



Ayer Shirley Middle School
Reading Menu
Summer 2023



The following are some suggestions for your summer reading! If you don't find something of interest here, try these sites: lexile.com and [What Should I Read Next](#). Happy reading!

Lexile Key

6th Grade = 875L to 1180L

7th Grade = 950L to 1250L

8th Grade = 1000L to 1310L

Realistic Fiction

A Duet for Home by Katrina Glaser
Dress Coded by Carrie Firestone (760L)
Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper (700L)
Rain Reign by Ann Martin (720L)
Restart by Gordon Korman (730L)
Posted by John David (750L)
Wonder by R.J. Palacio (790L)
Wolf Hollow by Lauren Wolk (800L)
The Only Black Girls in Town by Brandy Colbert
Paperboy by Vince Vawter (940L)
The Wednesday Wars by Gary Schmidt (990L)
Black Brother by Jewell Parker Rhodes
Tumble by Celia Perez (660L)
Esperanza Rising by Pam Muñoz Ryan (750L)
Jennifer Chan is Not Alone by Tae Keller (640L)

Poetry

Love That Dog by Sharon Creech (1010L)
Swimming Upstream: Middle School Poems by
The Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo
The Rose that Grew From Concrete by Tupac
Shakur

Fantasy

The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhill
(640L)
The Key to Extraordinary by Natalie Lloyd (670L)
Things Not Seen by Andrew Clements (690L)
Divergent Trilogy by Veronica Roth (700-830L)
Maze Runner Series by James Dashner (810L)
Uglies by Scott Westerfeld (770L)
Sal and Gabi Break the Universe by Carlos
Hernandez
Harry Potter Series by J.K. Rowling (880-950L)
Too Bright to See by Kyle Lukoff (790L)
A Rover's Story by Jasmine Warga
Gallant by V.E. Schwab

Action/Adventure

Peak by Roland Smith (760L)
Allies by Alan Gratz (780L)
Call It Courage by Armstrong Sperry (830L)
Hatchet by Gary Paulsen (1020L)
The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins (820L)

Historical Perspective

The War that Saved My Life by *K. B. Bradley* (580L)

Freewater Amina Luqman-Dawson

Thieves of Ostia by *Caroline Lawrence* (720L)

One Crazy Summer by *Rita Williams-Garcia* (750L)

Little Leaders by *Vashti Harrison* (1050L)

Everything Sad is Untrue by *Daniel Nayeri* (800L)

Chasing Lincoln's Killer by *J. L. Swanson* (980L)

Lines of Courage by Jennifer Nielsen

The Door of No Return by Kwame Alexander

One Crazy Summer by *Rita Williams* (750L)

On the Horizon by Lois Lowry (580L)

The Faithful Spy: Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the

Plot to Kill Hitler by John Hendrix (980L)

I Will Always Write Back by Martin Ganda

All About Science!

Bomb: The Race to Build and Steal the Most

Dangerous Weapon by *Steve Sheinkin* (920L)

The Thing About Jelly Fish by *Ali Benjamin*

How We Got to the Moon by *John Rocco* (1170 L)

What's In Your Genes? by *Katie Mckissick*

Welcome to Mars: Making a Home on the Red

Planet by *Buzz Aldrin*

Girls Think of Everything: Stories of Ingenious

Inventions by Women by *Catherine Thimmesh*

How to Build a Human: In Seven Evolutionary

Steps by Pamela Turner (990L)

Sports Related

NON-FICTION

Inspirational Sports Stories for Young Readers

by *Kurt Taylor*

The Flea: The Amazing Story of Leo Messi

by *Michael Part*

Epic Athletes: Patrick Mahomes by *Dan Wetzel*

Sisters: Venus and Serena Williams by *Jeanette*

Winters

Simone Biles by *Katie Lajiness* (780L)

Rising Above: How 11 Athletes Overcame

Challenges in Their Youth to Become Stars by

Gregory Zuckerman

FICTION

Tangerine (soccer) by *Edward Bloor* (680L)

Ghost (track) by *Jason Reynolds* (730L)

Lu by *Jason Reynolds* (750 L)

Travel Team (basketball) by *Mike Lupica* (930L)

Million Dollar Throw by *Mike Lupica* (960L)

The Crossover by *Kwame Alexander*(750L)

Graphic Novels

Awkward by *Svetlana Chmakova*

Twins by *Varian Johnson*

Class Act by *Jerry Craft*

Roller Girl by *Victoria Jamieson* (440L)

Dragon Hoops by *Gene Luen Yang* (550 L)

Maximum Ride - The Angel Experiment by

James Patterson (700L)

Heartstopper by *Alice Oseman*

Swim Team by *Johnnie Christmas*

Frizzy by *Claribel Ortega*

Passport by *Sophia Glock*

The Tryout by *Christina Soontorvat*