

EVERYONE AT RICHMOND READS!

All English teachers at the Richmond School ask their students to read a minimum of two books over the summer and read continuously throughout the year. This site contains the reading lists sent out to students coming into grades six through eight. The Sixth Grade List contains new books from this year's Vermont's Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award and the New Hampshire Great Stone Face Award selections. The Seventh Grade List contains brief reviews written over the years by students leaving the seventh grade. And the Howe Norwich Public Libraries both have terrific librarians to recommend more favorites. Enjoy!!!

SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT

All Richmond School students are expected to read at least two books over the summer, and we hope you will read many more. Find books that appeal to you, are not too difficult to read, and enjoy them! Try to get in the habit of reading daily, even for a short stretch. The eighth grade list contains a wide selection of books listed by genre as well as a page of American Library Association 2007 top picks for young adults: ALA Top 10, Printz Award & Honor Books, and Alex Awards for the best adult books for teens. None of these lists are meant to be exclusive or definitive. They are simply an expression of Richmond's deep commitment to pleasure reading. Many of the authors on this list have written a number of excellent books: only one or two are listed here in the interest of space.

PG NOTE: *Some of the books on this list contain teenage or adult issues and situations. Please respect your family's wishes about appropriate books as you would about film choices and internet sites. We try to develop lists with all our readers in mind, as does the American Library Association.*

Please save the following to be read and discussed as class books during the year:

William Shakespeare. *Romeo and Juliet*
Harper Lee. *To Kill A Mockingbird*
Elie Wiesel. *Night*
John Steinbeck. *Of Mice and Men*

FANTASY

Addams. <i>Watership Down</i>	Meyer. <i>Twilight</i>
Barron. <i>Lost Years of Merlin</i>	Nix. <i>Sabriel</i>
Bray. <i>A Great and Terrible Beauty</i>	Paolini. <i>Eragon & Eldest</i>
Eddings. <i>Pawn of Prophecy</i>	Pattou. <i>East</i>
Anthony. <i>Centaur Aisle</i>	Pierce. <i>Trickster's Choice</i>
Clement-Davies. <i>Fire Bringer</i>	Pratchett. <i>Nation ('09 ALA & Printz Honor)</i>
Connolly. <i>The Book of Lost Things</i>	Pullman. <i>The Golden Compass</i>
Constable. <i>Singer of All Songs</i>	Riordan. <i>Lightning Thief</i>
Cooper. <i>The Dark is Rising</i>	Rowling. <i>Harry Potter</i>
Feist. <i>Magician's Apprentice</i>	Jacques. <i>Mossflower</i>
Funke. <i>The Thief Lord / Inkheart</i>	Sage. <i>Magyk</i>
Gaiman. <i>Anansi Boys</i>	Snicket. <i>Series of Impossible Events</i>
Hearn. <i>Across the Nightingale Floor</i>	Swanick. <i>The Dragons of Babel ('09 Alex)</i>
Hunter. <i>Warriors (series)</i>	Stewart. <i>The Crystal Cave</i>
Jenkins. <i>Repossessed ('08 ALA)</i>	Stroud. <i>Bartimaeus Trilogy</i>
Lanagan. <i>Tender Morsels. ('09 Printz Honor)</i>	Tolan. <i>Welcome to the Ark</i>
Landy. <i>Skulduggery Pleasant ('08 ALA)</i>	Tolkien. <i>The Hobbit</i>
LeGuin. <i>Wizard of Earthsea</i>	Turner. <i>The King of Attolia</i>
Lewis. <i>Chronicles of Narnia</i>	Vanderveld. <i>Knight's Apprentice</i>
Martin. <i>Storm of Swords</i>	Vonnegut. <i>Cat's Cradle</i>
McCaffrey. <i>Dragonsong</i>	Yolen. <i>Dragon's Blood</i>
McKinley. <i>Deerskin</i>	Zevin. <i>Elsewhere</i>

