

# LITERACY LEADERS SUMMER READING 2019

Dear Jericho Middle School Parents, Students and Teachers,

It is my pleasure to present to you our **2019 Literacy Leaders Summer Reading List**. This list is an assortment of great new books including a variety of fiction genres, non-fiction, graphic novels and recommended teen reads. These books are available to borrow at our school library and the public library.

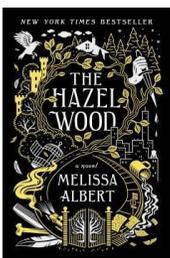
To participate in the Literacy Leaders program students can read **ANY THREE books** of their choosing (they do not have to be from this list), AND complete a journal entry for each book (**three total**) using this [Google Form](#) over the summer. We will meet in the fall to celebrate. Please consider also sharing favorite reads on our [library book blog](#).

Enjoy the summer and happy reading!

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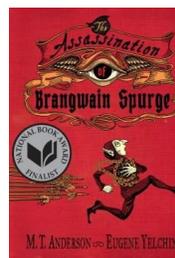
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**TEEN READ! Young Adult**  
**The Hazel Wood : a novel**

By Albert, Melissa

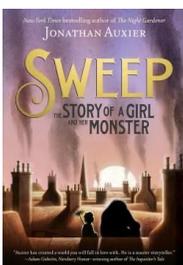
When the scary, magical world in her grandmother's book of dark feminist fairy tales becomes real, seventeen-year-old Alice, partnered with Ellery, an obsessed fan of the fairy tales, must enter the world to rescue Alice's kidnapped mother.



**The Assassination of Brangwain Spurge**

By Anderson, M. T

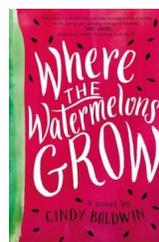
"Uptight elfin historian Brangwain Spurge is on a mission: survive being catapulted across the mountains into goblin territory, deliver a priceless peace offering to their mysterious dark lord, and spy on the goblin kingdom - from which no elf has returned alive in more than a hundred years."--Amazon.



**Sweep : the story of a girl and her monster**

By Auxier, Jonathan

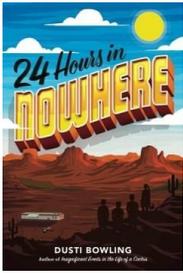
In nineteenth-century England, after her father's disappearance Nan Sparrow, ten, works as a "climbing boy," aiding chimney sweeps, but when her most treasured possessions end up in a fireplace, she unwittingly creates a golem.



**Where the watermelons grow**

By Baldwin, Cindy

Twelve-year-old Della Kelly of Maryville, North Carolina, tries to come to terms with her mother's mental illness while her father struggles to save the farm from a record-breaking drought.



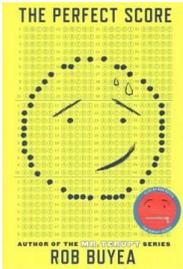
**24 hours in Nowhere**

By Bowling, Dusti  
Thirteen-year-old Gus, having been saved from the bullying of Bo Taylor by Rossi Scott who agreed to trade her dirt bike in exchange for Gus being left alone, agrees to go into Dead Frenchman Mine with Rossi and two other kids to find a piece of gold to buy the bike back; and, while on their adventure, the four bond over how hard life is in their small town of Nowhere, Arizona.



**Better you than me**

By Brody, Jessica  
When two twelve-year-old girls--one a famous TV star, the other an obsessive fan--switch bodies the results are nothing but disastrous.



**The perfect score**

By Buyea, Rob  
Told from different viewpoints, five sixth-graders, facing various challenges and under pressure to do well on statewide assessment tests, agree to a plan for acing the tests.



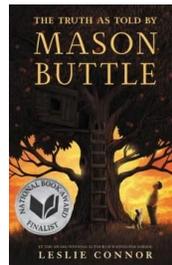
**Just like me**

By Cavanaugh, Nancy J  
In this story about unlikely friendships and finding your place in the world, three very different girls, adopted as babies from the same Chinese orphanage, spend a week at a summer camp, where the adoption agency coordinator wants them to journal their "bonding" experience.



