

West Seneca West Middle School

Summer 2021 Reading List for Grade 6

Incoming 6th graders are expected to read one book from this list. Fill out the attached organizer as you read. It will assist you on the assignment that will be given in September.

Book Title / Series Number if available	Author	Year	Genre	Lexile
1. <u><i>Dash</i></u> * Mitsi Kashino's family is forced into an internment camp and she is separated from her home, her classmates, and her beloved dog Dash. As her family comes apart, Mitsi clings to her one connection to the outer world - the letters from her neighbor who is caring for Dash.	Kirby Larson	2014	Historical fiction	570
2. <u><i>Some Kind of Happiness</i></u> Finley Hart is sent to her grandparents' house for the summer, but her anxiety and overwhelmingly sad days continue until she escapes into her writings which soon turn mysteriously real.	Claire Legrand	2016	Fantasy fiction	580
3. <u><i>Al Capone Does My Shirts / bk. 1 of 3</i></u> * Moose, 12, moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935, when prison guards' families were housed there. He has to live in his extraordinary new environment.	Gennifer Choldenko	2004	Historical fiction	600
4. <u><i>The List / bk. 1 of 2</i></u> Letta is charged with collecting and saving words when she uncovers a sinister plan to suppress language, robbing the people of Ark of the power of speech. She realizes she must also save the culture itself.	Patricia Forde	2014	Realistic fiction	600
5. <u><i>No Fixed Address</i></u> Twelve-year-old Felix's appearance on a television game show reveals that he and his mother have been homeless for a while, but also restores some of his faith in other people.	Susin Nielsen	2018	Science fiction	620
6. <u><i>Pictures of Hollis Woods</i></u> * Hollis Woods has been in so many foster homes she can hardly remember them all. Then she is sent to Josie, an elderly woman with whom she wants to stay. But if Social Services finds out Josie is getting forgetful, Hollis will get taken away from Josie.	Patricia Reilly Giff	2004	Realistic fiction	650
7. <u><i>Satch & Me / bk. 7 of 12</i></u> * # <i>The Baseball Card Adventures</i> series features a boy, Joe Stoshack, who can travel through time when he touches old baseball cards. In <i>Satch & Me</i> , Joe takes his elderly friend Flip with him to find out whether Satchel Paige really was the fastest pitcher ever.	Dan Gutman	2006	Sports fiction	660
8. <u><i>Swindle / bk. 1 of 7</i></u> * # Collector S. Wendell Palamino cons sixth-grader Griffin Bing out of a valuable baseball card. Griffin puts together a band of misfits to break into Palamino's heavily guarded store and steal the card back so he can use the money to finance his father's failing invention, the SmartPick fruit picker.	Gordon Korman	2008	Adventure fiction	710
9. <u><i>Rules for Stealing Stars</i></u> * 11-year-old Silly's family, including her older siblings, Marla and twins Eleanor and Astrid, have moved permanently from Massachusetts to their summer house in New Hampshire. There, the sisters rely on each other - and a bit of mysterious magic - to cope with their mother's illness.	Corey Ann Haydu	2015	Fantasy fiction	720
10. <u><i>The Dragonet Prophecy / bk. 1 of 12</i></u> * # On a stormy night on an island of warring dragon tribes, one egg each from five tribes are stolen and raised to fulfill a destiny they neither understand nor wish to face. They look for any opportunity to break free, which has consequences they could never possibly imagine.	Tui T. Sutherland	2012	Fantasy fiction	740
11. <u><i>Screaming at the Ump</i></u> * Casey's dad and grandfather run an umpire school. Casey's dream, however, is to be a reporter - objective, impartial, and fair, just like an ump. But when he stumbles upon a sensational story involving a former major league player in exile, he finds that the ethics of publishing it are cloudy at best.	Audrey Vernick	2014	Sports fiction	750
12. <u><i>Pax</i></u> * # A young boy named Peter is forced to give up his pet fox named Pax. Peter decides to leave home and get his best friend back. This story is told in alternating chapters, from Peter's and Pax's points of view.	Sara Pennypacker	2016	Coming-of-age fiction	760
13. <u><i>The Worst Class Trip Ever / bk. 1 of 2</i></u> * When the eighth grade civics class of Miami's Culver Middle School goes on a trip to Washington, D.C., Wyatt Palmer finds himself in deep trouble before the plane even lands. His best friend, Matt, has decided the men sitting behind them are terrorists and it is up to the boys to stop them.	Dave Barry	2015	Humorous fiction	770
14. <u><i>Double Identity</i></u> * Bethany is suddenly taken to live in a new town with an aunt she never met. There, she looks into her family's dark past and discovers she had an older sister who died years ago. Now, Bethany is being hunted by a dangerous person whose mission is yet unknown.	Margaret Peterson Haddix	2005	Science fiction	810
15. <u><i>The Lion, The Witch, & the Wardrobe / bk. 2 of 2</i></u> * Four children find their way through the back of a wardrobe (a piece of furniture that holds clothes) into the magical land of Narnia. They assist Aslan, the golden lion, to triumph over the White Witch, who has cursed the land with eternal winter.	C.S. Lewis	1950	Fantasy fiction	870
16. <u><i>Bud, Not Buddy</i></u> * Bud, 10, is a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression. He escapes a bad foster home and searches for the man he believes to be his father - the renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway of Grand Rapids.	Christopher Paul Curtis	1999	Historical fiction	950

