SUMMER READING LIST

Grades 6-8

Wonder
by R.J. Palacio
Ten-year-old Auggie Pullman, who was born with extreme facial abnormalities and was not expected to survive, goes from being home-schooled to entering fifth grade at a private middle school in Manhattan, which entails during the taunting and fear of his classmates as he struggles to be seen as just another student.

The Bitter Side of Sweet
by Tara Sullivan
Amadou and his brother, Seydou, are modern-day child slaves on a cacao plantation, until Khadija arrives. The three band to plant a tree to the plantation, until Khadija arrives. The three band to the plantation, until Khadija arrives. The three band to

Dream On, Amber
by Emma Shevah
Sourcebooks/Fatherworth, 2015, ISBN: 9781492622505
Amber’s father left when she was little, so now she fills in the frustrating gap in her life with imagined conversations to help her deal with art projects, bullies, and little sisters.

Red Madness: How a Medical Mystery Changed What We Eat
by Gail Jarrow
Provides an account of the mysterious disease called pellagra that spread across the American South in the early 1900s that made people weak, disfigured, and insane and sometimes caused their deaths; and discusses how doctors and public health officials found the cause of the illness and stopped the epidemic.

Fourteen-year-old twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs and lows on and off the court as their father ignores his declining health.

The Night Gardener
by Steve Sheinkin
Trent blames an unfortunate event for his misfortunes and tries to turn things around. He is able to make that turn when he meets Fallon, and together they help him find the healing and redemption he seeks.

Brotherhood
by Anne Westrick
“The year is 1867, and the South has lost the Civil War. Those on the lowest rungs, like Shad's family, fear that the freed slaves will take the few jobs available. In this climate of despair and fear, a group has formed. Today we know it as the KKK.”

Mark of the Thief
by Jennifer A. Nielsen
Scholastic, 2015, ISBN: 9780545525527
Nic, a slave in the mines of ancient Rome, escapes after discovering a magical amulet. First in a series.

Echo
by Pam Muñoz Ryan
Scholastic, 2015, ISBN: 9781338133028
Lost in the Black Forest, Otto meets three mysterious sisters and finds himself entwined in a prophecy, a promise, and a harmonica—and decades later three children, Friedrich in Germany, Mike in Pennsylvania, and Ivy in California find themselves caught up in the same thread of destiny in the darkest days of the twentieth century, struggling to keep their families intact, and tied together by the music of the same harmonica.

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