SCIENCE FICTION & HORROR

<p>Adams. Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy Anderson. Feed Asimov. Foundation Barlow. Sharp Teeth ('09 Alex) Bradbury. Fahrenheit 451 Brunner. Shockwave Rider Card. Ender's Game / 7th Sun Chabon. Summerland Colfer. Artemis Fowl Crichton. Jurassic Park DePrau. City of Ember Farmer. The House of the Scorpion King. Just After Sunset ('09 Alex)</p>	<p>Knox. Dreamquake ('08 Printz) Larbalestier. Magic or Madness LeGuin. Wizard of Earthsea L'Engle. A Wrinkle in Time Murphy. Night Flying Opper. Airborn / Skybreaker Ruff. Bad Monkeys ('08 Alex) Slade. Dust Sleator. Beasties Verne. 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea Wells. The War of the Worlds Westerfield. Uglies / Peeps</p>
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HISTORICAL FICTION

<p>EARLY HISTORY Anderson. The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing, Traitor to the Nation Anderson. Octavian Nothing. Vol. II ('09 Printz Honor & Alex) Avi. Crispin: The Cross of Lead Achebe. Things Fall Apart Blackwood. Shakespeare Stealer Bradley. The Mists of Avalon Brooks. Year of Wonders Crichton. Timeline Collier. My Brother Sam Is Dead</p>	<p>EARLY HISTORY Cross. Pope Joan Gregory. The Other Boleyn Girl Iggulden. Genghis: Birth of an Empire ('08 Alex) Levitin. The Cure Meyer. Mary Bloody Mary Napoli. Breath Rinaldi. A Break With Charity, Salem Trials Renault. The King Must Die Smith. I Capture the Castle Tinti. The Good Thief ('09 Alex) Yolen. Sword of the Rightful King: Arthur</p>
<p>19TH CENTURY Alcott. Little Women Austen. Pride and Prejudice Avi. The Barn Brontë, C. Jane Eyre Brontë, E. Wuthering Heights Chevalier. Girl With a Pearl Earring Crane. The Red Badge of Courage Dumas. Three Musketeers Frazier. Cold Mountain Gratz. Samurai Shortstop Haley. Roots Hesse. Stowaway Lester. Day of Tears: A Novel in Dialogue Meyer. Bloody Jack Crichton. The Great Train Robbery Dickens. Oliver Twist Doyle. The Hound of the Baskervilles du Maurier. Rebecca Farmer. A Girl Named Disaster</p>	<p>19TH CENTURY Gold. Carter Beats the Devil Jones. Mister Pip ('08 ALA) Lockhart. The Disreputable History of Friar Kie Landau-Banks ('09 Printz Honor) Lutz. The Spellman Files ('08 ALA) Montgomery. Anne of Green Gables Napoli. Bound (China) Napoli. The King of Mulberry Street Park. A Single Shard (Korea) Pearsall. Crooked River Rawlings. The Yearling Rothfuss. The Name of the Wind ('08 ALA) Sayers. Gaudy Night Shaara. The Killer Angels Stevenson. Treasure Island Stowe. Uncle Tom's Cabin Tan. The Arrival ('08 ALA) Twain. Tom Sawyer / Huckleberry Finn Wharton. Ethan Frome</p>

HISTORICAL FICTION: 20TH CENTURY

<p>LIFE & CONFLICT Adichie. Purple Hibiscus Alvarez. In the Time of the Butterflies Benioff. City of Thieves ('09 Alex) Cheech. Walk Two Moons Crowe. Mississippi Trial, 1955 Duncan, D. The Brothers K Gibbons. Ellen Foster Gorman. The Stumptown Kid Hemingway. The Old Man and the Sea Hosseini. The Kite Runner Jordan. Mudbound ('09 Alex) Kidd. Secret Life of Bees King. The Beekeeper's Apprentice Kingsolver. Poisonwood Bible McCullers. Member of the Wedding Mosher. Looking for Teddy Williams Myers. Fallen Angels (Vietnam) Paterson. Preacher's Boy Peck. A Day No Pigs Would Die Picoult. A Second Glance Potok. The Chosen Salinger. Catcher in the Rye Smith. A Tree Grows in Brooklyn Steinbeck. Grapes of Wrath / Red Pony Taylor. The Land</p>	<p>Thornton. Our Town Watkins. Far from the Bamboo Grove Whelan. Listening for Lions Wright. Native Son</p> <p>WORLD WAR II Chambers. Postcards from No Man's Land Courtney. The Power of One Elliott. Under the War Torn Sky Heller. Catch-22 Helperin. Soldier of the Great War Knowles. A Separate Peace Magorian. Goodnight, Mr. Tom Mazer, H.. The Last Mission Mazer, N.. Good Night, Maman Mishima. The Sound of Waves Napoli. Stones in the Water Park. When My Name Was Keoko Nelson. And One For All Nolan. If I Should Die Before I Wake Spinelli. Milkweed Spiegelman. Maus I / Maus II Weiss. The Upstairs Room Pullman. The Ruby and the Smoke Yolen. The Devil's Arithmetic Zusak. The Book Thief</p>
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REALISTIC FICTION

