Summer Reading Suggestions – Elementary/Intermediate Readers

2017-18 Elementary Virginia Reader Choice Award Nominees

- Crenshaw by Katherine Applegate
- A Whole New Ballgame by Phil Bildner
- Class Dismissed by Allan Woodrow
- A Handful of Stars by Cynthia Lord
- In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse by Joseph Marshall
- The Remembering Day/El Dia de los Muertos by Pat Mora
- Lucky Strike by Bobbie Pyron
- Wet Cement: A Mix of Concrete Poems by Bob Raczka
- Fuzzy Mud by Louis Sachar
- Save Me A Seat by Sarah Weeks

Classics:
* Betsy-Tacy series by Maud Heart Lovelace
* Winnie the Pooh by A.A. Milne
* Nate the Great by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat
* Fantastic Mr. Fox by Roald Dahl
* Where the Sidewalk Ends by Shel Silverstein
* Magic School Bus series by Joanna Cole
* Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume
* Number the Stars by Lois Lowry
* Frindle by Andrew Clements
* From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E.L. Konigsburg

New Favorites:
* Mercy Watson series by Kate DiCamillo
* Zita the Spacegirl by Ben Hatke
* World According to Humphrey by Betty Birney
* Lawn Boy by Gary Paulsen
* Lemonade War by Jacqueline Davies
* Scientists in the Field series by Various Authors
* Clementine by Sara Pennypacker
* Among the Hidden by Margaret Peterson Haddix
* Rump: The True Story of Rumpelstiltskin by Liesl Shurtliff
* The Animal Book by Steve Jenkins
* Origami Yoda Series by Tom Angleberger
* Penderwicks by Jeanne Birdsall
* Rules by Cynthia Lord
* Winners Take All by Fred Bowen
* Homework Machine by Dan Gutman
* One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate
* A Dog Called Homeless by Laura Ingalls Wilder
* Little House series by Laura Ingalls Wilder
* joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices by Paul Fleischman

Additional Book Lists:
- Scholastic’s 100 Greatest Books for Kids: [http://www.scholastic.com/100books/](http://www.scholastic.com/100books/)
- New York Public Library 100 Great Children’s Books: [http://www.nypl.org/childrens100](http://www.nypl.org/childrens100)
- Read Kiddo Read: [www.readkiddoread.com](http://www.readkiddoread.com)
- Amazon 100 Children’s Books to Read in a Lifetime: [http://www.amazon.com/?ie=UTF8&node=9660210011](http://www.amazon.com/?ie=UTF8&node=9660210011)
- Virginia Readers’ Choice Award: [https://www.vsra.org/vrc/past-winners/](https://www.vsra.org/vrc/past-winners/)
- Book and a Hug: [www.abookandahug.com](http://www.abookandahug.com)
- Nerdy Book Club Blog: [https://nerdybookclub.wordpress.com/](https://nerdybookclub.wordpress.com/)

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Summer Reading Suggestions – Middle Grade/Intermediate Readers

2017-18 Middle School Virginia Reader Choice Award Nominees:
Booked by Kwame Alexander
House Arrest by K.A. Hold
The Boys Who Challenged Hitler by Phillip Hoose
The War That Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
Orbiting Jupiter by Gary Schmidt
Rollergirl by Victoria Jamieson
The Thing about Jellyfish by Ali Benjamin
The Seventh Most Important Thing by Shelley Pearsall
A Night Divided by Jennifer Nielsen
Space Case by Stuart Gibbs

Classics:
*The Giver by Lois Lowry
*A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L’Engle
*Westing Game by Ellen Raskin
*Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbit
*The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis
*A Single Shard by Linda Sue Park
*Watsons Go to Birmingham – 1963 by Christopher Paul Curtis
*Long Way from Chicago by Richard Peck
*Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson
*Anne of Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery
*True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle by Avi
*Catherine, Called Birdy by Karen Cushman
*Julie of the Wolves by Jean Craighead George
*My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George
*Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred Taylor
*The Birchbark House by Louise Erdrich
*Devil's Arithmetic by Jane Yolen
*Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan

New Favorites:
*Wonder by R.J. Palacio
*Al Capone Does My Shirts by Gennifer Choldenko
*Hoot by Carl Hiaasen
*Peter and the Starcatchers by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson
*One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia
*Three Times Lucky by Sheila Turnage
*Locomotion and Peace, Locomotion by Jacqueline Woodson
*Ungifted by Gordon Korman
*Courage Has No Color by Tanya Lee Stone
*Chasing Vermeer by Blue Balliett
*Crossover by Kwame Alexander
*Wednesday Wars by Gary Schmidt
*Chasing Lincoln’s Killer by James Swanson
*One for the Murphys by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
*Gregor the Overlander by Suzanne Collins
*How They Croaked by Georgie Bragg
*Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai
*Books by Raina Telgemeier

Additional Book Lists:
- Scholastic’s 100 Greatest Books for Kids: http://www.scholastic.com/100books/
- New York Public Library 100 Great Children’s Books: http://www.nypl.org/childrens100
- Mid-Continent Public Library Juvenile Series and Sequels Lists: http://www.mymcpl.org/books-movies-music/juvenile-series
- Read Kiddo Read: www.readkiddoread.com
- Guysread.com: www.guysread.com/
- Amazon 100 Children’s Books to Read in a Lifetime: http://www.amazon.com/b?ie=UTF8&node=966021001
- Virginia Readers’ Choice Award: https://www.vsra.org/vrc/past-winners/
- Book and a Hug: www.abookandahug.com
- NPR 100 Must Reads for Kids 9-14: http://www.npr.org/2013/08/05/207315023/the-ultimate-backseat-bookshelf-100-must-reads-for-kids-9-14
- Nerdy Book Club Blog: https://nerdybookclub.wordpress.com/

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