

# Tonawanda City Schools - Tonawanda Middle School

## 2009 Suggested Summer Reading - NEW Books

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Ms. Adamshick reminds you about the **Newbery Award** for excellence in Children's Literature.

This year's winner is *The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman

Newbery Honor Books (Fiction) for this year appear in **this color** and are \* starred

**Recent noteworthy titles from the last year or so.** Below are **NEW** additions to our other SUMMER lists!

<b>*Appelt, Kathi</b>	<i>The Underneath</i>
Avi	<i>Seer of Shadows</i>
Clements, Andrew	<i>Lost and Found</i>
Cochrane, Mick	<i>The Girl Who Threw Butterflies</i>
Corbett, Sue	<i>Free Baseball</i>
Haddix, Margaret Peterson	<i>Found</i>
Henkes, Kevin	<i>Bird Lake Moon / Protecting Marie</i>
Hiaasen, Carl	<i>Scat / Hoot / Flush</i>
Karbo, Karen	The <i>Minerva Clark Mystery</i> series
Kinney, Jeff	<i>Diary of a Wimpy Kid: the Last Straw</i>
Klages, Ellen	<i>White Sands, Red Menace / The Green Glass Sea</i>
<b>*Law, Ingrid</b>	<i>Savvy</i>
Lupica, Mike	<i>The Big Field</i>
Madden, Kerry	<i>Jessie's Mountain / Louisiana's Song / Gentle's Holler</i>
Ramthun, Bonnie	<i>The White Gates</i>
Riordan, Rick	<i>The Titan's Curse</i> (The <i>Percy Jackson and the Olympians</i> series)
Stanley, Diane	<i>Bella at Midnight</i>
Stewart, Trenton Lee	<i>The Mysterious Benedict Society</i>
Winkler, Henry & Lin Oliver	The <i>Hank Zipzer: The World's Greatest Underachiever</i> series
Wynne-Jones, Tim	<i>A Thief in the House of Memory</i>

**Look for them now and during this coming school year.**

Dear Students and Parents,

On the next page are the names of noteworthy authors who write for middle school students. They are listed by the genre (category) most often associated with them. Remember that many books contain elements of more than one genre (like fantasy and science-fiction or romance, historical fiction, and time travel) all in one book.

**Avi, Andrew Clement, Caroline B. Cooney, Patricia Reilly Giff, Iain Lawrence, Lois Lowry, Katherine Paterson, Gary Paulsen, and Jerry Spinelli** are authors **every** middle school student should read at least once. **Each of them has written an award-winning title in more than one genre.**

### A Plug for Historical Fiction

As a former social studies teacher, Ms. Adamshick is partial to historical fiction. Historical fiction often mixes the most genre combinations, such as relationships, adventure, survival, romance, mystery, suspense, and coming-of-age. Its curriculum-related bonus is that it augments the reader's understanding of history and the real-life issues people faced. It's a true interdisciplinary experience that doesn't feel like academic work. Historical events provide some of the most dramatic conflicts around which to devise a story. Students hardly realize they are learning.

**"The historian, if honest, gives us a photograph; the storyteller gives us a painting."**

*Leon Garfield* in "Historical Fiction for Our Global Times."

So never discount historical fiction; it is NOT like reading history. As a reminder and a location aid, HF titles are identified by their clear blue spine label in the TMS LMC.