<p>Alexie. The Absolute True Diary of a Part Time Indian. ('08 ALA) Alvarez. Before We Were Free Anderson, L. Speak / Catalyst Atkins. When Jeff Comes Home Blackwell. Noughts and Crosses Braff. The Unthinkable Thoughts of Jacob Green Brashares. The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants Brooks, K. Lucas: A Story of Love and Hate Brown. Angels & Demons / Da Vinci Code Buckhanon. Upstate Chbosky. The Perks of Being a Wallflower Choldenko. Al Capone Does My Shirts Christie. And Then There Were None Cisneros. House on Mango Street Clancy. Hunt for Red October Clarke. One Whole and Perfect Day ('08 Printz) Clements. Things Not Seen Collins. Hunger Games ('09 ALA) Connor. Waiting for Normal ('09 ALA) Cook. Outbreak Cooney. Driver's Ed Cormier. The Rag and Bone Shop</p>	<p>Crutcher. Whale Talk Curtis. Bucking the Sarge Cussler. Park Watch de la Peña. Mexican White Boy ('09 ALA) Dessen. The Lullaby Doig. The Whistling Season Dowd. Bog Child ('09 ALA) Draper. Forged By Fire Deenham. Before I Die ('08 ALA) Duncan, D. The Brothers K Duncan, L. Stranger With My Face Ferraris. Finding Nouf ('09 Alex) Flake. Beggin' for Change Fleischman. Breakout Flinn. Breathing Under Water Frost. Keesha's House Giles. Shattering Glass Going. Fat Kid Rules the World Golding. Lord of the Flies Green. Looking for Alaska Greene. The Drowning of Stephan Jones Grisham. Street Lawyer / Bleachers Gruen. Water for Elephants</p>
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REALISTIC FICTION (*continued*)

<p>Haddix. Among the Hidden Haddon. Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time Hahn . The Old Willis Place Hamamura. Color of the Sea Hartinger. Geography Club Hartnett. Surrender Hautman. Godless Hiaasen, Carl. Hoot / Flush Hidier. Born Confused Hinton. The Outsiders Horowitz. Stormbreaker / Raven's Gate Hosseini. Kite Runner Hurwin. A Time for Dancing Kyle. The God of Animals ('08 Alex) Iverson. Only the Strong Survive Jenkins. Out of Order Joern. Floor of the Sky Johnson. The First Last Part Klass . You Don't Know Me Konigsburg. The Outcasts of 19 Schuyler Place Korman. Son of the Mob Lanagan. Black Juice Lawrence. B for Buster Monninger. Baby ('09 ALA) Lawrence. The Lightkeeper's Daughter Lemire. Tales from the Farm ('08 ALA) Levenkron. The Luckiest Girl in the World Levithan. Boy Meets Boy Lockhart. The Disreputable History of Landau-Banks ('09 Printz Honor) Ludlum. The Bourne Identity Lupica. Travel Team Lynch. The Highest Tide Marchetta. Jellicoe Road ('09 Printz Winner) Martell. Life of Pi McCaughrean. The White Darkness ('08 Printz Winner) McCormick. Sold McDonald. Swallowing Stones McNeal. Crooked Maltman. The Night Birds ('08 ALA) Meyer. Twilight: A Novel Mikaelsen. Touching Spirit Bear Mori. Shizuko's Daughter Moriarty. Feeling Sorry for Celia Morpurgo. Private Peaceful</p>	<p>Mosher. Zazoo Murrow. Twelve Days in August Myers. Monster / Scorpions Na. A Step from Heaven Naidoo. The Other Side of Truth Nolan. If I Should Die Before I Wake Oates. Big Mouth and Ugly Girl Paterson. Same Stuff As Stars Paulsen. Hatchet / Tracker Peet. Tamar ('08 ALA) Picoult. My Sister's Keeper / 19 Minutes Plum-Ucci. Whatever Happened to Lani Garver Rapp. Under the Wolf, Under the Dog Rash. The World Made Straight Rebeck. Three Girls and Their Brother. ('09 Alex) Robinson. U.S.S. Seawolf Rosoff. how i live now Roth. Avalanche Sachar. Holes Saenz. Sammy and Juliana in Hollywood Sayres. Anahita's Woven Riddle Sebold. The Lovely Bones Selznick. The Invention of Hugo Cabret ('08 ALA) Setterfield. The Thirteenth Tale Shea. Tangled Threads: A Hmong Girl's Story Smelcer The Trap Scopetone. Trying Hard to Hear You Spinelli. Stargirl Stratton. Chanda's Secrets Tamaki. Slim ('09 ALA) Thompson. Blankets: An Illustrated Novel Tolan. Me and Hank Townsend. Secret Diary of Adrian Mole Trueman. Stuck in Neutral Vaughan. Runaways: Volume 1 Voorhees. Ten Cents a Dance ('09 ALA) Weeks. So B It: A Novel Whelan. Homeless Bird White. Deathwatch Wilhelm. The Revealers Williams. When Kambia Elaine Flew In From Neptune Williams-Garcia. Every Time a Rainbow Dies Wolff. Make Lemonade / True Believer Wooding. Poison Woodson. Locomotion Zusak. I am the Messenger</p>
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NON-FICTION

