



## Summer Reading Gr. 6-8 - 2025

Summer provides a wonderful opportunity for students to enjoy great books. The goal of the middle school summer reading program is to foster a love of reading. Reading over the summer can also help students maintain or even improve their reading skills. Students are expected to read at least **two** books. One is required reading; the other is free choice.

Summer Reading Grades 6-8 have been assigned one book as required reading.

Grade 6: ***Fish in a Tree*** by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

Grade 7: ***Hatchet*** by Gary Paulson.

Grade 8: ***The Boys in the Boat*** (*Young Readers Adaptation*) by Daniel James Brown

Students are expected to have completed the assigned novel by the beginning of the school year and be prepared to discuss its themes, characters, and plot.

Students may use the suggested reading list for their Free Choice book. In order to meet the needs of each student's reading skills and interests, the SMS summer suggested reading list contains a variety of genres and levels. Students should be encouraged to read books that match their level of comprehension.

There is also a wide range of topics and themes that are represented in this summer reading list. As always, parents play a critical role in helping their child to choose books that are best suited for them. Common Sense Media is an excellent resource for families to help them understand the nature of the content in the novels that their children are reading: [commonsensemedia.org](https://www.commonsensemedia.org).



Enjoy your time reading this summer!