

This list can be used to guide you as you select books for summer reading. Ask your librarian for help in locating these and other good books. This list offers a wide range of literature which differs in subject matter, reading level, and sophistication. **Not all books are appropriate for all students. Parents may want to participate in the selection process.**

## GRADE 6

*Alice in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll  
*Anything But Typical* by Nora Raleigh Baskin  
*Around the World in 80 Days* by Jules Verne  
*Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis  
*Bystander* by James Preller  
*Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl  
*Crazy Lady* by Jane Leslie Conly  
*Fever, 1793* by Laurie Anderson  
*Flipped* by Wendelin Van Draanen  
*Flush* by Carl Hiaasen  
*Story of Harriet Tubman* by Dorothy Sterling  
*Holes* by Louis Sachar  
*Homesick, My Own Story* by Jean Fritz  
*Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen  
*The House of Dies Drear* by Virginia Hamilton  
*The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan  
*The Island of Dr. Moreau* by H. G. Wells  
*The Maze of Bones* by Rick Riordan  
*The Maze Runner* by James Dashner  
*Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli  
*Miracle's Boys* by Jacqueline Woodson  
*Mockingbird* by Kathryn Erskine  
*One for the Murphys* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt  
*Pop* by Gordon Korman  
*Rock and the River* by Kekla Mago  
*Rules* by Cynthia Lord  
*Sammy Keyes and the Hotel Thief*  
 by Wendelin Van Draanen  
*Search for the Shadowman*  
 by Joan Lowery Nixon  
*The Screaming Staircase* by Jonathan Stroud  
*Series of Unfortunate Events* titles  
 by Lemony Snicket  
*Spy School* by Stuart Gibbs  
*Stanford Wong Flunks Big-Time* by Lisa Yee  
*The Strange Case of Origami Yoda*  
 by Tom Anglebrerger  
*The View from Saturday* by E.L. Konigsburg  
*The Watsons Go to Birmingham*  
 by Christopher Paul Curtis  
*Westing Game* by Elle Raskin  
*Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle  
*The Young Landlords* by Walter Dean Myers

## GRADE 7

*Among the Hidden* by Margaret Peterson  
*The Bomb* by T. Taylor  
*Books of Ember* series by Jeanne DuPrau  
*Bystander* by James Preller  
*The Cay* by Theodore Taylor  
*The Clique* by Lisi Harrison  
*Crossover* by Kwame Alexander  
*Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan  
*Endangered* by Eliot Schrefer  
*The Giver & Gathering Blue* by Lois Lowry  
*The Greatest: Muhammad Ali*  
 by Walter Dean Myers  
*Harriet Tubman Conductor on the Underground Railroad* by Ann Petry  
*Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen  
*Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen  
*The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins  
*Hurricane Song* by Paul Volponi  
*Hush* by Jacqueline Woodson  
*Inside Out and Back Again* by Thanhha Lai  
*Island* by Gordon Korman  
*Leanin' Dog* by K. Al Nuzum  
*Letter from Rifka* by Karen Hesse  
*The Liberation of Gabriel King* by K. L. Going  
*The Looking Glass Wars* by Frank Beddor  
*Lost and Found* by Anne Schraff  
*The Lost Hero* by Rick Riordan  
*Martin the Warrior* by Brian Jacques  
*Me, Mop, and the Moondance Kid*  
 by Walter Dean Myers  
*My Side of the Mountain*  
 by Jean Craighead George  
*No Promises in the Wind* by Irene Hunt  
*Notes from the Midnight Driver*  
 by Jordan Sonnenblick  
*Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry  
*Okay for Now* by Gary Schmidt  
*Out of My Mind* by Sharon Draper  
*The Outsiders* by S. E. Hinton  
*Ribbons* by Lawrence Yep  
*Stand Tall* by Joan Bauer  
*Sunder* by William H. Armstrong  
*Stormbreaker* by Anthony Horowitz  
*Tangerine* by Edward Bloor  
*A Time for Andrew: A Ghost Story*  
 by Mary Downing Hahn  
*The Time Machine* by H. G. Wells  
*Ungifted* by Gordon Korman  
*Ways to Live Forever* by Sally Nicholls  
*When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit* by Judith Kerr  
*When the Whistle Blows* by Fran Cannon Slayton  
*The Wild Book* by Margarita Engle  
*Wonder* by R.J. Palacio  
*Wonderstruck* by Brian Seznick



## GRADE 8

*All Quiet on the Western Front* by Erich Maria Remarque  
*The Angel Experiment* by James Patterson  
*Anne Frank* by Anne Frank  
*Ghost* by Vera Brosgol  
*Bomb* by Steve Sheinkin  
*Boy in the Striped Pajamas* by John Boyne  
*Chasing Lincoln's Killer* by James Swanson  
*Cinder* by Marissa Meyer  
*Code Talker* by Joseph Bruchac  
*Does My Head Look Big in This?* By Randa Abdel-Fattah  
*Discovering Wes Moore* by Wes Moore  
*Endangered* by Eliot Schrefer  
*Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card  
*Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan  
*A Family Apart* by Joan Lowery Nixon  
*Farewell to Manzanar* by James and Jeanne Houston  
*Fast Sam, Cool Clyde, and Stuff* by Walter Dean Myers  
*Hooper* by Geoff Herbch  
*Hoops* by Walter Dean Myers  
*House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros  
*How They Croaked* by Georgia Bragg & Kevin O'Malley  
*Let me Play: The Story of Title IX: The Law That Changed the Future of Girls in America* by Karen Blumenthal  
*Life as We Knew It* by Susan Beth Pfeffer  
*Mango Shaped Space* by Wendy Mass  
*March: Book One* by John Lewis  
*Mockingjay* by Suzanne Collins  
*Night* by Elie Wiesel  
*On the Day I Died* by Candace Fleming  
*Plain City* by Virginia Hamilton  
*Portraits of African American Heroes* by Tonya Bolden  
*Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* by Mildred Taylor  
*Rosa Parks* by Rosa Parks  
*Rules of the Road* by Joan Bauer  
*Seedfolks* by Paul Fleischman  
*The Skin I'm In* by Sharon G. Flake  
*Slam* by Walter Dean Myers  
*Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli  
*Tears of a Tiger* by Sharon Draper  
*To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee  
*You'll Like it Here (Everybody Does)*  
 by Ruth White



**2021-2022  
Virginia Readers' Choice Titles**

*Other Words for Home* by Jasmine Warga  
*Spy Runner* by Eugene Yelchin  
*Genesis Begins Again* by Alicia D. Williams  
*Maybe*  
*He Just Likes You* by Barbara Dee  
*Child of the Dream: A Memoir of 1963* by Sharon Robinson  
*The Line Tender* by Kate Allen  
*The Collector* by K.R. Alexander  
*Charlie Hernandez and the League of Shadows* by Ryan Calejo  
*A Few Red Drops: The Chicago Race Riot of 1919* by Claire Hartfield  
*Planet Earth Is Blue* by Nicole Panteleakos



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