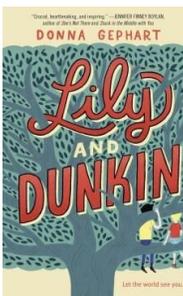
**The storm runner**

By Cervantes, Jennifer  
To prevent the Mayan gods from battling each other and destroying the world, thirteen-year-old Zane must unravel an ancient prophecy, stop an evil god, and discover how the physical disability that makes him reliant on a cane also connects him to his father and his ancestry.



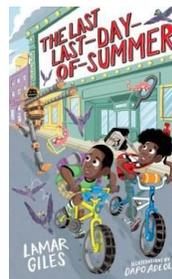
**The truth as told by Mason Buttle**

By Connor, Leslie  
"Mason Buttle is the biggest, sweatiest kid in his grade, and everyone knows he can barely read or write. Fifteen months ago, Mason's best friend, Benny Kilmartin, turned up dead in the Buttle family's orchard. An investigation drags on, and Mason, honest as the day is long, can't understand why Lieutenant Baird won't believe the story Mason has told about that day. Will anyone believe him?"--Amazon.com.



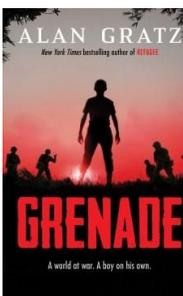
**Lily and Dunkin**

By Gephart, Donna  
"Lily Jo McGrother, born Timothy McGrother, is a girl. But being a girl is not so easy when you look like a boy. Especially when you're in the eighth-grade. Norbert Dorfman, nicknamed Dunkin Dorfman, is bipolar and has just moved from the New Jersey town he's called home for the past thirteen years. This would be hard enough, but the fact that he is also hiding from a painful secret makes it even worse. One summer morning, they meet, and their lives forever change"--Provided by publisher.



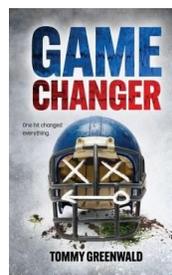
**The last last-day-of-summer**

By Giles, L. R  
"When adventurous cousins Otto and Sheed Alston accidentally extend the last day of summer by freezing time, they find the secrets between the unmoving seconds are not as much fun as they expected"--Provided by publisher.



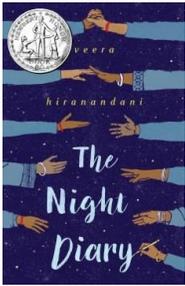
**Grenade**

By Gratz, Alan  
On April 1, 1945 with the battle of Okinawa beginning, fourteen-year-old native Okinawan Hideki, drafted into the Blood and Iron Student Corps, is handed two grenades and told to go kill American soldiers; small for his age Hideki does not really want to kill anyone, he just wants to find his family, and his struggle across the island will finally bring him face-to-face with Ray, a marine in his very first battle--and the choice he makes then will change his life forever.



**Game changer**

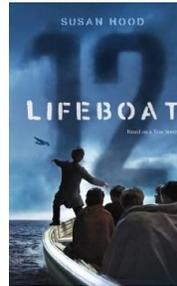
By Greenwald, Tom  
"While thirteen-year-old Teddy fights for his life after a football injury at training camp, his friends and family gather to support him and discuss events leading to his coma. Told through dialogue, text messages, newspaper articles, transcripts, an online forum, and Teddy's inner thoughts"--OCLC.



**The night diary**

By Hiranandani, Veera

Shy twelve-year-old Nisha, forced to flee her home with her Hindu family during the 1947 partition of India, tries to find her voice and make sense of the world falling apart around her by writing to her deceased Muslim mother in the pages of her diary.



**Lifeboat 12**

By Hood, Susan

In 1940, a group of British children, their escorts, and some sailors struggle to survive in a lifeboat when the ship taking them to safety in Canada is torpedoed. Includes historical notes.

