



2011 Suggested Summer Reading for Grades 6-8

Compiled from lists of highly recommended and award-winning books

Title	Author	Notes	Copyright	Award
Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream	Tanya Lee Stone	This is the true, inspiring story of thirteen women who in the early 1960's challenged prejudice and discrimination at NASA and in our government to pioneer the role of women in space.	2009	Best Books for Young Adults
One Crazy Summer	Rita Williams-Garcia	Her father sends Delphine and her sisters to California for the summer with her mother – where the responsible and strong-willed Delphine gets a radical education.	2010	Coretta Scott King Award
Fire: Tales of Elemental Spirits	Robin McKinley, Peter Dickinson	Many creatures live and die by fire – a phoenix hatched from an egg forgotten in an old museum, a dragon that can't go into Firespace, a hellhound/dog that finds a family.	2010	Best Books for Young Adults
Cosmic	Frank Cottrell Boyce	Liam is a typical kid who loves World of Warcraft and theme-park rides - and looks like an adult. Now he's chaperoning an experimental project to create the ultimate thrill ride - in outer space!	2010	Best Books for Young Adults
90 Miles to Havana	Enrique Flores-Galbis	Julian and his two brothers are evacuated from Cuba in "Operation Pedro Pan." His life in the harsh, rundown American children's camp leads him to act with courage and ingenuity.	2010	Pura Belpre
Woods Runner	Gary Paulsen	At 13, Samuel's parents are captured by British soldiers. He uses his woodcraft and wits to try to rescue them.	2010	YALSA Award
Ghostopolis	Doug TenNapel	Garth is dying and is accidentally transported to the afterlife while still alive. There he finds a skeleton horse and his grandfather who joins with him to fight an evil ruler.	2010	Great Graphic Novels for Teens
The Dark Game: True Spy Stories	Paul Janeczko	Codes, the GhostNet, tunnels, inks, satellites and cyber espionage; American men and women have been spying since the Revolution.	2010	Caldecott
The Hive Detectives: Chronicle of a Honey Bee Catastrophe	Loree Griffin Burns	Bee wranglers and scientists have been working to solve the mysterious disappearance of millions of bees without which we would lack fruits, nuts, vegetables and, of course, honey.	2010	Notable Book
Ninth Ward	Jewell Parker Rhodes	Twelve-year old Laneshia communicates with ghosts, a gift that separates her from other kids. She and Mama Ya-Ya must find the strength to survive hurricane Katrina	2010	Coretta Scott King Award
Moon Over Manifest	Clare Vanderpool	Feisty Abilene is sent to live with Pastor Shady in Manifest, Kansas, while her dad works on the railroad. There she discovers mystery and friendship.	2010	Newbery Honor
Dark Emperor and Other Poems of the Night	Joyce Sideman	Take a journey from dusk to dawn through bold poetry, useful notes, and beautiful illustrations that celebrate the creatures and flora	2010	Newbery Honor
Malice	Chris Wooding	Everyone's heard of a secret comic about an awful world of tricks and traps with a sinister master of ceremonies called Tall Jake. Luke is the first to fall into it.	2010	Notable Book
Trickster: Native American Tales	Edited by Matt Dembicki	A graphic collection of stories from a variety of Native peoples of North America – the trickster, whether a rabbit, coyote, or raccoon, often creates things like islands and stars by accident!	2010	Notable Book
The Total Tragedy of a Girl Named Hamlet	Erin Dionne	Middle school is tough enough, but when her seven-year-old genius sister becomes a student there, and Hamlet is to star in A Midsummer Night's Dream, a nightmare is a real possibility	2010	Texas Lone Star Reading List
The Grimm Legacy	Polly Shulman	New to New York and lonely, Elizabeth lands a part-time job at the New-York Circulating Material Repository, which happens to house relics from Grimm fairytales – that are going missing!	2010	Texas Lone Star Reading List
Eon: Dragoneye Reborn	Alison Goodman	The Mirror Dragon chooses Eon as apprentice – plunging her into a world of intrigue and danger.	2010	YALSA
Kane Chronicles (series)	Rick Riordan	Ancient Egyptian gods and fearsome beasts are trouble for Carter and his sister...	2010-2011	
Ranger's Apprentice Series	John Flanagan	Battle schools, evil magic forces, nasty beasts, lords and knights populate this fantasy world.	2006-2010	
Brian's Saga Series	Gary Paulsen	Living by his wits alone in the wilderness, Brian is a survivor at 13...	2001-2009	

This list does not represent required reading, nor are students restricted to the suggested grade level. The list is intended to give students a wide variety of reading levels, genres, points of view and ideas for summer reading. We hope that every student will find something of interest or will, while looking for a book in the library, find other titles of interest. Questions may be referred to SAISD Library Media Services 299-3766.

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