

## WSG 2015 Summer Reading at THEARC

Summer is a wonderful time to connect with friends, relax and enjoy the outdoors. You can do all of those things while **READING!** Reading during the summer is the absolute best way to prepare for the next grade at the end of August.

You can break out a book during long metro or car rides, in bed, when you're waiting for a friend, at the pool...anywhere! Once you start the right book, you will find that you won't want to stop.

While you should read as much as you can, WSG does have certain requirements for summer.



### **MIDDLE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS:**

Read **AT LEAST** two books:

- A fiction book from your grade or the grade above's list
- A nonfiction book from your grade or the grade below's list

For each book, complete the following two assignments. It may be typed or *very neatly* hand-written.

1. A four to five paragraph summary of the book. Describe the setting and the sequence of events. What is the conflict (the problem)? Does it get resolved? Does the main character change throughout the book?
2. Write a paragraph about the main character (the protagonist). What traits does he/she possess? What does he/she think or feel?

Optional bonuses:

- a. Create a vocabulary log of the words you learned from the book. Include definitions.
- b. Illustrate your favorite scene from the story. Include a quote related to the image.
- c. Create an acrostic with the title. Write the title of the book vertically. For each letter in the title, construct a sentence that begins with that letter and that tells something significant about the story.
- d. Write a book review. Would you recommend this book? Give solid reasons why or why not.
- e. Looking for a challenge? Complete another report using a book from the list for the grade above you.

### **DEADLINE:**

One of your reports should be submitted by the end of July. Both absolutely must be submitted by your re-enrollment interview with your advisor in August.

## FORMAT GUIDELINES:

You may bring paper copies of your work to your re-enrollment interview or submit it electronically to [library@wsgdc.org](mailto:library@wsgdc.org).

- If you have a WSG email address, use it!
- Make sure your email's subject is clear!
  
- The correct heading for this assignment belongs at the top left of your paper.  
Your name  
Date  
Your Grade Summer Reading  
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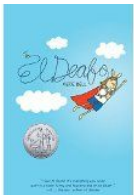
Attention THEARC students! Our first Colors challenge of the year will be based on summer reading! Half of the points will go to the team with the most submissions before July's end; half will be earned in a game based on what you read when we get back to school. You can and SHOULD read as many books from the list as possible!

# Happy Reading!

## Rising 5th grade:

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SHOUT FOR THE YOUNG  
PEOPLE WHO USE THEM!  
PATRICK NESS, AUTHOR

## FICTION



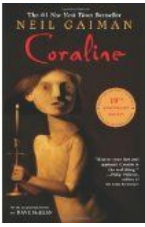
***El Deafo*** (Bell, graphic novel)

Can a superhero be deaf? Learn surprising things from this prize winning graphic novel.



***Finding Family*** (Bolden, historical fiction)

Stories from original photographs. Family secrets play an important part in this African American family tale.



***Coraline*** (Gaiman)

Careful what you wish for. See the movie after, and then compare!



***Coraline*** (Gaiman & Russell, graphic novel)

A visual representation of the original.



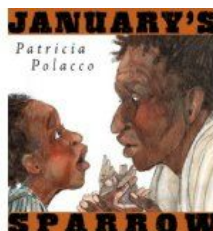
***Medusa the Rich*** (Holub & Williams)

When Medusa is suddenly able to turn everything into gold, it's not such a great situation. Can she reverse her new talent?



***Rain Reign*** (Martin)

Rose is different from most of us, and not just because she loves homonyms. Will she be able to find her beloved dog, gone missing in the floods of a wild spring storm?



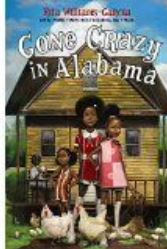
***January's Sparrow*** (Polacco, historical fiction)

Exciting, scary Underground Railroad story with amazing illustrations makes history come to life.



**Randi Rhodes, Ninja Detective: Case of the Time Capsule Bandit**  
(Spencer)

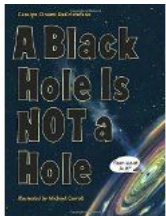
3 days left for kid ninja detectives, Randi, Pudge and DC, to investigate the haunted house, find the treasure and save their country village



**Gone Crazy in Alabama** (Williams-Garcia)

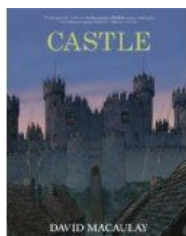
Sisters Delphine, Vonetta and Fern live and learn A LOT when they travel by themselves from Brooklyn into the deep south.

