

## REQUIRED READING

Entering seventh graders are to read City of Ember by Jeanne Duprau. Entering eighth graders are to read The Giver by Lois Lowry. Each text will be used in the fall to begin the school year; students may want to purchase their own copy to mark up. **Eighth graders should also read one additional book from the list below.** (Students may use the **audiotape** of a book to enhance their understanding.)

## SUGGESTED READING

The following list includes fiction and non-fiction (\*) which may appeal to a wide variety of readers. This list is meant to encourage students to read during summer vacation. Children should consult parents, friends, and librarians about these and other books when looking for suggestions. This list is distributed to students entering grades seven and eight in the fall of 2008. This list is also posted on the district's website.

Adams, Douglas	Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy
Alcott, Louisa May	Little Women
Anderson, Lori	Speak
Avi	The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle; Nothing but the Truth
Balliett, Blue	Chasing Vermeer
Bartoletti, Susan Campbell	Hitler Youth: Growing Up in Hitler's Shadow
Berry, James	Classic Poems to Read Aloud *
Blackwood, Gary	The Shakespeare Stealer
Bober, Natalie S.	Witness to a Revolution *
Bradley, James with Ron Powers	Flags of Our Fathers: The Story of Iwo Jima
Braff, Joshua	The Unthinkable Thoughts of Jacob Green
Brashares, Anna	The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants
Bronte, Charlotte	Jane Eyre
Brooks, Bruce	The Moves Make the Man
Brooks, Kevin	Lucas
Buck, Rinker	Flight of Passage
Callahan, Steven	Adrift *
Caputo, Philip	10,000 Days of Thunder: A History of the Vietnam War *
Card, Orson Scott	Ender's Game
Christie, Agatha	Murder on the Orient Express; And Then There Were None
Clement-Davies, David	Fire Bringer
Cooper, Susan	Dark Is Rising (series)
Crane, Stephen	The Red Badge of Courage
Crew, Linda	Children of the River
Crichton, Michael	Jurassic Park; Timeline
Curtis, Christopher Paul	Bucking the Sarge
Dickens, Charles	Oliver Twist; David Copperfield
Dickinson, Peter	The Lion Tamer's Daughter and Other Stories
Doyle, Arthur Conan	Adventures of Sherlock Holmes
Ende, Michael	The Neverending Story
Ferris, Jean	Love Among the Walnuts
Fleishman, Paul	Saturnalia
Giles, Gail	Shattering Glass
Hesse, Karen	Out of the Dust
Hiaasen, Carl	Hoot
Hickam, Homer	Rocket Boys: A Memoir *
Hobbs, Will	Bearstone; Downriver; Far North
Hoffman, Alice	At Risk
Holt, Kimberly Willis	When Zachary Beaver Came to Town
Hoose, Philip	The Race to Save the God Love Bird
Houston, Julian	New Boy
Hughes, Dean	Soldier Boys

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Johnson, Angela	Toning the Sweep
Jones, Diane	Howl's Moving Castle
Katz, Jon	Geeks: How Two Lost Boys Rode the Internet out of Idaho
Kherdian, David	The Road Home: The Story of an Armenian Girl
Konigsburg, E.L.	Silent to the Bone
Krakauer, Jon	Into Thin Air
Lawrence, Iain	The Wreckers
LeGuin, Ursula	The Wizard of Earthsea
Lewis, C.S.	Chronicles of Narnia
Lobel, Anita	No Pretty Pictures: A Child of War
London, Jack	Call of the Wild; White Fang
Mah, Adeline Yen	Chinese Cinderella: True Story of an Unwanted Daughter *
Meyer, Caroline	Mary, Bloody Mary
Mikaelsen, Ben	Tree Girl
Montgomery, Lucy Maude	Anne of Green Gables
Morpurgo, Michael	Private Peaceful
Morris, Willie	My Dog Skip
Mosher, Richard	Zazoo
Murphy, Jim	The Great Fire
Myers, Walter Dean	Hoops; Scorpions; Fallen Angels; The Greatest: Muhammed Ali*; 145 <sup>th</sup> Street Short Stories
Naidoo, Beverley	The Other Side of Truth
Nye, Naomi Shihab	Tree is Older than You Are; Habibi
Opdyke, Irene Gut	In My Hands: Memoirs of a Holocaust Rescuer *
Oppel, Kenneth	Airborn
Paolini, Christopher	Eragon; Eldest (Inheritance series)
Partridge, Elizabeth	John Lennon: All I Want Is Truth *
Parks, Rosa	Rosa Parks: My Story *
Paterson, Katherine	The Same Stuff
Paulsen, Gary	Canyons; Nightjohn; Harris and Me; Soldier's Heart
Perkins, Lynne Rae	Criss Cross
Pierce, Tamora	Protector of the Small (series)
Philbrick, Rodman	Freak the Mighty; The Last Book of the Universe
Pullman, Philip	Dark Materials trilogy; Sally Lockhart trilogy
Reeve, Philip	Mortal Engines
Rinaldi, Ann	The Fifth of March; Hang a Thousand Trees with Ribbons
Ritter, John	Choosing Up Sides
Ryan, Pam Muniz	Esperanza Rising
Sahar, Louis	Holes
Shusterman, Neal	The Schwa Was Here; The Dark Side of Nowhere
Sleator, William	The Duplicate; The House of Stairs; Interstellar Pig
Smith, Betty	A Tree Grows in Brooklyn
Staples, Suzanne Fisher	Under the Persimmon Tree
St. Exupery, Antoine de	The Little Prince
Stevenson, Robert Louis	Kidnapped; Treasure Island
Tolkien, J.R.R.	The Hobbit
Turner, Megan Whalen	The Thief; The King of Attolia; The Queen of Attolia
Twain, Mark	The Prince and the Pauper; The Adventures of Tom Sawyer A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court
Voight, Cynthia	A Solitary Blue; Izzy Willy Nilly
Whelan, Gloria	Homeless Bird
Yolen, Jane	Briar Rose; Sword of the Rightful King
Zusak, Markus	I am the Messenger; The Book Thief

This list was compiled by English teachers and reviewed by librarians at Chenery Middle School and Belmont Public Library. These and other books are available from the school library, the public library, and local bookstores.