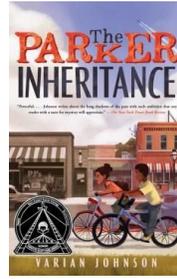


**The dollar kids**

By Jacobson, Jennifer

"Twelve-year-old Lowen Grover, a budding comic-book artist, is still reeling from the shooting death of his friend Abe when he stumbles across an article about a former mill town giving away homes for just one dollar. It not only seems like the perfect escape from Flintlock and all of the awful memories associated with the city, but an opportunity for his mum to run her very own business. Fortunately, his family is willing to give it a try. But is the Dollar Program too good to be true?"

--Provided by publisher.



**The Parker inheritance**

By Johnson, Varian

Twelve-year-old Candice Miller is spending the summer in Lambert, South Carolina, in the old house that belonged to her grandmother, who died after being dismissed as city manager for having the city tennis courts dug up looking for buried treasure--but when she finds the letter that sent her grandmother on the treasure hunt, she finds herself caught up in the mystery and, with the help of her new friend and fellow bookworm, Brandon, she sets out to find the inheritance, exonerate her grandmother, and expose an injustice once committed against an African American family in Lambert.



**Checked**

By Kadohata, Cynthia

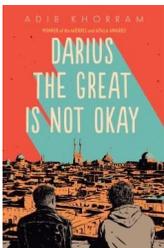
"To help his dog through cancer treatment, Conor gives up hockey and finds himself considering who he is without the sport that has defined him, and connecting more with his family and best friend"--Provided by publisher.



**You go first**

By Kelly, Erin Entrada

Charlotte, twelve, and Ben, eleven, are highly-skilled competitors at online Scrabble and that connection helps both as they face family issues and the turmoil of middle school.

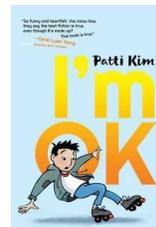


**TEEN READ! Young Adult**

**Darius the Great is not okay**

By Khorram, Adib

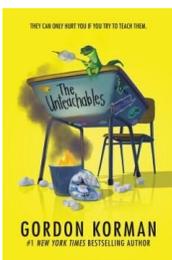
Clinically-depressed Darius Kellner, a high school sophomore, travels to Iran to meet his grandparents, but it is their next-door neighbor, Sohrab, who changes his life.



**I'm Ok**

By Kim, Patti

Ok, a Korean American boy, tries a get rich quick scheme of starting a hair braiding business and winning the school talent competition to hide the fact that he is struggling with the loss of his father and the financial hardships he and his mother must now bear.



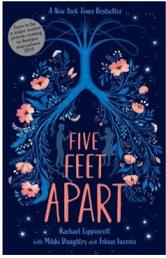
**The unteachables** By Korman, Gordon

"The Unteachables' never thought they'd find a teacher who had a worse attitude than they did. And Mr. Kermit never thought he would actually care about teaching again. Over the course of a school year, though, room 117 will experience mayhem, destruction--and maybe even a shot at redemption"--Publisher.



**Battle of champions** By Lien, Henry

Returning for her second year at Pearl Famous Academy to master wu liu, an art form that blends figure skating with martial arts, Peasprout finds a new rival in Yinmei, the exiled heir to the Shinian throne, and suspects that she is a spy.



**TEEN READ! Young Adult Fiction**

**Five feet apart** By Lippincott, Racheal  
Seventeen-year-olds Stella and Will, both suffering from cystic fibrosis, realize the only way to stay alive is to stay apart, but their love for each other is slowly pushing the boundaries of physical and emotional safety.

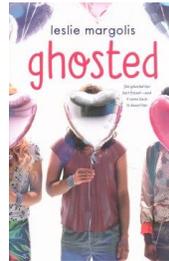


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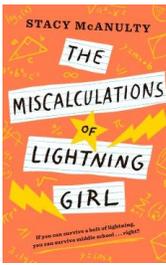
**Wildcard** By Lu, Marie  
"Teenage hacker Emika Chen embarks on a mission to unravel a sinister plot and is forced to join forces with a shadowy organization known as the Blackcoats"--Provided by publisher.



