

**Summer Reading 2009**  
**Grades 6 - 8**  
**Blind Brook Middle School**

Dear Middle Schoolers,

We have selected a wide assortment of books so that you have many options. There are fiction books in a variety of genres as well as non-fiction books on the list. Choose at least **two books that you have not yet read** from the list that appeal to you; read more if you like. In your English class in September, you will be required to write about one of the books you chose to read. **Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders must choose a fiction book to write about in class. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders may choose fiction or non-fiction.** We suggest, but do not require, that you take notes while you read.

Most books will be available at the Book Fair next week. Enjoy your summer!

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## **NON-FICTION**

Armstrong, Jennifer

Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World: The Extraordinary True Story of Shackleton and the Endurance

Sid Fleischman

Escape! The Story of the Great Houdini

Ji-li Jiang

Red Scarf Girl: a Memoir of the Cultural Revolution

Jim Murphy

An American Plague: the True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793

Blizzard! The Storm that Changed America

The Great Fire

Peter Nelson

Left for Dead: a Young Man's Search for Justice for the USS Indianapolis

Gary Paulsen

My Life in Dog Years

Stephen Pincock

Codebreaker: The History of Codes and Ciphers, From the Ancient Pharaohs to Quantum Cryptography

Ken Silverstein

The Radioactive Boy Scout: the Frightening True Story of a Whiz Kid and his Homemade

Nuclear Reactor

James L. Swanson

Chasing Lincoln's Killer

Sarah L. Thomson

Three Cups of Tea

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## FICTION

Louisa May Alcott  
Little Women

Lloyd Alexander  
The Book of Three (#1)  
The Black Cauldron (#2)  
The Castle of Llyr (#3)

Laurie Halse Anderson  
Fever, 1793

Isaac Asimov  
I, Robot

Avi  
Nothing but the Truth  
The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle  
Crispin: Cross of Lead  
Crispin: At the Edge of the World

Natalie Babbitt  
The Search for Delicious

Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson  
Peter and the Starcatchers (#1)  
Peter and the Shadow Thieves (#2)  
Peter and the Secret of Rundoon (#3)

Jeanne Birdsall  
The Penderwicks: a Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits and a Very Interesting Boy  
The Penderwicks on Gardam Street

Edward Bloor  
Tangerine

Ann Brashares  
The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants  
The Second Summer of the Sisterhood  
Girls in Pants: the Third Summer of the Sisterhood  
Forever in Blue: The Fourth Summer of the Sisterhood

Joseph Bruchac  
Code Talker: A Novel about the Navajo Marines of World War Two

Michael Buckley and Peter Ferguson

The Sisters Grimm Book 1: The Fairy-Tale Detectives  
The Sisters Grimm Book 2: The Unusual Suspects  
The Sisters Grimm: The Problem Child (#3)  
The Sister Grimm: Once Upon a Crime (#4)  
Magic and Other Misdemeanors (#5)  
Tales from the Hood (#6)  
The Everafter War (#7)

Frances Hodgson Burnett

The Secret Garden

Georgia Byng

Molly Moon's Incredible Book of Hypnotism  
Molly Moon Stops the World  
Molly Moon's Hypnotic Time Travel Adventure  
Molly Moon, Micky Minus, and the Mind Machine

Orson Scott Card

Ender's Game

Kristin Cashore

Graceling

Gennifer Choldenko

Al Capone Does My Shirts  
Notes from a Liar and her Dog

Eoin Colfer

Artemis Fowl  
Artemis Fowl: the Artic Incident  
Artemis Fowl: the Eternity Code  
Artemis Fowl: the Opal Deception  
Artemis Fowl: the Lost Colony  
Artemis Fowl: the Time Paradox  
Airman

Suzanne Collins

The Hunger Games

Sharon Creech

Chasing Redbird  
Love that Dog  
Replay  
The Wanderer

Chris Crutcher

Ironman: a Novel  
Whale Talk

Priscilla Cummings  
Red Kayak

Karen Cushman  
Catherine, Called Birdy

Paula Danziger and Ann M. Martin  
P.S. Longer Letter Later  
Snail Mail No More

Silvana De Mari  
The Last Dragon

Kate DiCamillo  
The Tale of Despereaux : Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, some Soup, and a Spool of Thread  
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane

