

## Additional Suggested Reading

### Entering Sixth Grade

*Small as an Elephant*, by Jennifer Jacobson

*Rollergirl*, by Victoria Jamieson

*Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library*, by Chris Grabenstein

*A Long Walk to Water*, by Linda Sue Park

*Fish in a Tree*, by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

*The War That Saved My Life*, by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

*Soul Surfer*, by Bethany Hamilton & Rick Bundschuh

### Entering Seventh Grade

*The Thing About Jellyfish*, by Ali Benjamin

*When You Reach Me*, by Rebecca Stead

*Cinder*, by Marissa Meyer

*Legend*, by Marie Lu

*The Raft*, by S. A. Bodeen

*Under a Painted Sky*, by StaceyLee

### Entering Eighth Grade

*Six of Crows*, by Leigh Bardugo

*Crossover*, by Alexander Kwame

*We Are All Made of Molecules*, by Susin Nielsen-Fernlund

*North of Beautiful*, by Justina Chen Headley

*American Born Chinese*, by Gene Luen Yang

*Seraphina*, by Rachel Hartman

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Memorial Hall Library  
Summer Reading Kickoff  
Monday June 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:00PM

Teen librarians at Memorial Hall Library always post a list of suggested summer reading books and have plenty of copies for students to check out. Stop by this summer!

Learn More at:  
[mhlteenroom.tumblr.com](http://mhlteenroom.tumblr.com)

## Summer Reading 2017

### Required & Suggested Books

Doherty Middle School  
Andover, MA 01810



# Andover Middle Schools Reading Program

## Required Summer Reading

### Entering Sixth Grade

*The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan  
or *Out of My Mind* by Sharon Draper

### Entering Seventh Grade

*Crispin: The Cross of Lead* by Avi  
or *Counting by 7s* by Holly Goldberg Sloan

### Entering Eighth Grade

*Peak* by Roland Smith  
or *The Running Dream* by Wendelin Van Draanen

### Entering Ninth Grade

*The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak  
or *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls or *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien

Dear Parent or Guardian,

The English Departments at Doherty, West, and Wood Hill Middle Schools are happy to announce the selections and guidelines for the 2017 Summer Reading Program. All middle school students, including incoming 6th grade students, will participate in this program.

**This year students at each grade are required to read one assigned book, choosing from two at each grade level.** In addition to reading the selection, students will complete an in-class assignment in September. Students can bring in notes and/or the text to help them complete the assignment, but this will not be expected or necessary.

The goals for the summer reading program are as follows:

- To promote active reading and thinking during the summer months
- To expose students to quality literature that is not part of the core curriculum
- To promote reading as a life-long interest

The Middle School English/Language Arts Departments are aware of the busy summer schedules of Andover families. We believe that reading enhances a student's time away from school and improves critical thinking and imagination. We hope that your child enjoys the reading and even chooses to read beyond the list. We appreciate all your support.

Sincerely,

Andover Middle School English Language Arts Departments