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HOW TO LOCATE BOOKS:

1. West Middle school library:

- a. Destiny: <http://libraries.wscschools.org> (print books, ebooks and audiobooks)
- b. Sora: <http://www.SoraApp.com> (ebooks and audiobooks) **add your public library card number to your school Sora account to get ebooks/audiobooks from both places*
- c. Students may log in to both book search sites using their school Google account.
- d. Students may check out summer books from the school library in June before school ends and return them in September. E-books and audio books may be checked out any time online in Destiny. The borrowing time is 3 weeks; then the book is automatically returned.

2. Buffalo & Erie County public library:

- a. <http://www.buffalolib.org> (make sure the search box menu at the top is set to "Search Catalog")
- b. The public library offers print, audio and e-books. Try one of the free apps available on many different devices that link to your public library card: Overdrive, Libby or Sora.
- c. Phone numbers for local branches:
 - i. West Seneca, 716-674-2928
 - ii. Orchard Park, 716-662-9851
 - iii. Lackawanna, 716-823-0630
 - iv. Julia Boyer Reinstein (Cheektowaga), 716-668-4991
 - v. Anna Reinstein (Cheektowaga), 716-892-8089
- d. How to get a free library card: <http://www.buffalolib.org/library-cards>

3. Local book stores:

- a. Dog Ears Bookstore, 688 Abbott Rd., South Buffalo NY 14220, 716-823-2665, www.dogearsbookstore.org
- b. Talking Leaves Elmwood, 951 Elmwood Ave., Buffalo NY 14224, 716-884-9524, www.tleavesbooks.com
- c. Barnes & Noble McKinley Mall, 3701 McKinley Parkway, Hamburg NY 14219, 716-822-0832, www.bn.com
- d. Barnes & Noble Eastern Hills Mall, 4401 Transit Road, Clarence NY 14221, 716-634-1011, www.bn.com
- e. Barnes & Noble Amherst, 1565 Niagara Falls Blvd., Amherst NY 14228, 716-837-7209, www.bn.com

4. Online book stores:





- a. www.powells.com
- b. www.amazon.com



As you read your summer reading book, fill out the charts below. These charts will help you complete the Summer Reading Project you will be required to do in September.

<p>Who is the story about?</p>	<p>Where does the majority of your story take place?</p> <p>What is the Time Period- (Present Day, Past or Future)</p>
<p>What is the main problem?</p>	<p>What is the theme of your story? (What is the message or big idea of your story?)</p>

Describe the part of the story that made you feel happy, sad, laugh and love.
 *Don't forget to write the page number where this part happened.

Feeling and page number	Description
 <u>Happy</u> Pg: _____	
 <u>Sad</u> Pg: _____	
 <u>Laugh</u> Pg: _____	
 <u>Love</u> Pg: _____	

List 2-4 main characters

Character Name	Description of Character (Include their traits)

Explain 2-3 main events that happened in the beginning, middle and end of your book. Remember to think about what the main character or characters went through.

Beginning	
Middle	
End	