# Middle School Authors by Genre

Fantasy	Science Fiction	Historical Fiction	Realistic Fiction	Mystery / Horror
Alexander , Lloyd	Applegate, K.A.	Anderson, L. Halse	Anderson, L. Halse	Avi
Almond, David	Asimov, Isaac	Bruchac, Joseph	Avi	Christie, Agatha
Babbit, Natalie	Bradbury, Ray	Collier, James Lincoln	Bauer, Joan	Cooney, Caroline B.
Barron, T. A.	Colfer, Eoin	Curtis, Christopher Paul	Bloor, Edward	Cusick, R Tankersley
Bell, Hilari	Haddix, M. Peterson	Cushman, Karen	Brooks, Martha	Doyle, Arthur Conan
Dahl, Roald	L'Engle, Madeleine	Fleischman, Paul	Cabot, Meg	Duncan, Lois
Funke, Cornelia	Lowry, Lois	Giff, Patricia Reilly	Cooney, Caroline B.	Golden, Christopher
Ibbotson, Eva	Pike, Christopher	Hamilton, Margaret	Creech, Sharon	Hoh, Dianne
Jacques, Brian	Sedgwick, Marcus	Hesse, Karen	Danzinger, Paula	Horowitz, Anthony
Lee, Tanith	Sleator, William	Hobbs, Will	DiCamillo, Kate	Keene, Carolyn
Lewis, C.S.	Vande Velde, Vivian	Holm, Jennifer L.	George, J. Craighead	Nixon, Joan Lowery
MacHale, D.J.	Verne, Jules	Lasky, Kathryn	Hiaasen, Carl	Pike Christopher
Nix, Garth	Wells, H.G.	Lisle, Janet Taylor	Hinton, S.E.	Poe, Edgar Alan
Oppel, Kenneth		Matas, Carol	Holt, Kimberly Willis	Raskin, Ellen
Pratchett, Terry		Mazer, Norma Fox	Konigsburg, E.L.	Roberts, Willow Davis
Pullman, Philip		O'Dell, Scott	Koss, Amy	Snyder, Zilpha Keatley
Rowling, J. K.		Park, Linda Sue	Lipsyte, Robert	Stine, R.L.
Snicket, Lemony		Rinaldi, Ann	Paterson, Katherine	Van Draanen, Wendelin.
Tolkien, J.R.R.		Shura, Mary Francis	Voigt, Cynthia	
Yep, Laurence		Taylor, Theodore	Zindel, Paul	
Yolen, Jane		Thesman , Jean		

## Non-Fiction Titles by Genre

**Go to our Middle School website (<http://tonawandacsd.org/>) for book titles under specific genres and for Non-fiction books appropriately matched to the middle school curriculum subjects and interests. To find them, under “Secondary”, click “Middle School” and click “Library Media Center”.**

**Make sure when you look up titles on the OPAC in our LMC or at a public library, that you open (double-click) the record and read the summary. It can help you decide if you want to read the book. Read the end flaps and any reviews on the book itself. Look for any awards the book has won. Read at least 30 pages of a novel to determine if you want to continue. Ask your friends to recommend books that they liked.**

**Extensive reading of many kinds of materials, both in and outside of school, results in substantial growth in an individual’s vocabulary, comprehension abilities, and frame of reference. Our school promotes an array of reading initiatives, and the LMC offers all staff, students, and parents reading guidance and advice.**

**Here are some suggested FICTION titles from the LMC**

## **6th and 7th Grade**

**Remember: it is a fact that kids lose their reading edge over the summer.  
Don't let that happen to YOU!**

Anderson, Laurie Halse	<i>Fever 1793</i>
Avi	<i>Crispin / Crispin: At the End of the World</i>
Birdsall, Jeanne	<i>The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters,..</i>
Choldenko, Gennifer	<i>Al Capone Does My Shirts</i>
Clements, Andrew	<i>No Talking / Room One: A Mystery or Two</i>
Creech, Sharon	<i>Ruby Holler / Walk Two Moons / Heartbeat</i>
Curtis, Christopher Paul	<i>The Watsons Go To Birmingham-1963</i>
D'Camillo, Kate	<i>Because of Winn-Dixie</i>
DuPrau, Jeanne	<i>The City of Ember / The People of Sparks</i>
Farmer, Nancy	<i>House of the Scorpion / The Ear, Eye and Arm</i>
Giff, Patricia Reilly	<i>Willow Run / Pictures of Hollis Woods</i>
Haddix, Margaret P.	<i>Running Out Of Time / Among the.....series</i>
Hobbs, Will	<i>Jason's Gold / Down the Yukon</i>
Holt, Kimberly Willis	<i>When Zachary Beaver Came to Town</i>
Hunter, Erin	these series: <i>Warriors / Hunters</i>
Ibbotson, Eva	<i>The Star of Kazan</i>
Konigsburg, E. L.	<i>The Outcasts of 19 Schuyler Place</i>
Korman, Gordon	these series: <i>On the Run / Kidnapped / Dive</i>
Lipsyte, Robert	<i>One Fat Summer</i>
Lord, Cynthia	<i>Rules</i>
Osborne, Mary Pope	<i>Adeline Falling Star</i>
Peck, Richard	<i>River Between Us / The Teacher's Funeral</i>
Rawls, Wilson	<i>Where the Red Fern Grows</i>
Reeder, Carolyn	<i>Shades of Gray</i>
Rinaldi, Ann	<i>Numbering All the Bones /</i>
Ryan, Pam Muñoz	<i>Esperanza Rising / Becoming Naomi Leon</i>
Schmidt, Gary	<i>The Wednesday Wars</i>
Stone, Jeff	<i>The Five Ancestors series</i>
Taylor, Theodore	<i>The Cay / Timothy of the Cay</i>
Van Draanen, Wendelin	<i>Flipped / the Sammy Keyes Mysteries</i>
Weeks, Sarah	<i>So B. It</i>

