

CONVENT OF THE SACRED HEART

# SUMMER READING 2016



GRADES 7 & 8

# A LETTER TO STUDENTS

Dear Middle School Students,

May has arrived and I'm excited for two reasons! First, it's time for the awesomely fun and spectacular Book Fair, where we get to browse and buy books! Secondly, it's getting close to summer...which means Summer Reading Time! In preparation for both of those events, I have prepared a reading list of titles that I have read recently that I thought you might enjoy, as well as some that I'm excited to read on the beach this summer. I have noted each book's genre, as well as whether it is an award winner and any alternate formats in which the book is available. Some of these titles will be available at Book Fair along with other excellent titles.

I hope that you find a few great books that you are excited about reading this summer. I can't wait to hear all about your selections in the Fall!

Happy Reading!

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## Summer Reading Guidelines

- For those of you who read *twenty or more books*, there will be a special celebration in the fall. Any required reading completed as part of your English assignment counts towards this number.
- Please do your best to read *at least six books* this summer; at least three books should be from the summer reading list. Any required reading completed as part of your English assignment counts towards this number.
- Please use either the Summer Reading Log you find on the Library's website or a neatly written/typed page of your own to record your books. The lists, this letter, and the reading log will all be posted on the Middle School Library web page.
- Be sure to save your log, signed by both your parent/guardian, to turn in at the beginning of the new school year!

## 7th & 8th GRADE SUMMER READING LIST

- Aveyard, Victoria. *The Glass Sword*. New York: HarperTeen, 2016.
  - Sequel to *The Red Queen*. As the struggle between the growing rebel army and the blood-segregated world escalates, Mare, who has the red blood of the common folk but also the silver ability to control lightning, must fight against the darkness that has grown in her soul.  
Available formats: Print, e-book, audio. **Fantasy. Award Winner.**
- Berry, Julie. *The Scandalous Sisterhood of Prickwillow Place*. New York: Roaring Brook, 2014.
  - Seven very proper Victorian young ladies conspire to hide a murder from the authorities at their boarding school. For fans of Sherlock Holmes, Agatha Christie, and *Clue*.  
Available formats: Print, audio. **Mystery. Award Winner.**
- Bracken, Alexandra. *Passenger*. New York: Hyperion, 2016.
  - Nicholas Carter helps Etta Spencer, whose been sent back in time, to find a powerful object in order to help her get back home, while being chased by the Ironwoods family who want it for themselves.  
Available formats: Print, audio. **Fantasy.**
- Cameron, Sharon. *Rook*. New York: Scholastic, 2015.
  - In the Sunken City that was once Paris, the guillotine rules again. Sophia Bellamy is the Rook, trained in swordplay and practiced in disguise and deception, using her gifts of strategy, wit, and a band of loyal followers to secretly save the lives of the Sunken City's doomed innocent. Sophia finds herself in a dangerous game of cat-and-mouse to keep her identity as the Rook a secret. Available formats: Print, e-book, audio. **Dystopian. Award Winner.**
- Carson, Rae. *Walk on Earth a Stranger*. New York: Greenwillow, 2015.
  - Lee Westfall, a young woman with the magical ability to sense the presence of gold, must flee her home to avoid people who would abuse her powers, so when her best friend Jefferson heads out across Gold Rush-era America to stake his claim, she disguises herself as a boy and sets out on her own dangerous journey.  
Available formats: Print, e-book, audio. **Fantasy. Award Winner.**
- Carter, Ally. *See How They Run*. New York: Scholastic, 2016.
  - Sequel to *All Fall Down* (Embassy Row series). Grace Blakely believed that finding the truth about her mother's murder would finally give her peace, but now she knows that it is only the beginning of the secrets that will dominate her life--and make her a target on Embassy Row in Adria.  
Available formats: Print, e-book, audio. **Mystery. Award Winner.**
- Carter, Caela. *My Life with the Liars*. New York: Harper, 2016.
  - Behind the white-washed walls of the compound, life was simple. Follow the rules, 'live in the light,' and all would be well. But on the outside, things are different. There are colors and toys and food. There are liars and darkness. And Zylynn now faces a difficult decision--to stay here with the enemy or find her way back to the light. And neither may be what it seems.  
Available formats: Print only. **Realistic Fiction.**
- Davies, Linda. *The Longbow Girl*. New York: Scholastic, 2016.
  - Expert archer Merry Owen is desperate to save her family's farm in Wales, in the shadow of the Black Castle, and when she finds a buried chest containing an ancient and hopefully valuable Welsh text, she hopes it will be the key to a fortune--and so it is, but not in the way she expected, for it sends her and her friend James de Courcy into the past.  
Available formats: Print, e-book. **Fantasy.**
- Elliott, Kate. *Court of Fives*. New York: Little, Brown, 2015.

