

Contemporary Fiction

Estrella's Quinceañera	<i>Alegria</i>
Nothing But the Truth.....	<i>Avi</i>
Stand Tall.....	<i>Bauer</i>
Tangerine.....	<i>Bloor</i>
The Tequila Worm.....	<i>Canales</i>
Getting Near to Baby.....	<i>Couloumbis</i>
Hazelwood High Trilogy.....	<i>Draper</i>
Whirligig.....	<i>Fleischman</i>
Monkey Island.....	<i>Fox</i>
Jack Henry (series).....	<i>Gantos</i>
Second Cousins.....	<i>Hamilton</i>
Olive's Ocean.....	<i>Henkes</i>
Bird.....	<i>Johnson</i>
Buddha Boy.....	<i>Koja</i>
The Outcasts of 19 Schuyler Place.....	<i>Konigsburg</i>
Silent to the Bone.....	<i>Konigsburg</i>
Silk Umbrellas.....	<i>Marsden</i>
Autobiography of My Dead Brother.....	<i>Myers</i>
A Step from Heaven.....	<i>Na</i>
Mismatch.....	<i>Namioka</i>
Big Mouth and Ugly Girl.....	<i>Oates</i>
Eragon.....	<i>Paolini</i>
Holes.....	<i>Sachar</i>
Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pic.....	<i>Sonnenblick</i>
Stargirl.....	<i>Spinelli</i>
Love, Stargirl.....	<i>Spinelli</i>
Bartimaeus Trilogy (series).....	<i>Stroud</i>
Surviving the Applewhites.....	<i>Tolan</i>
True Believer.....	<i>Wolff</i>
Black and White.....	<i>Volponi</i>
Millicent Min, Girl Genius.....	<i>Yee</i>

Fantasy/Science Fiction

Summerland.....	<i>Chabon</i>
Underland Chronicles (series).....	<i>Collins</i>
The Dark Is Rising.....	<i>Cooper</i>
Revenge of the Witch.....	<i>Delaney</i>
The City of Ember.....	<i>DuPrau</i>
Inkheart.....	<i>Funke</i>
Princess Academy.....	<i>Hale</i>
Gathering Blue.....	<i>Lowry</i>
The Giver.....	<i>Lowry</i>
Keys to the Kingdom (series).....	<i>Nix</i>
Drift House: The First Voyage.....	<i>Peck</i>
The Wee Free Men.....	<i>Pratchett</i>

His Dark Materials Trilogy (series).....	<i>Pullman</i>
Hungry City Chronicles (series).....	<i>Reeve</i>
The Book of Dead Days.....	<i>Sedgwick</i>
Bartimaeus Trilogy (series).....	<i>Stroud</i>

Biography

George Washington, Spymaster: How the Americans Outspied the British and Won the Revolutionary War.....	<i>Allen</i>
Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story about Brain Science.....	<i>Fleischman</i>
Escape!: The Story of the Great Houdini.....	<i>Fleischman</i>
Our Eleanor.....	<i>Fleming</i>
5,000 Miles To Freedom: Ellen and William Craft's Flight from Slavery.....	<i>Fradin</i>
The Power of One: Daisy Bates and the Little Rock Nine.....	<i>Fradin</i>
The Voice that Challenged a Nation: Marian Anderson and the Struggle for Equal Rights.....	<i>Freedman</i>
Good Brother, Bad Brother: The Story of Edwin Booth and John Wilkes Booth.....	<i>Giblin</i>
The Chimpanzees and Me.....	<i>Goodall</i>
Andy Warhol: Prince of Pop.....	<i>Greenberg</i>
Black Cat Bone: The Life of Blues Legend Robert Johnson.....	<i>Lewis</i>
Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution.....	<i>Jiang</i>
Diego Rivera: Legendary Mexican Painter.....	<i>Litwin</i>
Something Out of Nothing: Marie Curie and Radium.....	<i>McClafferty</i>
Lawrence of Arabia.....	<i>MacLean</i>
Let It Shine: Stories of Black Women Freedom Fighters.....	<i>Pinkney</i>

Legends and Myths

Sign of the Qin.....	<i>Bass</i>
Storyteller's Daughter.....	<i>Dokey</i>
The Sea of Trolls.....	<i>Farmer</i>
Book of a Thousand Days.....	<i>Hale</i>
Spiders in the Hairdo: Modern Urban Legends.....	<i>Holt</i>
Lost in the Labyrinth: A Novel.....	<i>Kindl</i>
Nelson Mandela's Favorite African Folktales.....	<i>Mandela</i>
Birdwing.....	<i>Martin</i>
Gilgamesh.....	<i>McCaughrean</i>
Beowulf.....	<i>Morpurgo</i>
Sir Gawain and the Green Knight.....	<i>Morpurgo</i>

