Universe to how black holes work, Schroedinger's cat, and the Higgs boson. Difficult ideas and theories are compared to everyday things we are familiar with – forces become armies and electrons have personalities.



Projekt 1065

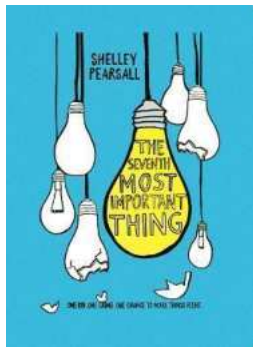
By Alan Gratz Series
Adventure/ Fiction

Michael O'Shaunessey, a thirteen-year-old son of the Irish ambassador to Nazi Germany in Berlin, is also a spy for the British Secret Service. He has joined the Hitler Youth, pretending that he agrees with their violence but when he is asked to find out more about "Projekt 1065," he is thrust into a situation that may be more than he or his family can handle.

The Seventh Most Important Thing

by Shelley Pearsall
Historical Fiction

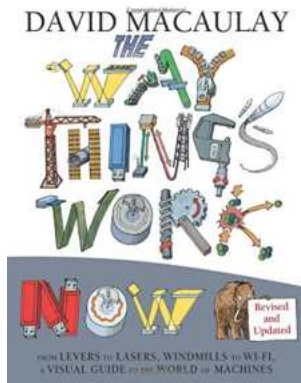
Arthur T. Owens remembers vividly when he grabbed the heavy brick and hurled it at the trash picker, Junk Man. The incident nearly had Arthur packing for juvie but Junk Man steps in and gives him a chance, 120 hours of community service working for him! With a rickety shopping cart and a list of Seven Most Important Things, Arthur and Junkman go on a journey where there is always more than meets the eye.



The Way Things Work: Newly Revised Edition

By David Macaulay
Nonfiction

This book captures the latest developments in the technology that most impacts our lives. Famously packed with information on the inner workings of everything from windmills to Wi-Fi, this extraordinary and humorous book both guides readers through the fundamental principles of machines, and shows how the developments of the past are building the world of tomorrow.



***A note to parents/guardians:**

Included in this list are 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 it is good for students to read about a wide variety of topics, perspectives, worldviews, etc., it is ultimately left up to the parents'/guardians' discretion.