- When a scheming lord tears Jess's family apart, she must rely on her unlikely friendship with Kal, a high-ranking Patron boy, and her skill at Fives, an intricate, multi-level athletic competition that offers a chance for glory, to protect her Commoner family.  
Available formats: Print, e-book, audio. **Fantasy. Award winner.**
- Engle, Margarita. *Enchanted Air: Two Cultures, Two Wings*. New York: Atheneum, 2015.
  - In this poetic memoir, Margarita Engle, the first Latina woman to receive a Newbery Honor, tells of growing up as a child of two cultures during the Cold War. For fans of *Inside Out and Back Again* and *Brown Girl Dreaming*.  
Available formats: Print, e-book. **Memoir. Award winner.**
- Hall, Maggie. *Map of Fates*. New York: Putnam, 2016.
  - Sequel to *Conspiracy of Us*. Heiress to the powerful secret society known as the Circle, Avery West crosses continents following a trail of clues she hopes will lead to Alexander the Great's Tomb--and the earth shattering secret it holds--before it's too late.  
Available formats: Print, e-book, audio. **Mystery.**
- Hamilton, Alwyn. *Rebel of the Sands*. New York: Viking, 2016.
  - Amani is desperate to leave the dead-end town of Dustwalk, and she's counting on her sharpshooting skills to help her escape. But after she meets Jin, the mysterious rebel running from the Sultan's army, she unlocks the powerful truth about the desert nation of Miraji...and herself.  
Available formats: Print, e-book, audio. **Fantasy.**
- Kinsella, Sophia. *Finding Audrey*. New York: Delacorte, 2015.
  - Audrey is making slow but steady progress dealing with her anxiety disorder when Linus comes into the picture and her recovery gains momentum.  
Available formats: Print, e-book, audio. **Realistic Fiction. Award Winner.**
- Latham, Jennifer. *Scarlett Undercover*. New York: Little, Brown, 2015.
  - Scarlett, a teenage private detective in the fictional city of Las Almas, finds herself at the center of a mysterious case--involving ancient curses and priceless artifacts--as she discovers that her own family secrets may have more to do with the situation than she thinks.  
Available formats: Print, e-book. **Mystery. Award Winner.**
- Lee, Tony, and Sam Hart. *Messenger: The Legend of Joan of Arc*. New York: Candlewick, 2015.
  - Graphic novel that tells the story of Joan of Arc, who inspired and led French armies to fight for freedom against the British, only to be captured and executed when she was nineteen years old.  
Available format: Print only. **Graphic Novel.**
- McVoy, Terra Elan. *Drive Me Crazy*. New York: Katherine Tegen, 2015.
  - When Lana's and Cassie's grandparents marry each other, the girls find themselves stuck together on a crazy summer road trip that will change the course of their friendship and their lives.  
Available formats: Print, e-book. **Realistic Fiction.**
- McIntosh, Will. *Burning Midnight*. New York: Delacorte, 2016.
  - Teens Sully, Hunter, Dom, and Mandy team up in a race against unscrupulous billionaire CEO Alex Holliday to locate a collectible sphere, which may have a very steep price. For fans of *The Maze Runner* and *The Fifth Wave*.  
Available formats: Print, e-book. **Dystopian.**
- Neumeier, Rachel. *The Keeper of the Mist*. New York: Knopf, 2016.
  - When Keri is unexpectedly named the next ruler of Nimmera, she must guide the small, magical land through a perilous time. With a spunky main character, lyrical storytelling, and hidden

romance, this is an engrossing story, full of adventure.

Available formats: Print, e-book. **Fantasy.**

- Priest, Cherie. *I Am Princess X*. New York: Arthur A. Levine, 2015.
  - Years after writing stories about a superheroine character she created with a best friend who died in a tragic car accident, May is shocked to see stickers, patches and graffiti images of the superheroine appearing all over town.  
Available formats: Print, audio. **Action/Adventure. Award Winner.**
- Prineas, Sarah. *Ash and Bramble*. New York: HarperTeen, 2015.
  - Pin has no recollection of who she is or how she got to the Godmother's fortress. She only knows that she is a Seamstress, working day in and out to make ball gowns fit for fairy tales. But she longs to forsake her backbreaking servitude and dares to escape with the brave young Shoemaker. A feminist re-imagining of the Cinderella story.  
Available formats: Print, e-book. **Fantasy. Award Winner.**
- Schatz, Kate. *Rad American Women A-Z*. New York: City Lights, 2015.
  - Alphabetically lists twenty-six notable American women. Bold women, bold colors, and fierce black paper cutouts!  
Available format: Print only. **Nonfiction. Award Winner.**
- Sepetys, Ruta. *Salt to the Sea*. New York: Philomel, 2016.
  - As World War II draws to a close, refugees try to escape the war's final dangers, only to find themselves aboard a ship with a target on its hull.  
Available formats: Print, e-book, audio. **Historical Fiction.**
- Stead, Rebecca. *Goodbye Stranger*. New York: Wendy Lamb, 2015.
  - As Bridge makes her way through seventh grade on Manhattan's Upper West Side with her best friends, Em and Tab, and a curious new friend, she finds the answers she has been seeking.  
Available format: Print, e-book, audio. **Realistic fiction. Award winner.**
- Stevenson, Noelle. *Nimona*. New York: HarperTeen, 2015.
  - Lord Ballister Blackheart seeks to bring down the Institution of Law Enforcement and Heroics with the aid of his new shapeshifting sidekick Nimona. Nemeses! Dragons! Science! Symbolism! This is an epic adventure with a dash of charming silliness.  
Available formats: Print only. **Graphic Novel. Award Winner.**
- Turner, Pamela S. *Samurai Rising: The Epic Life of Minamoto Yoshitsune*. New York: Charlesbridge, 2016.
  - Warning: Hardly anyone in this story dies of natural causes! Chronicles the life and career of samurai Minamoto Yoshitsune, discussing his exile as a child, running away as a teenager, becoming a military genius and more.  
Available formats: Print, e-book. **Nonfiction.**
- Wiviott, Meg. *Paper Hearts*. New York: Margaret K. McElderry, 2015.
  - Amid the brutality of Auschwitz during the Holocaust, a forbidden gift helps two teenage girls find hope, friendship, and the will to live in this novel in verse that's based on a true story.  
Available formats: Print, e-book. **Historical Fiction. Award winner.**