Siobahn Dowd  
The London Eye Mystery

Jeanne DuPrau  
The City of Ember (#1)  
The People of Sparks (#2)  
The Prophet of Yonwood (#3)

Eleanor Estes  
Ginger Pye

Jules Feiffer  
The Man in the Ceiling

John Feinstein  
Last Shot: A Final Four Mystery

Esther Friesner  
Nobody's Princess  
Nobody's Prize

Cornelia Funke  
Inkheart (#1)  
Inkspell (#2)  
Inkdeath (#3)  
The Thief Lord  
Dragon Rider  
Igraine the Brave

Neil Gaiman  
Coraline  
The Graveyard Book

Jean Craighead George  
My Side of the Mountain  
On the Far Side of the Mountain  
Julie of the Wolves

Jessica Day George  
Sun and Moon, Ice and Snow

Patricia Reilly Giff  
Lily's Crossing  
Nory Ryan's Song

Alan Gratz  
The Brooklyn Nine

Tim Green  
Football Genius  
Football Champ (available June 30, 2009)  
Baseball Great

Karen Hesse  
Brooklyn Bridge

Jeff Kinney (Students may read 1 book only)  
Diary of Wimpy Kid: Greg Heffley's Journal  
Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules (Sequel to Diary of a Wimpy Kid)  
Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Last Straw

Shannon Hale  
The Goose Girl  
Enna Burning  
River Secrets  
Princess Academy  
Book of a Thousand Days

Carl Hiaasen  
Hoot  
Flush  
Scat

Margaret Peterson Haddix  
Double Identity

Will Hobbs  
Downriver  
Far North

Mark Peter Hughes  
Lemonade Mouth

Elizabeth Cody Kimmel  
Lily B. on the Brink of Cool

E.L. Konigsburg  
The View From Saturday

Gordon Korman  
No More Dead Dogs  
Schooled

Ingrid Law  
Savvy

Gail Carsen Levine  
Ella Enchanted  
Fairest  
Ever

C.S. Lewis (In the order suggested by the author)  
The Magician's Nephew (#1)  
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe (#2)  
The Horse and His Boy (#3)  
Prince Caspian (#4)  
The Voyage of the Dawn Treader (#5)  
The Silver Chair (#6)  
The Last Battle (#7)

Janet Lisle  
The Art of Keeping Cool

Sam Llewellyn  
Lyonesse: the Well between the Worlds

Jack London  
The Call of the Wild  
White Fang

Cynthia Lord  
Rules

Lois Lowry  
Number the Stars

Mike Lupica  
Travel Team  
Summer Ball (Sequel to Travel Team)  
The Big Field  
Heat  
Two-Minute Drill  
The Big Field

D.J. MacHale

The Merchant of Death (#1)  
The Lost City of Faar (#2)  
The Never War (#3)  
The Reality Bug (#4)  
Black Water (#5)  
The Rivers of Zadaa (#6)  
The Quillian Games (#7)  
The Pilgrims of Rayne (#8)  
Raven Rise (#9)  
The Soldiers of Halla (#10/final)

Anne McCaffrey

Dragonsong (#1)  
Dragonsinger (#2)  
Dragondrums (#3)

Victoria McKernan

Shackleton's Stowaway

L. A. Meyer

Bloody Jack  
Curse of the Blue Tattoo

Stephenie Meyer

Twilight  
New Moon  
Eclipse

Livi Michael

City of Dogs

L. M. Montgomery

Anne of Green Gables

Josuha Mowll

Operation Red Jericho  
Operation Typhoon Shore  
Operation Storm City

Catherine Gilbert Murdock

Princess Ben: Being a Wholly Truthful Account of her Various Discoveries and Misadventures,  
Recounted to the Best of her Recollection, in Four Parts

Walter Dean Myers

Monster

Jenny Nimmo

Midnight for Charlie Bone  
Charlie Bone and the Time Twister  
Charlie Bone and the Invisible Boy  
Charlie Bone and the Castle of Mirrors  
Charlie and the Hidden King  
Charlie and the Beast