**For Sports fiction, read books by Dan Gutman, Robert Lipsyte, John Ritter, Mike Lupica, John Feinstein, John Ritter, and Rich Wallace.**

## **Read on for more great FICTION books!**

**Remember: NY State recommends reading 25 books/year**

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Almond, David	<i>Skellig / Heaven Eyes / Kit's Wilderness</i>
Avi	<i>Nothing But the Truth</i>
Barron, T.A.	<i>The Merlin series</i>
Bauer, Joan	<i>Hope Was Here / Rules of the Road</i>
Bloor, Edward	<i>Tangerine</i>
Bruchac, Joseph	<i>Code Talkers / Wabi: A Novel / Hidden Roots</i>
Collard, Sneed	<i>Dog Sense / Flash Point</i>
Cooney, Caroline B.	<i>Code Orange / Burning Up</i>
Feinstein, John	<i>Last Shot: A Final Four Mystery / Cover Up</i>
Galante, Cecilia	<i>Hershey Herself</i>
Hesse, Karen	<i>Brooklyn Bridge: A Novel</i>
Hobbs, Will	<i>Leaving Protection / Crossing the Wire</i>
Horowitz, Anthony	<i>Raven's Gate / Evil Star / Ark Angel</i>
Korman, Gordon	<i>Schooled</i>
Lawrence, Iain	<i>Ghost Boy / the Smugglers / The Wreckers</i>
Lisle, Janet Taylor	<i>The Art of Keeping Cool / Black Duck</i>
Lupica, Mike	<i>Travel Team / Summer Ball / Heat</i>
Martin, Ann M.	<i>A Corner of the Universe</i>
Mikaelsen, Ben	<i>Touching Spirit Bear / The Return of Spirit Bear</i>
Morpurgo, Michael	<i>Private Peaceful / Waiting for Anya</i>
Napoli, Donna Jo	<i>Bound / Stones in Water</i>
Oppel, Kenneth	<i>Firewing / Silverwing / Sunwing</i>
Paolini, Christopher	<i>Eragon / Eldest / Brisingr</i>
Paterson, Katherine	<i>The Same Stuff As Stars / Bread and Roses</i>
Rinaldi, Ann	<i>Wolf By the Ears / An Unlikely Friendship</i>
Ritter, John	<i>Choosing Up Sides / Boy Who Saved Baseball</i>
Salisbury, Graham	<i>Under the Blood-red Sun / Eyes of the Emperor</i>
Schmidt, Gary D.	<i>Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy</i>
Spinelli, Jerry	<i>Stargirl / Love, Stargirl / Milkweed</i>
Voigt, Cynthia	<i>Homecoming / Dicey's Song /</i>
Westerfeld, Scott	<i>Uglies / Pretties / Specials / Extras</i>
Wolff, Virginia Euwer	<i>Bat 6: A Novel / Make Lemonade</i>

**Read in the summer for FUN....at the pool or beach, on vacation, in the shade at the park or river, whenever you might have to wait for something such as a ride, the doctor/dentist, or while the kids you babysit are napping.**

**Take a break from your computer, from sports, videogames, or those TV reruns, and get caught up in a GOOD BOOK.**

**Happy Summer Reading from Tonawanda Middle School**