

**WCGS Summer Reading Challenge for  
Rising 7th and 8th Graders  
Reading List**



**Action**

*Beneath* by Roland Smith  
*The Last Thing I Remember* by Andrew Klavan  
*Mindwar: A Novel* by Andrew Klavan\*  
*Skyward* by Brandon Sanderson\*  
*Stormbreaker (Alex Rider)* by Anthony Horowitz

**Classics**

*The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* by Arthur Conan Doyle  
*The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain  
*Animal Farm* by George Orwell  
*Anne of Green Gables* by L.M. Montgomery (YABOB)  
*Call of the Wild* by Jack London  
*Christy* by Catherine Marshall  
*Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury  
*The Hobbit or The Fellowship of the Ring* by J.R.R. Tolkien  
*The Hound of the Baskervilles* by Arthur Conan Doyle  
*Journey to the Center of the Earth* by Jules Verne  
*The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood* by Howard Pyle  
*Out of the Silent Planet* by C.S. Lewis  
*The Outsiders* by S. E. Hinton  
*Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen  
*The Story of King Arthur and His Knights* by Howard Pyle  
*The War of the Worlds* by H.G. Wells

**Fantasy/Sci-Fi**

*Amari and the Night Brothers* by B. B. Alston\*  
*Anomaly* by Krista McGee  
*The City of Ember* by Jean DuPrau  
*Dragon's Tooth* by N.D. Wilson  
*Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card  
*Found* by Margaret Peterson Haddix (YABOB)  
*The Game* by Monica Hughes  
*The Hero and the Crown* by Robin McKinley  
*House of the Scorpion* by Nancy Farmer  
*Leviathan* by Scott Westerfield  
*Mark of the Thief* by Jennifer Nielsen  
*Matched* by Ally Condie  
*The Maze Runner* by James Dashner  
*On the Edge of the Dark Sea of Darkness (Wingfeather Saga)* by Andrew Peterson  
*The Outcasts (Brotherband)* by John Flanagan  
*The Ruins of Gorlan (Ranger's Apprentice)* by John Flanagan  
*Sweep* by Jonathan Auxier  
*The Unwanteds* by Lisa McMann

**Historical Fiction**

*The Boy in the Striped Pajamas* by John Boyne  
*Everything Sad is Untrue (A True Story)* by Daniel Nayeri  
*Full Cicada Moon* by Marilyn Hilton  
*A Night Divided* by Jennifer Nielsen (YABOB)  
*Refugee* by Alan Gratz\*  
*Resistance* by Jennifer Nielsen\*

## **Modern Classics**

*The Book Thief* by Marcus Zusak  
*Catherine Called Birdy* by Karen Cushman  
*Chains* by Laurie Halse Anderson  
*Fever 1793* by Laurie Halse Anderson  
*The Giver* by Lois Lowry  
*Homecoming* by Cynthia Voigt

## **Mystery**

*And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie  
*The Case of the Missing Marquess: An Enola Holmes Mystery* by Nancy Springer  
*Death Cloud* by Andy Lane\*  
*Murder on the Orient Express* by Agatha Christie  
*The Shadow Cipher (York series)* by Laura Ruby

## **Nonfiction/Biography**

*Billy Graham* by Janet and Geoff Benge  
*The Boy on the Wooden Box: How the Impossible Became Possible (Schindler's List)* by Leon Leyson  
*The Boys in the Boat* by Gregory Mone (young readers' edition)  
*The Boys Who Challenged Hitler: Knud Pederson and the Churchill Club* by Phillip Hoose  
*Courage to Soar: A Body in Motion, A Life in Balance* by Simone Biles  
*Do Hard Things* by Alex Harris  
*Epic Athletes: Stephen Curry* by Dan Wetzel  
*Fallout* by Steve Sheinkin\*  
*The Grand Escape: The Greatest Prison Breakout of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century* by Neal Bascomb (YABOB)  
*Kisses from Katie: A Story of Relentless Love and Redemption* by Katie Davis  
*The Plot to Kill Hitler: Dietrich Bonhoeffer* by Patricia McCormick\*  
*The Story of My Life* by Helen Keller  
*Titanic: Voices from the Disaster* by Deborah Hopkinson  
*Unbroken: An Olympian's Journey from Airman to Castaway to Captive* by Laura Hillenbrand (young readers' edition)

## **Realistic Fiction**

*Genesis Begins Again* by Alicia D. Williams  
*Linked* by Gordon Korman\*  
*Nowhere Boy* by Katherine Marsh\*  
*You Bring the Distant Near* by Mitali Perkins\*

## **Award Winners**

*As Brave as You* by Jason Reynolds--Coretta Scott King, Schneider Family Book Award  
*Echo* by Pam Munoz Ryan—Newbery Honor  
*Enchanted Air* by Margarita Engle-Pura Belpre Award (bio/memoir)  
*Heart of a Samurai* by Margi Preus-Newbery Honor  
*The Inquisitors Tale* by Adam Gidwitz—Newbery Honor  
*The Last Cuentista* by Donna Barba Higuera—Newbery Medal '22\*  
*The War That Saved My Life* by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley—Newbery Honor

## **Sports**

*Change Up: Mystery at the World Series* by John Feinstein\*  
*The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander (Newbery Medal)  
*Heat* by Mike Lupica  
*The Running Dream* by Wendelin Van Draanen (YABOB)  
*Unstoppable* by Tim Green  
*Ghost* by Jason Reynolds

\* Indicates a title in the 2022-23 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade reading program that would earn credit toward the program.  
YABOB—Indicates a title on the 2022 Young Adult Battle of the Books List