



Great Suggested Summer Reads

Compiled by your Holy Name Library Teacher: Mrs. Barnhart

Within this document you will find links to websites where you can learn more about each book. Enjoy and I wish I was there reading with you!
Hugs, Mrs. Barnhart

Novels and series for 9-12 year olds

The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate, a Newberry Medal winner
<https://bit.ly/2ZrY0XN>

Rules by Cynthia Lord, Newberry Honor book
<https://bit.ly/3bWKbmA>

Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt

*a classic Mrs. Barnhart had to read in 6th grade and loved...she kept the book and still has it to this day, 22 years later. <https://safeYouTube.net/w/zt7G>

Wonder by R.J. Palacio
<https://wonderthebook.com/books/wonder>
<https://safeYouTube.net/w/Yw7G>

Ghosts by Raina Telgemeier (graphic novel)
<https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/books/ghosts-by-raina-telgemeier/>

El Deafo by Cece Bell (graphic novel)

<https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/books/el-deafo-by-cece-bell/>

Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan

<https://bit.ly/2yoF4On>

American Chillers Series such as ***Mayhem on Mackinac Island*** by Johnathan Rand

<https://bit.ly/2Zu3C3S>

Muggie Maggie by Beverly Cleary

<https://bit.ly/3g8jsad>

The Seven Wonders of Sassafras Springs by Betty G. Birney

<https://safeYouTube.net/w/8WTD>

Ramona Quimby series by Beverly Cleary

<https://www.goodreads.com/series/40341-ramona-quimby>

The Boxcar Children Series by Gertrude Chandler Warner

<https://www.boxcarchildren.com/books/>

Novels and Series for 6 years old and up

Early chapter books aimed at newly independent readers:

The Owl Diaries Series by Rebecca Elliott

<https://safeYouTube.net/w/527G>

Diary of a Pug Series by Kyla May

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ANhe13EROXs>

The Unicorn Diaries Series by Rebecca Elliott:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-O6SNraEJF8> or <https://safeYouTube.net/w/N67G>

The Princess in Black Series by Shannon Hale (a girl avenger type theme)

<https://bit.ly/2AQIWcZ>

The Boxcar Children Series by Gertrude Chandler Warner

<https://www.boxcarchildren.com/books/>

Mercy Watson Series by Kate DiCamillo

<https://www.mercywatson.com/>

Fox the Tiger by Corey R. Tabor

<https://abookandahug.com/fox-the-tiger/>

Dog Man series by Dav Pilkey <https://pilkey.com/>

Diary of a Wimpy Kid series by Jeff Kinney <https://wimpykid.com/>

The Creature of the Pines of the Unicorn Rescue Society Series by Adam Gidwitz

<https://www.kirkusreviews.com/book-reviews/adam-gidwitz/creature-pines/>

Where the Sidewalk Ends by Shel Silverstein

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/30119.Where_the_Sidewalk_Ends

You Read to Me, I'll Read to You: Very short fairy tales to read together

By Mary Ann Hoberman <https://bit.ly/3eiDn4p>

Upper elementary/Academy Students

On the Horizon by Lois Lowry Book-In-Verse (Books that read like a poem which also creates less words on the pages. These types of books are great for reluctant readers too.) <https://time.com/5812734/lois-lowry-on-the-horizon/>

Rebound by Kwame Alexander <https://bit.ly/2ZtczKL>

The Breakout by Kate Messner <https://www.katemessner.com/breakout/>

A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GkxkisRUmMM>

Out of My Mind by Sharon M. Draper <https://bit.ly/2ZzeFso>

Wings of Fire by Tui T. Sutherland

<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/13228487-the-dragonet-prophecy>

Star Wars Jedi Academy series by Jarrett J. Krosoczka

<https://toppsta.com/books/series/4663/jedi-academy>

Freak the Mighty by Rodman Philbrick

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/8953.Freak_the_Mighty

The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster <https://n.pr/2zX9OGK>

Harry Potter series (of course) by J. K. Rowling <https://www.jkrowling.com/>

Amulet graphic novel series by Kazu Kibuishi

<http://dbldf.org/2014/09/using-graphic-novels-in-education-amulet/>

I Survived series by Lauren Tarshis. There is a graphic novel version as well (***I Survived the Shark Attacks of 1916***). <https://www.laurentarshis.com/i-survived>

Star Wars A New Hope: The Princess, the Scoundrel, and the Farm Boy

by Alexandra Bracken <http://www.alexandrabracken.com/star-wars>

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind by William Kamkwamba

<https://Williamkamkwamba.typepad.com>

Picture Books for “even the older students” ;)

Fry Bread by Kevin Noble Maillard <https://bit.ly/2Tz62ue>

Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women by Margot Lee Shetterly
<https://bit.ly/3cXf0Zl>

Because by Mo Willems <http://www.mowillems.com/>

What Do You Do With.....series by Kobi Yamada is a phenomenal series of inspirational books that are a favorite of mine and I know they are a favorite of some of Holy Name’s families as well. The illustrations really take your imagination places as well. <https://bit.ly/2yuiRi6>

What Do You Do With a Chance?

What Do You Do With a Problem?

What Do You Do With an Idea?

Visit this link if you’d like to see an orchestra explore and celebrate this wonderful children’s book. <https://safeYouTube.net/w/C6tG>

The Stranger by Chris Van Allsburg. A bit of a mystery with fascinating illustrations.
<https://bit.ly/2Tuo9RI>

Drawn Together by Minh Le <https://safeYouTube.net/w/G1tG>

Fab Four Friends: The Boys Who Became the Beatles by Susanna Reich
<https://www.goodreads.com/en/book/show/22718667-fab-four-friends>

Books by the author/illustrator Peter Reynolds

Such as the books ***Listen, The Dot, Rose’s Garden***, and more!

<https://www.peterhreynolds.com/>

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Someday by Alison McGhee and Illustrated by Peter H. Reynolds (the author I talk about right above) <https://bit.ly/2Xu0yIC>

Picture Books for younger readers

Brontorina by James Howe. A great picture book about overcoming obstacles.

<https://www.commonensemedia.org/book-reviews/brontorina>

Exclamation Mark by Amy Krouse Rosenthal

<https://bit.ly/3ebw9iM>

Don't Let the Pigeon Run This App by Mo Willems

<http://pigeonpresents.com/> (and all books by Mo Willems; he is wonderful)

I'll Love You Till The Cows Come Home by Kathryn Cristaldi

<https://bit.ly/3gkBITp>

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The Wall in the Middle of the Book by Jon Agee

<https://www.hbook.com/?detailStory=wall-middle-book>

Sylvester and the Magic Pebble by William Steig

<https://bit.ly/3d1kWkF>

Anansi the Spider by Gerald McDermott

<https://bit.ly/3eIExMH>

Harold and The Purple Crayon by Crockett Johnson

<https://bit.ly/2ziYiWl>