

Summer Reading 2009:
Incoming Seventh Grade

Anderson, Laurie Halse: *Chains*

After being sold to a cruel couple in New York City, a slave named Isabel spies for the rebels during the Revolutionary War.

Bartoletti, Susan Campbell: *The Boy Who Dared*

In October, 1942, seventeen-year-old Helmuth Hubener, imprisoned for distributing anti-Nazi leaflets, recalls his past life and how he came to dedicate himself to bring the truth about Hitler and the war to the German people.

Bryant, Jennifer: *Pieces of Georgia*

In journal entries to her mother, a gifted artist who died suddenly, thirteen-year-old Georgia McCoy reveals how her life changes after she receives an anonymous gift membership to a nearby art museum.

Connor, Leslie: *Waiting for Normal*

Twelve-year-old Addie tries to cope with her mother's erratic behavior and being separated from her beloved stepfather and half-sisters when she and her mother go to live in a small trailer by the railroad tracks on the outskirts of Schenectady, New York.

Deem, James: *Bodies from the Ice* (non-fiction)

Recounts the discovery of the oldest human mummy in the 1990s by two mountain climbers on the Austrian border, in this exciting volume that reveals how glaciers, hulking masses of moving ice, are now offering up many secrets from the past.

Dowell, O'Roark, Frances: *Shooting the Moon*

When her brother is sent to fight in Vietnam, twelve-year-old Jamie begins to reconsider the Army world that she has grown up in.

Fleischman, Sid: *The Trouble Begins at 8* (non-fiction)

A biography of Mark Twain, a wisecracking adventurer who came of age in the untamed West and surprised himself by becoming the most famous American and celebrated author of his time. Bountifully illustrated.

Gaiman, Neil: *Graveyard Book*

Nobody Owens is a normal boy, except that he has been raised by ghosts and other denizens of the graveyard.

Haddix, Margaret Peterson: *Found*

When thirteen-year-olds Jonah and Chip, who are both adopted, learn they were discovered on a plane that appeared out of nowhere, full of babies with no adults on board, they realize that they have uncovered a mystery involving time travel and two opposing forces, each trying to repair the fabric of time.

Hiaasen, Carl: *Scat*

Nick and his friend Marta decide to investigate when a mysterious fire starts near a Florida wildlife preserve and an unpopular teacher goes missing.

Ibbotson, Eva: *Dragonfly Pool*

Tally, a twelve-year-old English girl, and her classmates at Delderton, a progressive boarding school, help Karil, the young prince of Bergania, escape into England after the Nazis invade Bergania and kill the king.

McKernan, Victoria: *The Devil's Paintbox*

In 1866, fifteen-year-old Aidan and his thirteen-year-old sister Maddy, penniless orphans, leave drought-stricken Kansas on a wagon train hoping for a better life in Seattle, but find there are still many hardships to be faced.

Murdock, Catherine Gilbert: *Princess Ben*

A girl is transformed, through instruction in life at court, determination, and magic, from sullen, graceless Ben into Crown Princess Benevolence, a fit ruler of the kingdom of Montagne as it faces war with neighboring Drachensbett.

Schmidt, Gary: *The Wednesday Wars*

During the 1967 school year, on Wednesday afternoons when all his classmates go to either Catechism or Hebrew school, seventh-grader Holling Hoodhood stays in Mrs. Baker's classroom where they read the plays of William Shakespeare and Holling learns much of value about the world he lives in.

Sonneblick, Jordan: *Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie*

When his younger brother is diagnosed with leukemia, thirteen-year-old Steven tries to deal with his complicated emotions, his school life, and his desire to support his family.