**Tight** By Maldonado, Torrey  
After his quick-tempered father gets in a fight and is sent back to jail, sixth-grader Bryan, known for being quiet and thoughtful, snaps and follows new friend Mike into trouble.



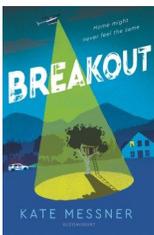
**Ghosted** By Margolis, Leslie  
"Ellie Charles is the smartest, prettiest, best-dressed, and most popular kid at Lincoln Heights Middle School. She's also the meanest. She knows it, and she uses her reputation to keep herself at the top of the food chain. But one night, just before her school's winter dance, she encounters a ghost who might change everything. This ghost--of a girl dressed all in black--leads Ellie through her past, present, and future. Can what Ellie sees change her ways--or even save her life?"--Publisher.



**The miscalculations of Lightning Girl**  
By McAnulty, Stacy  
A lightning strike made Lucy, twelve, a math genius but, after years of homeschooling, her grandmother enrolls her in middle school and she learns that life is more than numbers.



**Merci Suárez changes gears**  
By Medina, Meg  
"Merci Suárez knew that sixth grade would be different, but she had no idea just how different. For starters, Merci has never been like the other kids at her private school in Florida, because she and her older brother, Roli, are scholarship students. They don't have a big house or a fancy boat, and they have to do extra community service to make up for their free tuition. So when bossy Edna Santos sets her sights on the new boy who happens to be Merci's school-assigned Sunshine Buddy, Merci becomes the target of Edna's jealousy."--Provided by publisher.



**Breakout**  
By Messner, Kate  
"From multiple perspectives, tells of a time capsule project and the middle schoolers who contribute, including future journalist Nora Tucker and newcomer Elidee Jones, whose brother is in the local prison"--Provided by publisher.



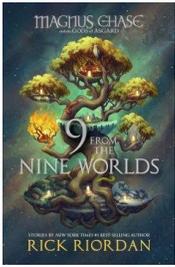
**The first rule of punk**  
By Pérez, Celia C  
Twelve-year-old Maria Luisa O'Neill-Morales (who really prefers to be called Malu) reluctantly moves with her Mexican-American mother to Chicago and starts seventh grade with a bang--violating the dress code with her punk rock aesthetic and spurning the middle school's most popular girl in favor of starting a band with a group of like-minded weirdos.



**TEEN READ! Young Adult Fiction**  
**Mortal engines**  
By Reeve, Philip  
In the distant future, when cities move about and consume smaller towns, a fifteen-year-old apprentice is pushed out of London by the man he most admires and must seek answers in the perilous Out-Country, aided by one girl and the memory of another.

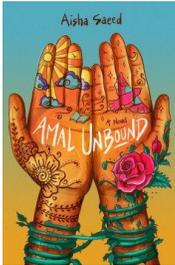


**The gauntlet**  
By Riazi, Karuna  
"When twelve-year-old Farah and her two best friends get sucked into a mechanical board game called The Gauntlet of Blood and Sand--a puzzle game akin to a large Rubik's cube--they know it's up to them to defeat the game's diabolical architect in order to save themselves and those who are trapped inside, including her baby brother Ahmed."--Provided by publisher.



**9 from the Nine Worlds**

By Riordan, Rick  
"Beloved characters from the Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard series star in these hilarious and inventive new short stories, each set in a different one of the Nine Worlds from Norse mythology"--Provided by publisher. Includes glossary, pronunciation guide, and list of runes.



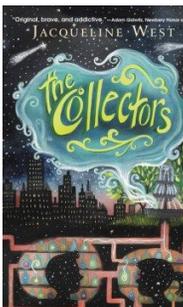
**Amal unbound**

By Saeed, Aisha  
In Pakistan, Amal holds onto her dream of being a teacher even after becoming an indentured servant to pay off her family's debt to the wealthy and corrupt Khan family.



