

Nelson, Peter

Left for Dead: A Young Man's Search for Justice for the USS Indianapolis

Recalls the sinking of the U.S.S. Indianapolis at the end of World War II, the Navy cover-up and unfair court martial of the ship's captain, and how the truth came out fifty-five years later.

Paolini, Christopher

Eragon

In Aagaesia, a fifteen-year-old Eragon finds a mysterious stone that changes his life when it hatches and reveals a dragon.

Paolini, Christopher

Eldest

Eragon is adopted into the Ingeitum clan and sent to finish his training so he can further help the Varden in their struggle against the Empire.

Perkins, Lynne Rae

Criss Cross

Teenagers in a small town in the 1960s experience new thoughts and feelings, question their identities, connect, and disconnect as they search for the meaning of life and love.

Richardson, E. E.

The Intruders

When Joel and his stepbrother Tim begin having identical nightmares which for Joel run over into the daylight, they decide they must figure out who or what is haunting the house.

Shusterman, Neil

The Schwa was Here

A Brooklyn eighth-grader nicknamed Antsy befriends the Schwa, an "invisible-ish" boy who is tired of going unnoticed by nearly everyone.

Spinelli, Jerry

Stargirl

Stargirl, a teen who animates quiet Mica High with her colorful personality, suddenly finds herself shunned for her refusal to conform.

Spinelli, Jerry

Love, Stargirl

Still moping months after being dumped by Leo, fifteen-year-old Stargirl, writes "the world's longest letter" to Leo, describing her new life.

Van Draanen, Wendelin

Runaway

Holly, a twelve-year-old runaway orphan relates her experiences through journal entries.

Woodson, Jacqueline

Hush

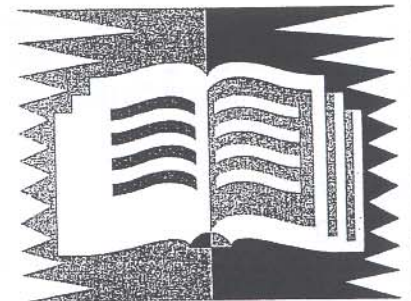
Twelve-year-old Toswiah's life changes drastically when her family enters the federal witness protection program.

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SUMMER READING LIST
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Summer should be the time for enjoyable and entertaining reading. The Warren School Librarians and the Warren Township Librarians have compiled material to be used as a guide for our students. Many of the titles are just a sampling of the work of each author.



Bausum, Ann

**With Courage and Cloth : Winning the Fight
For a Woman's Right To Vote**

Chronicles the long history of the fight for women's voting rights, beginning in 1848.

Bryant, Jennifer (Jen Bryant)

The Trial

Twelve-year-old Katie describes, in a series of poems, the trial of Bruno Hauptmann for the kidnapping Charles Lindbergh's baby son.

Bryant, Jennifer (Jen Bryant)

Ringside, 1925: Views From the Scopes Trial

A novel in free verse poems, in which visitors, spectators, and residents of Dayton, Tennessee, in 1925 describe the Scopes "monkey trial" and its effects on that small town and its citizens.

Bryant, Jennifer (Jen Bryant)

Pieces of Georgia

Writing to her mother through journal entries, thirteen-year-old Georgia McCoy reveals how her life changes following her mother's death and the blossoming of her artistic talent.

Colfer, Eoin

The Airman

In the 1890s on an island off the Irish coast, Conor Broekhart is falsely imprisoned and passes the months by scratching designs of flying machines into the walls, including a glider with which he dreams of escape.

Cooney, Caroline B.

Hit The Road

Sixteen-year-old Brittany acts as chauffeur for her grandmother and three other eighty-plus-year-old women going to what is supposedly a college reunion, on a trip that involves lies, theft and kidnapping.

Creech, Sharon

Heartbeat

Twelve-year-old Annie ponders life the year that her mother becomes pregnant, her grandfather begins faltering, and her best friend becomes distant.

Fleischman, Sid

Escape: The Story of the Great Houdini

A biography of the magician, ghost chaser, aviator, and king of escape artists whose amazing feats are remembered long after his death in 1926.

Freedman, Russell

In Defense of Liberty: The story of America's Bill of Rights

Describes the origins, applications of, and challenges to the ten amendments to the United States Constitution that comprise the Bill of Rights.

Hahn, Mary Downing

Deep and Dark and Dangerous: A Ghost Story

Thirteen-year-old Ali uncovers a 30-year-old family secret the summer she baby-sits for her aunt at the old family lake cottage.

Haydon, Elizabeth

**The Floating Island : The Lost Journals of
Ven Polypheme**

Ven Polypheme comes under attack by pirates, is rescued by mermaid-like creatures, and travels to Floating Island. Ven continues his adventures in The Thief Queen's Daughter.

Lisle, Janet Taylor

Black Duck

Ruben Hart relates how, in 1929 Rhode Island, his family and his friend's family were caught up in the competition among groups trying to control the rum-smuggling trade.

Lowry, Lois

The Giver

At the Ceremony of Twelve, Jonas becomes the receiver of memories shared by only one other and discovers the terrible truth about the society.

Lowry, Lois

Gathering Blue

Kira is mysteriously taken from her village to live in the palatial Council Edifice, where she is expected to use her gifts as a weaver .

Lowry, Lois

The Messenger

Characters from The Giver and Gathering Blue appear in this novel about a young boy who conceals his special powers.