

**HRS Junior High Summer Reading List  
and Battle of the Books Competition  
2021-2022**

Keep your reading skills sharp by choosing some of these great books to read over the summer. In Junior High you will all take part in Battle of the Books, a fun academic team challenge where you will collectively read a list of books for a competition in the spring. You can get a jump start by reading some of the books off our Battle of the Books list this summer. You might also enjoy reading some great titles that have been nominated for the Evergreen Teen Book Award (ETBA). No matter what books you choose, the most important part is to have reading be a part of your summer routine. Take your books with you on all your summer adventures and enjoy!

***How We Became Wicked*** by Alexander Yates (ETBA)  
***Fireborne*** by Rosaria Munda (ETBA)  
***Scary Stories for Young Foxes*** by Christian McKay Heidicker (ETBA)  
***The Canyon's Edge*** by Dusti Bowling (verse)  
***The Mystery of Black Hollow Lane*** by Julia Nobel (ETBA)  
***All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team***  
by Christina Soontornvat  
***How We Got to the Moon*** by John Rocco  
***Efrén Divided*** by Ernesto Cisneros  
***What Stars Are Made Of*** by Sarah Allen  
***Free Lunch*** by Rex Ogle (ETBA)  
***A Good Kind of Trouble*** by Lisa Moore Ramee (ETBA)  
***The New Kid*** by Jerry Craft  
***Class Act*** by Jerry Craft  
***When Stars Are Scattered*** by Victoria Jamison and Omar Hohamed  
***All He Knew*** by Helen Frost  
***Secret Soldiers*** by Keely Hutton (ETBA)  
***Prairie Lotus*** by Linda Sue Park  
***Where the Red Fern Grows*** by Wilson Rawls  
***Becoming Muhammed Ali*** by James Patterson and Kwame Alexander  
***Stand Up, Yumi Chung!*** by Jessica Kim

## Books listed by genre:

### Fantasy/Sci-fi

***How We Became Wicked*** by Alexander Yates (ETBA)  
***Fireborne*** by Rosaria Munda (YRCA)  
***Scary Stories for Young Foxes*** by Christian McKay Heidicker (ETBA)

### Mystery/Adventure

***The Canyon's Edge*** by Dusti Bowling (verse)  
***The Mystery of Black Hollow Lane*** by Julia Nobel (ETBA)

### Non-Fiction

***All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team*** by Christina Soontornvat  
***How We Got to the Moon*** by John Rocco

### Realistic Fiction

***Efrén Divided*** by Ernesto Cisneros  
***What Stars Are Made Of*** by Sarah Allen  
***Free Lunch*** by Rex Ogle (ETBA)  
***A Good Kind of Trouble*** by Lisa Moore Ramee (ETBA)

### Graphic Novels

***The New Kid*** by Jerry Craft  
***Class Act*** by Jerry Craft  
***When Stars Are Scattered*** by Victoria Jamison and Omar Hohamed

### Historical Fiction

***All He Knew*** by Helen Frost  
***Secret Soldiers*** by Keely Hutton (ETBA)  
***Prairie Lotus*** by Linda Sue Park  
***Where the Red Fern Grows*** by Wilson Rawls

### Biographical Novel

***Becoming Muhammed Ali*** by James Patterson and Kwame Alexander

### Humor

***Stand Up, Yumi Chung!*** by Jessica Kim

\*All 8th grade students must read one book from this list by the first week of school for a required book review and book talk in English class.

\*All students in the junior high must read two books from the BoB list to earn a B. Three books earns an A-. Four or more books earns an A+. Students have until spring trimester to fulfill the requirement.

\*Typically, all students are assigned to read 3-5 books from the BoB list in order to help out their team for the BoB competition in the spring. Plan to read at least two of these books this summer and get ahead to help out your team!

\*Suggested summer reading is 20+ minutes a day in the summer. Students can read selections from their previous Close Reader workbook, novels from this list, or ANY books / texts of interest during the summer. Have fun and be creative -- cookbooks, blogs, manuals, magazines, newspapers, websites, editorials, movie reviews, maps, charts, comic books, graphic novels, poetry, song lyrics, diaries, fiction, non-fiction.

\*Read everything and have fun doing **Mrs. Wallace's Summer Reading Challenge too!** See your report card envelope or the library website for information and the record sheet.



**More Summer Reading Suggestions (not required reading)** from Mrs. Wallace and the junior high English teachers:

- No Fixed Address by Susin Nielsen-Fernlund (RF) (SJ)
- The Eleventh Trade by Alyssa Hollingsworth (RF) (EA) (SJ)
- City of Ghosts by Victoria Schwab (F) (YRCA winner)
- Proud: Living My American Dream by Ibtihaj Muhammad (AB) (EA) (SJ)
- The Bridge Home by Padma Venkatraman (RF) (YRCA)
- Suspect Red by L.M. Elliott (HF)
- Be a Changemaker: How to Start Something that Matters by Laurie Ann Thompson (I) (SJ)
- Breakout by Kate Messner (RF)
- Amal Unbound by Aisha Saeed (RF) (EA) (SJ)
- Rated by Melissa Gray (SF)
- All Fall Down by Kate Paveo (M) (R)
- Sorcery of Thorns by Margaret Rogerson (YRCA)
- Look Both Ways by Jason Reynolds (RF) (SJ)
- The Perfect Horse by Elizabeth Letts (HF)
- This Was Our Pact by Ryan Andrews (GN) (F)
- Amina's Voice by Hena Khan (RF) (SJ)
- Witches: The Absolutely True Tale of Disaster in Salem by Rosalyn Schanzer (NF)
- Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky by Kwame Mbalia (YRCA)
- Spin the Dawn by Elizabeth Lim (YRCA)
- The Eternal City by Paula Morris (F)
- We Contain Multitudes by Sarah Henstra (YRCA)
- Grenade by Alan Gratz (HF)
- White Rose by Kip Wilson (YRCA)
- I Can Make This Promise by Christine Day (YRCA)
- I Love you so Mochi by Sarah Kuhn (YRCA)
- The Mortification of Fovea Munson by Mary Winn Heider (SF)
- The Stars Beneath Our Feet by David Barclay Moore (RF) (SJ)
- Scouts by Shannon Greenland (M)
- Bomb: The Race to Build - and Steal - the World's Most Dangerous Weapon by Steve Sheinkin (NF)

**KEY:**

A - Adventure  
 AB - Autobiography  
 B - Biography  
 C - Classic  
 EA - Evergreen Teen Book Award Nominee  
 F - Fantasy  
 GN - Graphic Novel  
 HF - Historical Fiction  
 I - Informational

M - Mystery  
 NF - Non-Fiction  
 R - Romance  
 RF - Realistic Fiction  
 SF - Science Fiction  
 SJ - Social Justice  
 YRCA - Young Reader's Choice Book Award Nominee