

Providence Academy Summer 2016 Reading! For Students Entering Grades 5

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Summer Reading Tips For Parents

- **Read aloud with your child everyday!**
 - Make it fun by reading outdoors on the front steps, patio, at the beach or park.
 - Take turns reading aloud.
- **Summer book club with your child.**
 - Have your child pick the book that you both read.
 - After each chapter, discuss the book.
 - At the end of the book, do an activity together that relates to the book.
- **Trips to the public library to explore the variety of books available.**
- **Set a good example.**
 - Keep lots of reading material around the house. Turn off all screens and have each person read his or her book, including mom and dad.
- **Listen to audio books as a family at home or in the car.**

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This list is a starting point for summer reading ideas. Parents are encouraged to preview all reading materials prior to their child experiencing the text.

Sherlock, Lupin and Me Series

By: Irene Adler

Genre: Mystery

Recommended Content Age: 9+

Number of Pages: 240

Paperback: Yes

Hardcover: Yes

Kindle: Yes



While on summer vacation, little Irene Adler meets a young William Sherlock Holmes. The two share stories of pirates and have battles of wit while running wild on the sunny streets and rooftops. When Sherlock's friend, Lupin, joins in on the fun, they all become fast friends. But the good times end abruptly when a dead floats ashore on the nearby beach. The young detective trio will have to put all three of their heads together to solve this mystery.

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas

By: John Boyne

Genre: Historical Fiction

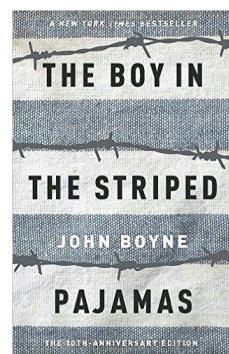
Recommended Content Age: 10+

Number of Pages: 215

Paperback: Yes

Hardcover: Yes

Audiobook and Kindle: Yes



Berlin, 1942: When Bruno returns home from school one day, he discovers that his belongings are being packed in crates. His father has received a promotion and the family must move to a new house far, far away, where there is no one to play with and nothing to do. A tall fence stretches as far as the eye can see and cuts him off from the strange people in the distance.

But Bruno longs to be an explorer and decides that there must be more to this desolate new place than meets the eye. While exploring his new environment, he meets another boy whose life and circumstances are very different from his own, and their meeting results in a friendship that has devastating consequences.

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Ruby Holler

By Sharon Creech

Genre: Fiction

Recommended Content Age: 9-12

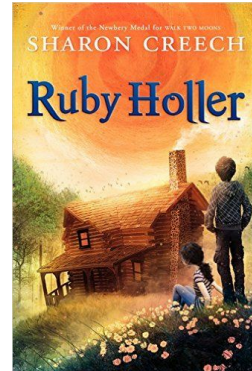
Number of pages: 310

Paperback: Yes

Hardcover: Yes

Audiobook: Yes

Kindle: Yes



"Trouble twins" Dallas and Florida are orphans who have given up believing there is such a thing as a loving home. Tiller and Sairy are an eccentric older couple who live in the beautiful, mysterious Ruby Holler, but they're restless for one more big adventure. When they invite the twins to join them on their journeys, they first must all stay together in the Holler, and the magic of the place takes over. Two pairs of lives grow closer and are changed forever.

My Side of the Mountain

By: Jean Craighead George

Genre: Fiction

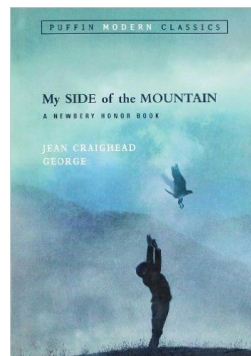
Recommended Content Age: 10

Number of Pages: 192

Paperback: Yes

Hardcover: Yes

Audiobook: Yes



Terribly unhappy in his family's crowded New York City apartment, Sam Gibley runs away to the solitude-and danger-of the mountains, where he finds a side of himself he never knew.

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Anne of Green Gable

By: L.M. Montgomery

Genre: Fiction

Recommended Content Age 9+

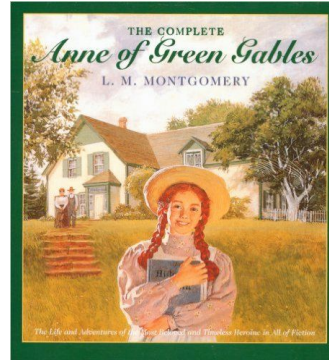
Number of Pages: 369

Paperback: Yes

Hardcover: Yes

Audiobook: Yes

Kindle: Yes



Anne, an eleven-year-old orphan, is sent by mistake to live with a lonely, middle-aged brother and sister on a Prince Edward Island farm and proceeds to make an indelible impression on everyone around her.

Shiloh

By: Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

Genre: Fiction

Recommended Content Age: 9+

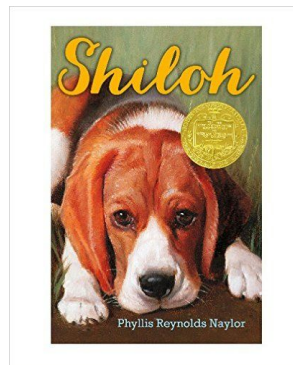
Number of Pages: 144

Paperback: Yes

Hardcover: Yes

Audiobook: Yes

Kindle: Yes



When Marty Preston comes across a young beagle in the hills behind his home, it's love at first sight—and also big trouble. It turns out the dog, which Marty names Shiloh, belongs to Judd Travers, who drinks too much and has a gun—and abuses his dogs. So when Shiloh runs away from Judd to Marty, Marty just has to hide him and protect him from Judd. But Marty's secret becomes too big for him to keep to himself, and it exposes his entire family to Judd's anger. How far will Marty have to go to make Shiloh his?