**Non Fiction**

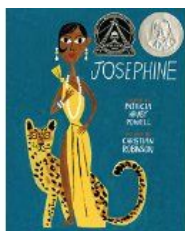


**A Black Hole is Not a Hole** (DeCristofano, science of space)

“What is a black hole? Where do they come from? How were they discovered? Can you fall in one if you’re not paying attention? Take a ride through the galaxies ... our own and others!



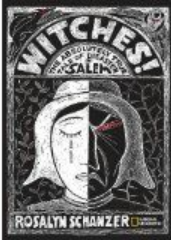
Castle; Revised and in Full Color (Macaulay, history and design)  
Experience planning and life in Lord Kevin’s castle. IMAGINATIVE, INGENIOUS, and IN COLOR !!



**Josephine; The Dazzling Life of Josephine Baker** (Powell, free verse, biography)

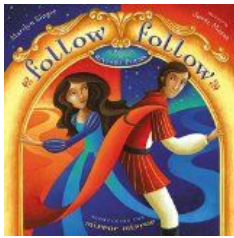
Learn “the story of one of the world's most well known female performers who danced and sang her way from the poor and

segregated streets of St. Louis to the dazzling stages of Paris and then all the way to Carnegie Hall.”



**Witches: Absolutely True Tale of Disaster in Salem** (Schanzer, history, 17th c.)

History is real life! ... even witchcraft. Scary and crazy!



**Follow, Follow** (Singer, poetry)

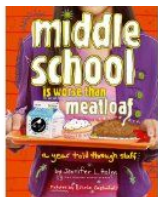
Fairy tale themed poetry, backwards and forwards. Includes summaries of the classic fairy tales.

**Mirror, Mirror** (Singer, poetry)

## Rising 6th grade

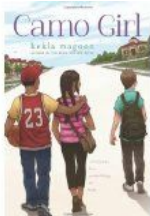
**"KNOWLEDGE IS FREE AT THE LIBRARY.  
JUST BRING YOUR OWN CONTAINER!"  
ANONYMOUS**

## FICTION



**Middle School is Worse than Meatloaf** (Holm)

Little challenges and larger ones push Ginny to find her own unique talent. Almost a graphic novel.



**Camo Girl** (Magoon)

Ella and Zachary, sixth grade misfits, cling to each other to get through “taunts, rejection and sometimes abuse” from their classmates.



**Every Soul a Star** (Mass)

Three young teens watch a solar eclipse and find friendship with each other that allows them to discover their strengths.



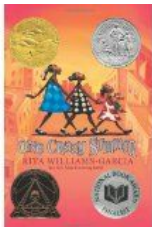
**Wonder** (Palacio)

August Pullman, homeschooled because of facial abnormalities, heads to public school. He's courageous and looking for the same things everyone wants ... friends and understanding. Will he find them?



**Smile** (Telgemeier, graphic novel)

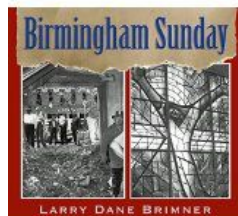
Family, friends, boys ... Dental Drama? Raina just wants to be a normal 6th grader!



**One Crazy Summer** (Williams-Garcia)

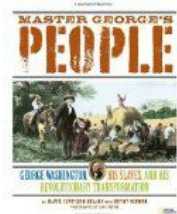
Three sisters, Delphine, Vonetta and Fern, visit California thinking they'll find Disney World and their birth mother. It's the 60's and they don't...at all.

**Non Fiction**



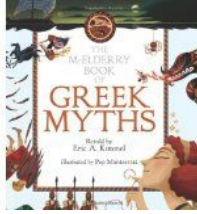
**Birmingham Sunday** (Brimner)

Racial bombings were so frequent in Birmingham that it became known as "Bombingham." Until September 15, 1963, these attacks had been threatening but not deadly. On that Sunday morning, however, a blast in the 16th Street Baptist Church ripped through the exterior wall and claimed the lives of four girls."

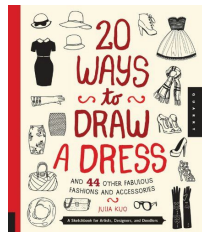


**Master George's People: George Washington, his Slaves, and his Revolutionary Transformation** (Delano, history, 18th C)

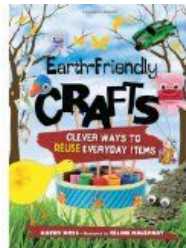
“A revealing portrait of the father of our country as a slave owner ...”  
colorfully and completely illustrated.