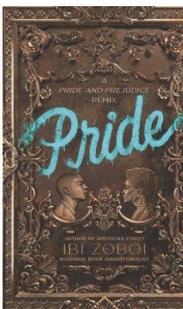
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**Ashes in the snow** By Sepetys, Ruta  
In 1941, fifteen-year-old Lina, her mother, and brother are pulled from their Lithuanian home by Soviet guards and sent to Siberia, where her father is sentenced to death in a prison camp while she fights for her life, vowing to honor her family and the thousands like hers by burying her story in a jar on Lithuanian soil. Based on the author's family, includes a historical note.



**The collectors**

By West, Jacqueline  
Overlooked in class, a hearing-impaired boy who collects lost or discarded trinkets discovers a dangerous underground world full of stolen wishes and the people who collect them.



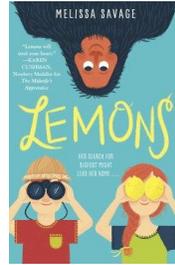
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**Pride** By Zoboi, Ibi Aanu  
"When the wealthy Darcy family moves in across the street, Zuri wants nothing to do with their two teenage sons, even as her older sister, Janae, starts to fall for the charming Ainsley. She especially can't stand the judgmental and arrogant Darius. Yet as Zuri and Darius are forced to find common ground, their initial dislike shifts into an unexpected understanding."--Dust jacket flap.



**This is just a test : a novel by Madelyn Rosenberg and Wendy Wan-Long Shang.**

By Rosenberg, Madelyn  
In 1983 seventh-grader David Da-Wei Horowitz has a lot to worry about--his bar mitzvah is coming soon; his Jewish and Chinese grandmothers argue about everything; his teammates for the upcoming trivia contest, Scott and Hector, do not like each other; he is beginning to notice girls; and Scott has persuaded him to begin digging a fallout shelter just in case the Cold War heats up.



**Lemons**

By Savage, Melissa  
After her mother dies in 1975, ten-year-old Lemonade must live with her grandfather in a small town famous for Bigfoot sightings and soon becomes friends with Tobin, a quirky Bigfoot investigator.



**TEEN READ! Young Adult Fiction**

**Watch us rise**

By Watson, Renee  
Frustrated by the way women are treated--even at their progressive New York City high school--two best friends start a Women's Rights Club, post their essays and poems online, and watch it go viral, attracting positive support as well as trolls.



**Front desk**

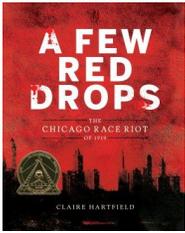
By Yang, Kelly  
Recent immigrants from China and desperate for work and money, ten-year-old Mia Tang's parents take a job managing a rundown motel in Southern California, even though the owner, Mr. Yao is a nasty skinflint who exploits them; while her mother (who was an engineer in China) does the cleaning, Mia works the front desk and tries to cope with demanding customers and other recent immigrants--not to mention being only one of two Chinese in her fifth grade class, the other being Mr. Yao's son, Jason.



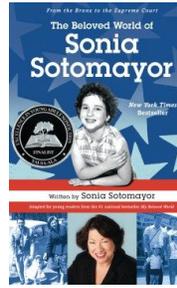
**TEEN READ! Young Adult NON-FICTION**

**The faithful spy : Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the plot to kill Hitler** By Hendrix, John

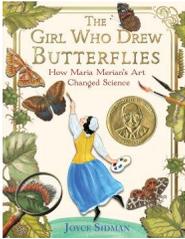
Uses text and illustrations to tell the story of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German pastor who spoke out against the Nazi regime.



**TEEN READ! Young Adult NON-FICTION**  
**A few red drops : the Chicago Race Riots of 1919**  
 By Hartfield, Claire  
 "Examines the events and forces leading up to 1919 race riots in Chicago."--Provided by publisher.