<p>HISTORY AND SOCIAL STRUGGLES Atkin. Voices from the Streets Bartoletti. Hitler Youth: Growing Up in Hitler's Shadow Beah. A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier ('08 ALA & Alex) Bowman. It's Complicated: The American Teenager ('09 ALA) Cheng. Bound Feet and Western Dress Crowe. Getting Away with Murder: Emmett Till DuBois. The Souls of Black Folk Frank. Diary of a Young Girl Griffith. Black Like Me Jiang. Red Scarf Girl Jones . Our America Kozol. Amazing Grace Lester. To Be A Slave Mah. Chinese Cinderella Mathabane. Kaffir Boy Malcolm X. Autobiography of Malcolm X McCourt. Angela's Ashes McPherson. Fields of Fury: The American Civil War Mellon. Bullwhip Days: Slave Narratives Moody. Coming of Age in Mississippi Murphy. American Plague: Yellow Fever Opdyke. In My Hands: Memories Satrapi. Persepolis Williams. Eyes on the Prize</p>	<p>SPORTS Armstrong. It's Not About the Bike Bissinger. Friday Night Lights Blais. In These Girls, Hope Is a Muscle Colton. Counting Coup Lewis. The Blind Side: Evolution of a Game Paulsen. How Angel Peterson Got His Name (Stories of Extreme Sports)</p> <p>UNIQUE PEOPLE & CULTURES Akbar & Burton, Susan. Come Back to Afghanistan: A California Teenager's Story Bolden. Wake Up Our Souls: Black American Artists Bowman. It's Complicated: The American Teenager ('09 ALA) Charrier. Papillon Copland. What to Listen For in Music Curie. Madam Curie: a Biography Feldstein. The Oxford Project ('09 Alex) Fleischman. Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story About Brain Science Grandin. Emergence from Autism / Animals in Translation Hemphill. Your Own Sylvia. ('08 ALA & Alex) Partridge. John Lennon: All I Want Is The Truth, A Photographic Biography Petroski. Invention by Design Polly. American Shaolin ('08 ALA & Alex) Runyon, Brent. The Burn Journals</p>
<p>NATURE & SURVIVAL Bookreev. The Climb Bryson. A Walk in the Woods Carson. Silent Spring Hoose. The Race to Save the Lord God Bird Junger. The Perfect Storm</p>	<p>NATURE & SURVIVAL Krakauer. Into Thin Air Lansing. Endurance Philbrick. In The Heart of the Sea Raskowitz. The Long Walk Simpson. Touching the Void</p>