**The McElderry Book of Greek Myths** (retold by Kimmel)  
Dazzling artwork ... memorable characters ... from sword wielding soldiers to Medusa with her head full of writhing, poisonous snakes.



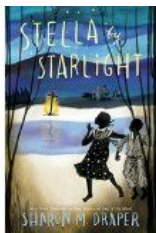
**20 Ways to Draw a Dress, and 44 other Fabulous Fashions and Accessories** (Julia Kuo)  
a new take on the world of sketching, doodling, and designing. Get out your favorite drawing tool,



**Earth friendly CRAFTS; Clever Ways to Reuse Everyday Items** (Ross)  
New uses for your old stuff. Get creative with neckties or playing cards or ...? Practical and eye-catching projects with an environmental emphasis.

## Rising 7th Grade

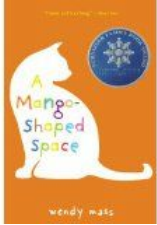
**“WHEN I GOT MY LIBRARY CARD,  
THAT WAS WHEN MY LIFE BEGAN.”**  
RITA MAE BROWN, AUTHOR



**Stella by Starlight** (Draper)  
Stella and her brother, Jojo, become involved with the KKK. Full of honesty and justice.

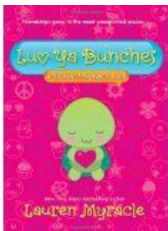


**The Misfits** (Howe)  
12 year old tie salesman, outspoken girl, gay middle schooler and hooligan. This clique’s story is hilarious and poignant.



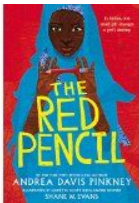
***A Mango Shaped Space*** (Mass)

Mia sees colors in sounds, numbers and letters. When she discovers not everyone else does, should she share her secret? Is she crazy?



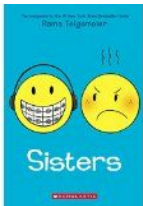
***Love Ya' Bunches: A Flower Power Book*** (Myracle)

Four fab girls, but they sure aren't friends. Especially at the beginning of a new school year. Written in a "mix of instant messages, blog posts, screenplay, and straight narrative."



***The Red Pencil*** (Pinkney)

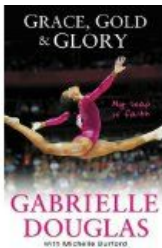
Amira is 12; old enough for new responsibilities and to attend school in Nyala. But life in her peaceful Sudanese village is shattered by the Janjaweed and the horrors of war they bring.



***Sisters*** (Telgemeier, graphic novel)

Return to Telgemeier's family drama. This one's a story of sisters you'll "get".

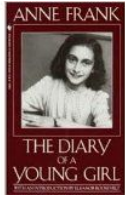
**NON FICTION**



***Grace, Gold & Glory: My Leap of Faith*** (Douglass, autobiography, athlete)

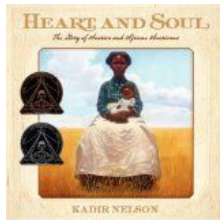
Olympic gymnast, Gaby Douglas, tells her story of faith, perseverance and determination; showing you really can reach your dreams.





***Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl; the definitive edition*** (Frank, diary, history, WWII, Holocaust)

Startling new edition of Dutch Jewish teenager's diary as she hid from the Nazis for two years. Expanded entries reveal more of life in the "secret annex."



***Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African Americans***

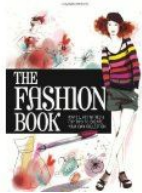
(Nelson, history, African American, Civil War, slavery)

Award winning history of "men, women and children who toiled in the hot sun picking cotton... It's about brothers and sisters of all colors who rallied..."



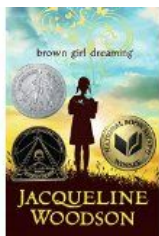
***The Mighty Mars Rovers*** (Rusch, science of space)

"How extraordinary to visit Mars ... Hair raising human emotions rise and fall."



***The Fashion Book*** (Venditelli, design, life skills)

"Packed full of advice, handy hints and top tricks [for] FASHIONISTAS!"



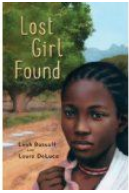
***Brown Girl Dreaming*** (Woodson, poetry and 60's memoir)

"Mesmerizing journey through Jacqueline Woodson's early years ... powerfully effective verse."

