

**HRS Junior High Summer Reading List
and Battle of the Books Competition
2022-2023**

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 book awards. 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!

The Blackbird Girls by Anne Blankman

When You Trap a Tiger (Winner of the 2021 Newbery Medal) by Tae Keller

We Are Not Free by Traci Chee

Everything Sad Is Untrue (a true story) by Daniel Nayeri

Wink by Rob Harrell

Black Brother, Black Brother by Jewel Parker Rhodes

Amber & Clay by Laura Amy Schlitz, Julia Iredale

The Last Cuentista (Winner of the 2022 Newbery Medal) by Donna Barba Higuera

Linked by Gordon Korman

Fallout: Spies, Superbombs, and the Ultimate Cold War Showdown by Steve Sheinkin

The Curse of the Mummy: Uncovering Tutankhamun's Tomb by Candace Flemin

White Bird: A Wonder Story (A Graphic Novel) by R.J. Palacio

The Crossover by Kwame Alexander

Refugee by Alan Gratz

Last Shot by John Feinstein

Bloom by Kenneth Oppel

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis

***Wonder** (required summer 7th grade reading) by R.J. Palacio

Books listed by genre:

Fantasy/Sci-fi

Amber & Clay by Laura Amy Schlitz, Julia Iredale
The Last Cuentista by Donna Barba Higuera (Winner of the 2022 Newbery Medal)
Bloom by Kenneth Oppel

Mystery/Adventure

Linked by Gordon Korman
Last Shot by John Feinstein

Non-Fiction

Fallout: Spies, Superbombs, and the Ultimate Cold War Showdown by Steve Sheinkin
The Curse of the Mummy: Uncovering Tutankhamun's Tomb by Candace Fleming

Realistic Fiction

The Last Cuentista (Winner of the 2021 Newbery Medal) by Tae Keller
Black Brother, Black Brother by Jewel Parker Rhodes
The Crossover by Kwame Alexander
Refugee by Alan Gratz

Graphic Novels

White Bird: A Wonder Story (A Graphic Novel) by R.J. Palacio

Historical Fiction

The Blackbird Girls by Anne Blankman
We Are Not Free by Traci Chee

Biographical Novel

Everything Sad Is Untrue (a true story) by Daniel Nayeri
Wink by Rob Harrell

Classic Novel

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis

*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 7th grade students must read Wonder by the first week of school for required book review and discussion in 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 of 2023 to fulfill the requirement.

*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:

- Cemetery Boys by Aiden Thomas
- Legendborn by Tracy Deonn
- Clap When You Land by Elizabeth Acevedo
- Elatsoe by Darcie Little Badger
- The Henna Wars by Adiba Jaigirdar
- Punching the Air by Ibi Zoboi and Yusef Salaam
- The Bridge Home by Padma Venkatraman
- Sorcery of Thorns by Margaret Rogerson
- Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky by Kwame Mbalia
- Spin the Dawn by Elizabeth Lim
- We Contain Multitudes by Sarah Henstra
- White Rose by Kip Wilson
- I Can Make This Promise by Christine Day
- I Love you so Mochi by Sarah Kuhn
- Dream, Annie, Dream by Waka T. Brown
- Mazy Chen's Last Chance by Lisa Yee
- Hide and Geek by TP Jagger
- The Aquanaut: A Graphic Novel by Dan Santat
- Displacement: A Graphic Novel by Kiku Hughes
- Romeo and Juliet (Shakespeare Classics Graphic Novels) by Garth Hinds
- Just Pretend: A Graphic Novel by Tori Sharp