

Patterson, James

*The Angel Experiment Maximum Ride Series #1*

In the first book in the series, after the mutant Erasers kidnap Angel, the youngest member of their group, the "birdkids," who were genetically engineered, take off to find her and find out about their own origins and purpose.

The series continues in 6 additional books. The final book (#8) is not yet published

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.

Pullman, Philip

*The Golden Compass*

*The Amber Spyglass*

*The Subtle Knife*

In an alternate world Lyra begins to investigate the mysterious kidnapping of children including her best friend. The three books make up this sci-fi/fantasy trilogy.

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

*Flipped*

Bryce and Juli describe growing up as neighbors from their own very different perspectives. Their stories are told in alternating chapters.

Van Draanen, Wendelin

*Runaway*

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

Williams, Laura E.

*Behind the Bedroom Wall*

Korinna faces a dilemma when she discovers that her parents are hiding Jews in a secret room behind her bedroom wall.

Woodson, Jacqueline

*Hush*

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

## WARREN TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS

### WARREN MIDDLE SCHOOL 8TH GRADE SUMMER READING LIST

Summer should be the time for enjoyable and entertaining reading. The Warren School Librarians and the Warren Township Librarian 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.



Summer Reading Lists Prepared by: Warren School District  
Media Specialists  
Diane Burak-Middle  
Mary DeNunzio-Central  
Nancy Darby-Woodland Janice O'Connor-Mt.  
Horeb Susan Jackson-ALT  
Laura Frantz - Warren Public Library

## GRADE 8 SUMMER READING

Anderson, Laurie Halse

*Chains (Book 1)*

*Forge (Book 2)*

Although they were promised freedom upon the death of their owner, Isabel and her sister, Ruth, become the property of a New York City couple, who have no sympathy for the American Revolution and even less for Ruth and Isabel. In *Forge*, the story continues as Isabel searches for her sister.

Bennett, Cherie and Gottesfeld, Jeff

*Anne Frank and Me*

After suffering a concussion while on a class trip to a Holocaust exhibit, Nicole finds herself living the life of a Jewish teenager in Paris during the Nazi occupation.

Bryant, Jennifer (Jen Bryant)

*The Trial*

Twelve-year-old Katie describes, in a series of poems, the trial of Bruno Hauptmann for the kidnapping of 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.

Carter, Ally

*I'd Tell You I Love You, But Then I'd Have To Kill You*

*Cross My Heart and Hope to Spy*

*Don't Judge A Girl By Her Cover*

*Only the Good Spy Young*

In this series (four books with two yet to come), teenage Cammie and her friends attend Gallagher Academy, a top secret boarding school for spies-in-training.

Clements, Andrew

*Things Not Seen*

When fifteen-year-old Bobby wakes up and finds himself invisible, he tries to find out what happened with the help of his parents and his new friend, a blind girl, named Alicia.

Companion Books: *Things Hoped For*, *Things That Are*

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.

Cooney, Caroline

*Three Black Swans*

Sixteen-year old Missy always thought that Claire was more than a cousin. When a school prank goes public, family secrets are revealed.

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.

Dunlap, Susanne Emily

*The Musician's Daughter*

In eighteenth-century Vienna, Austria, fifteen-year-old Theresa seeks a way to help her family financially while investigating the murder of her father, a renowned violinist in Haydn's orchestra.

Fleischman, Sid

*Escape: The Story of the Great Houdini*

A biography of the magician, 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.

Haydon, Elizabeth

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

Ven 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*.

Hesse, Karen

*Out of the Dust*

Through a collection of poems, Billie Jo tells the story of her personal turmoil and the hardships of living on a farm in Oklahoma during the dust bowl years of the Depression.

Lisle, Janet Taylor

*Black Duck*

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