## Rising 8th grade

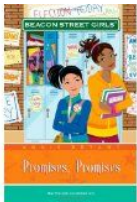
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### FICTION



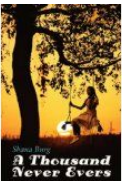
#### ***Lost Girl Found*** (Bassoff)

Sudanese village life is simple until war forces Poni to a refugee camp in neighboring Kakuma, and then on to Nairobi. There she must decide whether to travel to America, or stay in Kenya and hunt for her mother.



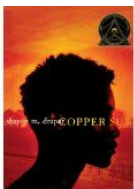
#### ***Promises Promises*** (Bryant, series)

Who will be the next class president? Will the Beacon Street Girls survive the growing tension between them and their most super competitors? And whose writing mean notes about the nominees?



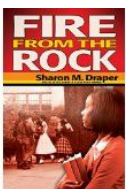
#### ***A Thousand Never Evers*** (Burg, historical fiction, Civil Rights)

It's 1963 in Mississippi, and Addie Ann carelessly causes her older brother's disappearance? Will it turn out to be murder?



#### ***Copper Sun*** (Draper, historical fiction, 18th century)

The epic story of Amari, an Ashanti girl torn from her African village, sold into slavery, and stripped of all she has ever known--except hope.



#### ***Fire from the Rock*** (Draper, historical fiction, Civil Rights)

Before Sylvia can make her final decision about high school, smoldering racial tension ignites into flames. Compare and contrast with Ferguson and Baltimore today.



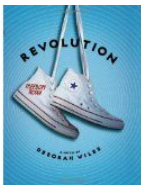
***Nowhere to Run*** (Griffin)

Urban drama, and lots of it, set in Washington DC. Sometimes it's hard to know right from wrong. Ms Ward introduced this author in person to WSG!



***Goodbye, Stranger*** (Stead)

What are the limits of friendship? Is "No Fighting" a fair and useful rule? Will Bridge, Tabitha and Emily remain best friends?



***Revolution*** (Wiles, series)

These kids live in a world where everyone is choosing sides. It's the 60's in Mississippi, and they need to figure out how to stand up for themselves and what they know is right.

**NON FICTION**



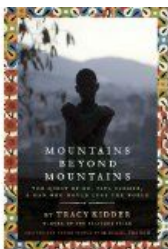
***FREE? Stories about Human rights*** (Amnesty International, short stories)

From a boy who thinks school is "slavery" to a police interrogation in London, these writers will help you understand freedom more completely. Travel to a child-labor factory, and New Orleans after Katrina to stretch your experience.



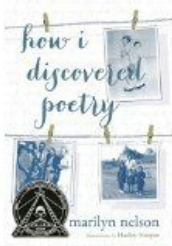
***They Called Themselves the KKK*** (Bartoletti, history, Civil Rights)

Winner of awards for excellence, this is the story of the terrorist club that has spread so much fear and hate across the south since the end of the Civil War.

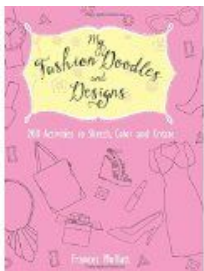


***Mountains beyond Mountains*** (Kidder & French, biography and public health/making a difference)

Inspiring story of Dr Paul Farmer who still brings healthcare to the developing world. He started with Haiti, and then moved on to Peru and Russia. Why? And should he receive more \$\$\$ from the Gates Foundation?



***How I Discovered Poetry*** (Nelson, poetry, recent history)  
50 stunning, free verse poems tell Nelson's story of growing up in the era of Civil Rights, civil disobedience and the Cold War.



***My Fashion Doodles and Designs*** (Moffat, design, life skills)

Read and draw your way to HIGH STYLE!



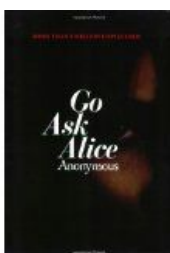
***Bad Girls: Sirens, Jezebels, Murderesses, Thieves and other Female Villains*** (Yolen, biography collection, history)

Meet history's most notorious ladies, each with a rotten reputation!!

**Upward and Onward to High School! Congrats!!**

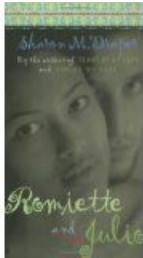
**"IF THERE IS A BOOK YOU REALLY WANT TO READ, BUT IT HASN'T BEEN WRITTEN YET, THEN YOU MUST WRITE IT."**

**TONI MORRISON, AUTHOR**



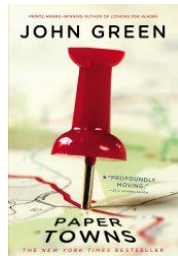
***Go Ask Alice*** (Anonymous)

Read her diary. Enter her world. You will never forget her. Best selling first person account of a teen girl's harrowing descent in the nightmare of drugs. Although not new, it continues to ring true.