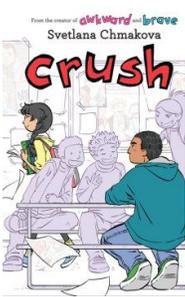
**NON-FICTION**  
**The beloved world of Sonia Sotomayor**  
 By Sotomayor, Sonia  
 "An adaptation for middle graders based on the . . . adult memoir, 'My Beloved World,' in which the Associate Justice of the Supreme Court Sonia Sotomayor's details her achievements, which serve as a true testament to the fact that no matter the obstacles, dreams can come true. Includes an 8-page photo insert"--Provided by publisher.



**NON-FICTION**  
**The girl who drew butterflies : how Maria Merian's art changed science** By Sidman, Joyce  
 "Explores the extraordinary life and scientific discoveries of Maria Merian, who discovered the truth about metamorphosis and documented the science behind the mystery in this visual biography that features many original paintings by Maria herself."--Provided by publisher.



**GRAPHIC NOVEL**  
**Be prepared** By Brosgol, Vera  
 "All Vera wants to do is fit in--but that's not easy for a Russian girl in the suburbs. Her friends live in fancy houses and their parents can afford to send them to the best summer camps. Vera's single mother can't afford that sort of luxury, but there's one summer camp in her price range--Russian summer camp. Vera is sure she's found the one place she can fit in, but camp is far from what she imagined. And nothing could prepare her for all the 'cool girl' drama, endless Russian history lessons, and outhouses straight out of nightmares!"--Amazon.com.



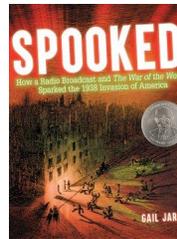
**GRAPHIC NOVEL**  
**Crush** By Chmakova, Svetlana  
 "Jorge seems to have it all together. He's big enough that nobody really messes with him, but he's also a genuinely sweet guy with a solid, reliable group of friends. The only time he ever really feels off his game is when he crosses paths with a certain girl... But when the group dynamic among the boys starts to shift, will Jorge be able to balance what his friends expect of him versus what he actually wants?"--Provided by publisher.



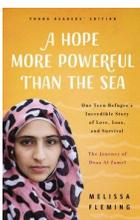
**GRAPHIC NOVEL**  
**All's faire in middle school** By Jamieson, Victoria  
 Homeschooled by Renaissance Fair enthusiasts, eleven-year-old Imogene has a hard time fitting in when her wish to enroll in public school is granted.



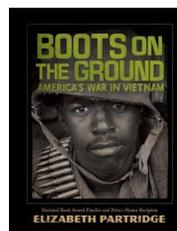
**GRAPHIC NOVEL**  
**All summer long** By Larson, Hope  
 "Thirteen-year-old Bina has a long summer ahead of her. She and her best friend, Austin, usually do everything together, but he's off to soccer camp for a month, and he's been acting kind of weird lately anyway. At first, it's a lot of boredom, bad TV and guitar practice. Things look up when Bina finds an unlikely companion in Austin's older sister,. But then Austin comes home from camp acting weirder than when he left"--Back cover.



**NON-FICTION**  
**Spooked! : how a radio broadcast and The war of the worlds sparked the 1938 invasion of America**  
 By Jarrow, Gail  
 Looks at the War of the worlds radio broadcast from 1938 and looks at the artists behind the broadcast, the broadcast itself, the aftermath, and the repercussions of "fake news" today.



**NON-FICTION**  
**A hope more powerful than the sea : one teen refugee's incredible story of love, loss, and survival**  
 By Fleming, Melissa  
 "The story of a young Syrian refugee's attempt to reach Sweden, focusing on her ordeal in icy waters after the dilapidated fishing vessel in which she was traveling--along with 500 others--sinks"--OCLC.



**TEEN READ! Young Adult NON-FICTION**  
**Boots on the ground : America's war in Vietnam**  
 By Partridge, Elizabeth  
 "An exploration of the Vietnam War from many different perspectives including an American soldiers, a nurse, and a Vietnamese refugee"-- Provided by publisher.