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Island of the Blue Dolphins

By: Scott O'Dell

Genre: Fiction

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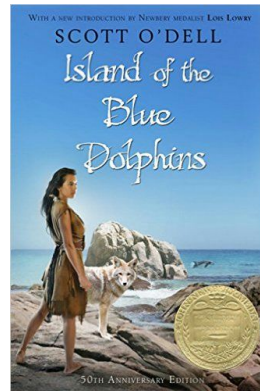
Number of Pages: 192

Paperback: Yes

Hardcover: Yes

Audiobook: Yes

Kindle: Yes



In the Pacific there is an island that looks like a big fish sunning itself in the sea. Around it, blue dolphins swim, otters play, and sea elephants and sea birds abound. Once, Indians also lived on the island. And when they left and sailed to the east, one young girl was left behind.

This is the story of Karana, the Indian girl who lived alone for years on the Island of the Blue Dolphins. Year after year, she watched one season pass into another and waited for a ship to take her away. But while she waited, she kept herself alive by building shelter, making weapons, finding food, and fighting her enemies, the wild dogs. It is not only an unusual adventure of survival, but also a tale of natural beauty and personal discovery.

Wonder

By R.J. Palacio

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Recommended Content Age: 10+

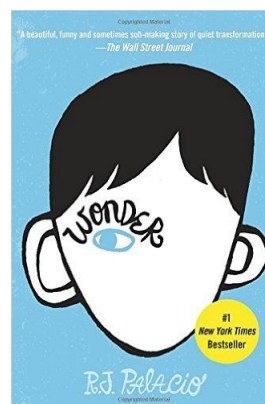
Number of Pages: 320

Paperback: Yes

Hardcover: Yes

Audiobook: Yes

Kindle: Yes



August Pullman was born with a facial difference that, up until now, has prevented him from going to a mainstream school. Starting 5th grade at Beecher Prep, he wants nothing more than to be treated as an ordinary kid—but his new classmates can't get past Auggie's extraordinary face. Wonder begins

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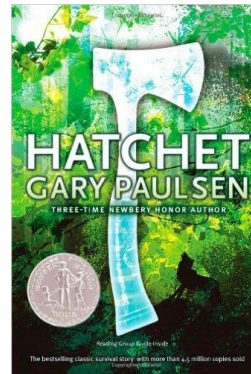
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from Auggie's point of view, but soon switches to include his classmates, his sister, her boyfriend, and others. These perspectives converge in a portrait of one community's struggle with empathy, compassion, and acceptance.

Hatchet

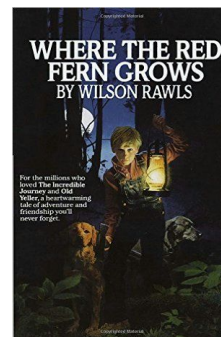
By: Gary Paulsen
Genre: Fiction
Recommended Content Age: 10+
Number of Pages: 192
Paperback: Yes
Hardcover: Yes
Audiobook: Yes
Kindle: Yes



Thirteen-year-old Brian Robeson is on his way to visit his father when the single-engine plane in which he is flying crashes. Suddenly, Brian finds himself alone in the Canadian wilderness with nothing but a tattered Windbreaker and the hatchet his mother gave him as a present—and the dreadful secret that has been tearing him apart since his parent's divorce. But now Brian has no time for anger, self pity, or despair—it will take all his know-how and determination, and more courage than he knew he possessed, to survive.

Where the Red Fern Grows

By: Wilson Rawls
Genre: Fiction
Recommended Content Age: 9+
Number of Pages: 208
Paperback: Yes
Hardcover: Yes
Audiobook: Yes



Billy has long dreamt of owning not one, but two, dogs. So when he's finally able to save up enough money for two pups to call his own—Old Dan and Little Ann—he's ecstatic. It doesn't matter that times are tough; together they'll roam the hills of the Ozarks. Soon Billy and his hounds become the finest hunting team in the valley. Stories of their great achievements spread throughout the region, and the combination of Old Dan's brawn, Little Ann's brains, and Billy's sheer will seems unbeatable. But

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tragedy awaits these determined hunters—now friends—and Billy learns that hope can grow out of despair, and that the seeds of the future can come from the scars of the past

The Castle in the Attic

By: Elizabeth Winthrop

Genre: Fantasy

Recommended Content Age: 9+

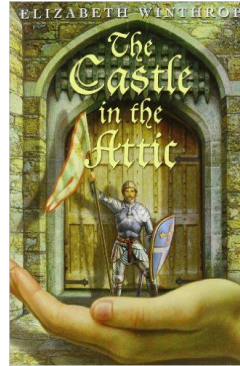
Number of Pages: 192

Paperback: Yes

Hardcover: Yes

Audiobook: Yes

Kindle: Yes



William has just received the best present of his life—an old, real-looking stone and wooden model of a castle, with a drawbridge, a moat, and a fingerhigh knight to guard the gates. It's the mysterious castle his housekeeper has told him about, and even though William is sad she's leaving, now the castle is his! William can't wait to play with the castle—he's certain there's something magical about it. And sure enough, when he picks up the tiny silver knight, it comes alive in his hand! Sir Simon tells William a mighty story of wild sorcery, wizards, and magic. And suddenly William is off on a fantastic quest to another land and another time—where a fiery dragon and an evil wizard are waiting to do battle. . . .

Resources

*Annotations for the books in this list are from the book jackets written by the publisher.

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