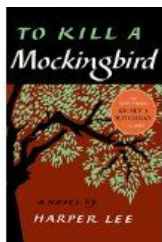
***Romiette & Julio*** (Draper)

Shakespeare's timeless romance set in Ohio with a different twist, including deadly reality and desperate struggle.



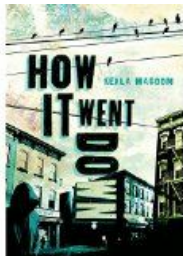
***Paper Towns*** (Green)

Suspenseful, hilarious and quirky. Where *is* Margo?



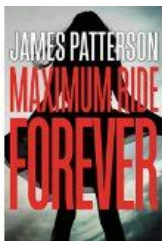
***To Kill a Mockingbird*** (Lee)

One day you'll have to read it. Why not now? And then see the great movie. It's a tale of race and justice in a very small town, during our depression. Lee is a great story teller.



***How It Went Down*** (Magoon, Best Book Award)

"When 16 year old Tariq dies from two gunshot wounds, his community is thrown into an uproar. Tariq was black. The shooter, Jack Franklin, is white. Day by day, new twists further obscure the truth."



***Maximum Ride Forever*** (Patterson, series)

More incredible adventures of a teenage girl who can fly. She and her flock search their post apocalyptic world for answers about what has happened.

***Eleanor & Park*** (Rowell)

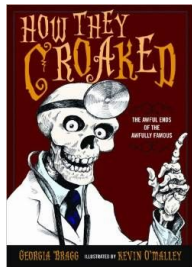
Star-crossed misfits. “Smart enough to know that first love almost never lasts, but brave and desperate enough to try.”



***The Beginning of Everything*** (Schneider)

“Everyone has a tragedy waiting to happen.” Is that true?

## **NON FICTION**



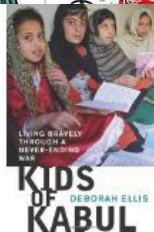
***How They Croaked: The Awful Ends of the Awfully Famous*** (Bragg, history)

The gory details of what happened to those who had it coming!



***The Fashion Book*** (DK Publishing, life skills)

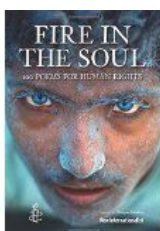
A “guide for teenage girls who want to discover the stories behind their favorite looks, find their own style, and learn what makes the fashion world tick.”



***Kids of Kabul: Living Bravely through a Never Ending War***

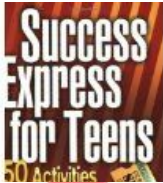
(Ellis, current events)

Children speak about their lives in a country torn apart by violence and oppression. But they speak with courage, optimism and a focus on education.



***Fire in the Soul: 100 poems for Human Rights*** (Godrej, editor)

An exciting collection of poems about justice and outrage, resistance and hope -- all through the lens of human history.



***Success Express for Teens: 50 Life Changing Activities*** (Leslie, life skills) How to get from where you are to where you want to be. Make your dreams happen!



***Countdown to College: 21 to do Lists for High School***

(Pierce, life skills)

Step by step strategies for 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th graders. Invaluable reminders of what to do and when to do it.



***The Complete Persepolis*** (Satrapi, recent history)

Unforgettable childhood, war, escape and return. “Sweet and Terrible” in the Islamic Revolution.

**Some interesting websites to explore!**

**Art Zone** - Interactive online art from the National Gallery.

<http://www.nga.gov/content/ngaweb/education/kids.html>

**Capitol Choices** - More reviews by librarians, frequently updated. [www.capitolchoices.org](http://www.capitolchoices.org)

**Free Rice** - Improve your vocabulary, math facts, grammar or geography while earning rice for the United Nations' World Food Program. [www.freerice.com](http://www.freerice.com)

**Jackson Pollock** - Paint like Jackson Pollock. [www.jacksonpollock.org](http://www.jacksonpollock.org)

**National Geographic Kids** - From kids' book reviews, to geography games to world statistics, National Geographic offers lots. [www.kids.nationalgeographic.com](http://www.kids.nationalgeographic.com)

**Origami Instruction** - Create animals, hats and fireworks with paper and patience.  
[www.origami-instruction.com](http://www.origami-instruction.com)

Try googling “word clouds” to find sites to empower the “word artist” in you!  
<http://worditout.com/word-cloud/make-a-new-one> is one the library likes.