Joyce Carol Oates

Freaky Green Eyes

Robert O'Brien

Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh

Kenneth Oppel

Airborn  
Skybreaker  
Starclimber

Linda Sue Park

Project Mulberry

Christopher Paolini

Eragon (Inheritance #1)  
Eldest (Inheritance #2)  
Brisingr (Inheritance #3)

Katherine Paterson

The Great Gilly Hopkins  
The Same Stuff as Stars

James Patterson

Maximum Ride: The Angel Experiment (#1)  
School's Out – Forever (#2)  
Saving the World and Other Extreme Sports (#3)  
Maximum Ride: The Final Warning (#4)  
Maximum Ride: Max (#5)

Edith Pattou

East

Gary Paulsen

The Legend of Bass Reeves: Being the True Account of the Most Valiant Marshal in the West

Richard Peck

The Teacher's Funeral: A Comedy in Three Parts  
On the Wings of Heroes

Tamora Pierce

Melting Stones

Daniel Pinkwater

The Neddadi: How Neddie Took the Train, Went to Hollywood, and Saved Civilization

Philip Pullman

The Golden Compass (His Dark Materials Trilogy #1)

The Subtle Knife (His Dark Materials Trilogy #2)

The Amber Spyglass (His Dark Materials Trilogy #3)

Philip Reeve

Larklight... (#1)

Starcross... (#2)

Mothstorm... (#3)

Mortal Engines: a novel (#1, Hungry City Chronicles)

Predator's Gold: a novel (#2, Hungry City Chronicles)

Infernal Devices: a novel (#3, Hungry City Chronicles)

A Darkling Plain: a novel (#4, Hungry City Chronicles)

Adam Rex

The True Meaning of Smekday

Rick Riordan

The Lightning Thief (#1)

The Sea of Monsters (#2)

The Titan's Curse (#3)

The Battle of the Labyrinth (#4)

The Last Olympian (#5)

John H. Ritter

The Boy Who Saved Baseball

J.K. Rowling

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (#1)

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (#2)

Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Askaban (#3)

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (#4)

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (#5)

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (#6)

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows (#7)

Penni Russon

Undine

Pamela Munoz Ryan

Esperanza Rising

Becoming Naomi Leon

Gary Schmidt

Wednesday Wars

Neal Shusterman

The Schwa Was Here  
Downsiders: a Novel  
Antsy Does Time

Brian Selznick

The Invention of Hugo Cabret

Anna Sewell

Black Beauty

Roland Smith

Peak

Sherri Smith

Flygirl

Jordan Sonnenblick

Drums, Girls and Dangerous Pie  
Notes from the Midnight Driver  
Zen and the Art of Faking It

Nancy Springer

The Case of the Missing Marquess: an Enola Holmes mystery  
The Case of the Left-handed Lady: an Enola Holmes mystery  
The Case of the Bizarre Bouquets: an Enola Holmes mystery  
The Case of the Peculiar Pink fan: an Enola Holmes mystery  
The Case of the Cryptic Crinoline, an Enola Holmes Mystery

Trenton Lee Stewart

The Mysterious Benedict Society  
The Mysterious Benedict Society and the Perilous Journey

Tui T. Sutherland

So this is How it Ends (Avatars, #1)  
Shadow Falling (Avatars, #2)  
Kingdom of Twilight (Avatars, #3)

Anne Ursu

The Shadow Thieves (#1, The Cronus Chronicles)  
The Siren Song (#2, The Cronus Chronicles)

Wendelin Van Draanen

Sammy Keyes and the Runaway Elf  
Sammy Keyes and the Curse of Moustache Mary  
Sammy Keyes and the Search for Snake Eyes  
Sammy Keyes and the Art of Deception  
Sammy Keyes and the Dead Giveaway  
Sammy Keyes and the Hollywood Mummy  
Sammy Keyes and the Hotel Thief

Jules Verne  
20,000 Leagues Under the Sea

Scott Westerfeld  
Uglies  
Pretties  
Specials  
Extras

Elvira Woodruff  
The Ravenmaster's Secret: Escape from the Tower of London

Richard Yancey  
The extraordinary adventures of Alfred Kropp  
Alfred Kropp: the Seal of Solomon  
Alfred Kropp: the Thirteenth Skull

Lisa Yee  
Millicent Min, Girl Genius  
Stanford Wong Flunks Big Time

Markus Zusak  
The Book Thief