Bound.....	<i>Napoli</i>
American Born Chinese.....	<i>Yang</i>

Mystery

Gilda Joyce, Psychic Investigator.....	<i>Allison</i>
The Man Who Was Poe.....	<i>Avi</i>
Chasing Vermeer.....	<i>Balliett</i>
In the Middle of the Night.....	<i>Cormier</i>
Hoot.....	<i>Hiaasen</i>
Ghost in the Tokaido Inn.....	<i>Hoobler</i>
Alex Rider (series).....	<i>Horowitz</i>
Bad Kitty.....	<i>Jaffe</i>
Blood Secret.....	<i>Lasky</i>
Lulu Dark Can See Through Walls.....	<i>Madison</i>
Kiki Strike: Inside the Shadow City.....	<i>Miller</i>
Jade Green.....	<i>Naylor</i>
The Westing Game.....	<i>Raskin</i>
The View From the Cherry Tree.....	<i>Roberts</i>
The Case of the Missing Marquess.....	<i>Springer</i>
Montmorency: Thief, Liar, Gentleman?.....	<i>Urdale</i>
Sammy Keyes (series).....	<i>Van Draanen</i>
Never Trust a Dead Man.....	<i>Vande Velde</i>
The Case of the Goblin Pearls.....	<i>Yep</i>

Historical Fiction

Before We Were Free.....	<i>Alvarez</i>
Fever 1793.....	<i>Anderson</i>
Crispin: The Cross of Lead.....	<i>Avi</i>
Crispin: At the Edge of the World.....	<i>Avi</i>
Code Talker.....	<i>Bruchac</i>
Year of Impossible Goodbyes.....	<i>Choi</i>
Al Capone Does My Shirts.....	<i>Choldenko</i>
Children of the River.....	<i>Crew</i>
Bud, Not Buddy.....	<i>Curtis</i>
Catherine, Called Birdy.....	<i>Cushman</i>
Guests.....	<i>Dorris</i>
Bull Run.....	<i>Fleischman</i>
Lily's Crossing.....	<i>Giff</i>
Jazmin's Notebook.....	<i>Grimes</i>
Incantation.....	<i>Hoffman</i>
Kira-Kira.....	<i>Kadobata</i>
Dave at Night.....	<i>Levine</i>
Gold Dust.....	<i>Lynch</i>
Mary, Bloody Mary.....	<i>Meyer</i>

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Historical Fiction (continued)

When My Name Was Keoko.....	<i>Park</i>
Lyddie.....	<i>Paterson</i>
Criss Cross.....	<i>Perkins</i>
Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy.....	<i>Schmidt</i>
Listening for Lions.....	<i>Whelan</i>
Black Storm Comin'.....	<i>Wilson</i>

Informational Books

Bodies from the Ash: Life and Death in Ancient Pompeii.....	<i>Deem</i>
What Are You?: Voices of Mixed-Race Young People.....	<i>Gaskins</i>
Blue Lipstick: Concrete Poems.....	<i>Grandits</i>
The Bone Detectives: How Forensic Anthropologists Solve Crimes and Undercover Mysteries of the Dead.....	<i>Jackson</i>
The Teen's Vegetarian Cookbook.....	<i>Krizmanic</i>
How to Draw Comics the Marvel Way.....	<i>Lee</i>
Black Hands, White Sails: The Story of African-American Whalers.....	<i>McKissack</i>
Math Doesn't Suck: How to Survive Middle School Math.....	<i>McKellar</i>
Wildfire.....	<i>Morrison</i>
An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793.....	<i>Murphy</i>
A Kid's Guide to African American History.....	<i>Sanders</i>
Chew on This: Everything You Don't Want to Know About Fast Food.....	<i>Schlusser</i>

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Adams Street (Dorchester).....	617-436-6900
Brighton.....	617-782-6032
Charlestown.....	617-242-1248
Codman Square (Dorchester).....	617-436-8214
Connolly (Jamaica Plain).....	617-522-1960
Dudley (Roxbury).....	617-442-6186
East Boston.....	617-569-0271
Egleston Square (Roxbury).....	617-445-4340
Faneuil (Brighton).....	617-782-6705
Fields Corner (Dorchester).....	617-436-2155
Grove Hall (Roxbury).....	617-427-3337
Honan-Allston.....	617-787-6313
Hyde Park.....	617-361-2524
Jamaica Plain.....	617-524-2053
Lower Mills (Dorchester).....	617-298-7841
Mattapan.....	617-298-9218
North End.....	617-227-8135
Orient Heights (East Boston).....	617-567-2516
Parker Hill (Roxbury).....	617-427-3820
Roslindale.....	617-323-2343
South Boston.....	617-268-0180
South End.....	617-536-8241
Uphams Corner (Dorchester).....	617-265-0139
Washington Village (South Boston).....	617-269-7239
West End.....	617-523-3957
West Roxbury.....	617-325-3147
Central Library – Copley.....	617-536-5400

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2008 Summer Book List Grades 6–8

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

The summer months are a wonderful time to explore the world of books and reading—and the staff of the Boston Public Schools and the Boston Public Library are ready and willing to help you plan a reading program to last the whole summer.

This Summer Book List will help you choose high quality literature geared to the interests of middle school students. The books listed here are available at your neighborhood library. Your local librarian can suggest additional titles.

The Boston Public Schools is working to ensure high standards and high achievement for every student in every classroom, and literacy is a priority at all grade levels. We expect our students to work hard at reading and writing, and to keep reading year-round; and we need the support and encouragement of families to help us reach the goal of every student becoming an excellent reader.

Happy reading!

Sincerely,

Carol R. Johnson
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Boston Public Schools