

West Seneca West Middle School

Summer 2020 Reading List for Grade 7

Incoming 7th graders are expected to read **one** book from the list. Extra credit will be earned for those who read two from the list. Students will be given an assignment in September.

Book Title / Series Number if available	Author	Year	Genre	Lexile
1. <u><i>The One and Only Ivan</i></u> * # Ivan is a gorilla who has lived for years in a down-and-out circus-themed mall. When Ivan meets Ruby, a baby elephant that has been added to the mall, he decides that he must find her a better life.	Katherine Applegate	2012	Fantasy fiction	570
2. <u><i>Stargirl / bk. 1 of 2</i></u> * Fellow high school students are captivated by Stargirl Caraway's unusual behavior. But she is soon shunned for everything that makes her unique.	Jerry Spinelli	2000	Realistic fiction	590
3. <u><i>Fallen Angels / bk. 1 of 2</i></u> # Seventeen-year-old Richie Perry just graduated from high school. He enlists in the Army and spends a devastating year on active duty in Vietnam.	Walter Dean Myers	1988	Realistic fiction	650
4. <u><i>Eragon / bk. 1 of 4</i></u> * In Aagaesia, 15-year-old Eragon finds a mysterious stone that weaves his life into a tapestry of magic and power, with dragons, elves, & monsters.	Christopher Paolini	2012	Fantasy fiction	730
5. <u><i>Ungifted / bk. 1 of 2</i></u> * Troublemaker Donovan Curtis pulls a major prank at middle school. Due to an administrative mix-up, he is then sent to the Academy of Scholastic Distinction, a special program for gifted and talented students.	Gordon Korman	2002	Humorous fiction	710
6. <u><i>The Sea of Monsters / bk. 2 of 5</i></u> * # Demi-god Percy Jackson and friends must journey into the Sea of Monsters to save their camp. But first Percy will discover a secret that makes him wonder whether being claimed as Poseidon's son is an honor or a cruel joke. <i>This is a follow-up to <u>The Lightning Thief</u>, which 6th graders read in class.</i>	Rick Riordan	2006	Fantasy fiction	740
7. <u><i>Game Changer</i></u> While playing in the championship softball game, star pitcher KT Sutton blacks out and awakes to a changed world where the roles of academics and sports at her middle school have flipped. This turns talented athletes such as KT into outcasts, and makes brainy nerds popular.	Margaret Peterson Haddix	2012	Sports/science fiction	740
8. <u><i>Esperanza Rising</i></u> * For the first 12 years of her life, Esperanza Ortega is pampered by servants and sheltered by her doting parents. But a sudden tragedy shatters her world. Esperanza and her mother go to California to start a new life.	Pam Muñoz Ryan	2000	Historical fiction	750
9. <u><i>Life As We Knew It / bk. 1 of 4</i></u> * # A meteor hits the moon, causing worldwide tsunamis, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions. Sixteen-year-old Miranda describes through journal entries her family's struggle to survive.	Susan Beth Pfeffer	2006	Science fiction	770
10. <u><i>Wonder</i></u> * Auggie Pullman was born with extreme facial abnormalities and was not expected to survive. He goes from being home-schooled to entering middle school, which entails enduring the taunts and fear of his classmates as he struggles to be seen as just another student.	R.J. Palacio	2012	Realistic fiction	790
11. <u><i>Deck Z: The Titanic</i></u> * In 1912, German scientist Theodor Weiss steals the only vial of a disease that transforms its victims into soulless, flesh-hungry monsters. He travels on the Titanic to America, but during the voyage something goes terribly wrong.	Chris Pauls & Matt Solomon	2012	Fantasy/historical fiction	880
12. <u><i>Somebody on this Bus is Going to be Famous</i></u> * Nine very different middle schoolers on a bus route theorize why bus driver Mrs. B. stops at an empty bus stop every morning. No one ever gets on or off. One day, clues start turning up and the students must solve the mystery.	J.B. Cheaney	2014	Mystery fiction	840
13. <u><i>Fantasy League</i></u> * # Twelve-year-old Charlie's skill at fantasy football gains the attention of both the local media and the owner of a professional football team.	Mike Lupica	2014	Sports fiction	930
14. <u><i>The Golden Compass / bk. 1 of 3</i></u> * # Lyra Belacqua sets out to prevent her best friend and other kidnapped children from becoming the subject of gruesome experiments in the Far North. She is accompanied by her daemon (mythological spirit).	Philip Pullman	1995	Fantasy fiction	930
15. <u><i>The River / bk. 2 of 5</i></u> * Fifteen-year-old Brian survived alone in the wilderness for fifty-four days. Now, scientists ask him to undergo a similar experience to help them learn more about the psychology of survival. <i>This is a follow-up to <u>Hatchet</u>, bk. 1 in the series.</i>	Gary Paulsen	1991	Adventure fiction	960

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1. West Middle school library catalog, Destiny:

- a. <http://libraries.wcschools.org> (choose “West Middle” on right side)
- b. Students may log into the Destiny catalog using their school username and password to search for books. To reset your password during the summer, call the Information Technology department at 677-3832.
- c. 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> (to search for a book, choose “Library Catalog” from across the top)
- b. The public library offers print, audio and e-books. Try one of the free apps that link to your public library card and are available on many different devices: 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 library card: <http://www.buffalolib.org/content/borrower-information>

3. Local book stores:

- a. Monkey See Monkey Do Bookstore, 9060 Main St., Clarence NY 14031, 716-204-8417, www.monkeysread.com
- b. Dog Ears Bookstore, 688 Abbott Rd., South Buffalo NY 14220, 716-823-2665, www.dogearsbookstore.org
- c. Talking Leaves Elmwood, 951 Elmwood Ave., Buffalo NY 14224, 716-884-9524, www.facebook.com/talkingleavesbooks
- d. Barnes & Noble McKinley Mall, 3701 McKinley Parkway, Hamburg NY 14219, 716-822-0832, www.bn.com
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- f. Barnes & Noble Amherst, 1565 Niagara Falls Blvd., Amherst NY 14228, 716-837-7209, www.bn.com

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