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DR. KEVIN M. HURLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Summer Reading Recommendations

Need help finding something to read over the summer? Use this list of suggestions!

(PLEASE NOTE: this is NOT our required summer reading list - please check out:

http://hms.seekonk.sharpschool.com/Library/Summer_Reading_List
to access the reading requirements for Hurley Middle School students.

Abduction! by Peg Kehret ②

Matt suddenly finds himself in a stranger's car traveling to an unfamiliar place. But who is this man, and is he really a "stranger"? His sister, Bonnie, is frantic. She quickly realizes that her little brother is not lost, but missing! And she must do everything in her power to save him...even if it puts her own life in danger.

Chains by Laurie Halse Anderson ③

As the Revolutionary War begins, thirteen-year-old Isabel wages her own fight...for freedom. Promised freedom upon the death of their owner, she and her sister, Ruth, in a cruel twist of fate become the property of a malicious New York City couple, the Locktons, who have no sympathy for the American Revolution and even less for Ruth and Isabel. National Book Award finalist.

Enter Three Witches by Caroline Cooney ③

Lady Mary is a ward of Lord and Lady Macbeth whose life is forever changed when her father, Lord Cawdor, betrays the Scottish king -- and is hanged as a traitor. In an instant, Mary has lost both her father and future. Now she's trapped in a castle with a power-hungry couple who will do anything to get what they want -- and are willing to crush anyone in their way.

From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E.L. Konigsburg ①

When Claudia decided to run away, she planned very carefully. She would be gone just long enough to teach her parents a lesson in Claudia appreciation. She and her brother would live in comfort-at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. But once the fun of settling in was over, Claudia had a mystery to solve that brought her to Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler. Newbery Award Winner, 1968.

The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman ②

Imagine living in a sprawling graveyard, being raised and educated by ghosts, with a guardian who belongs to neither the world of the living nor of the dead. There are dangers and adventures in the graveyard, but even more dangers lurk outside... Newbery Award Winner, 2009.

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③ Most challenging

The Invention of Hugo Cabret: A Novel in Words and Pictures by Brian Selznick ①

Orphan, clock keeper, and thief, Hugo lives in the walls of a busy Paris train station, where his survival depends on secrets and anonymity. But when his world suddenly interlocks with an eccentric, bookish girl and a bitter old man who runs a toy booth in the station, Hugo's undercover life and his most precious secret are put in jeopardy. Caldecott Medal, 2008.

The Mysterious Benedict Society by Trenton Lee Stewart ①

When a peculiar ad appears in the newspaper, dozens of children enroll to take a series of mysterious, mind-bending tests. In the end just four very special children will succeed. Their challenge: to go on a secret mission that only the most intelligent and resourceful children could complete. To accomplish it they will have to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules. 2009 MA Children's Book Award Winner!

Nation by Terry Pratchett ③

The sea has taken everything. Mau is the only one left after a giant wave sweeps his island village away. He is joined by Daphne, an English girl who is the sole survivor of a ship destroyed by the same wave. Together the two confront the aftermath of catastrophe and struggle to keep safe and fed, they defy ancestral spirits, challenge death himself, and uncover a long-hidden secret that literally turns the world upside down.

Peak by Roland Smith ③

After Peak Marcello is arrested for scaling a New York City skyscraper, he's left with two choices: wither away in Juvenile Detention or to go live with his long-lost father, who runs a climbing company in Thailand. But Peak quickly learns that his father's renewed interest in him has strings attached.

Princess Academy by Shannon Hale ①

Miri lives in a small mountain village from which the king's priests have divined as the home of the future princess. Every teenage girl must attend princess academy, where Miri finds herself confronted with a harsh academy mistress, bitter competition among the girls, and her own conflicting desires to be chosen and win the heart of her childhood best friend. A Newbery Honor Book.

Stormbreaker by Anthony Horowitz ②

They told him his uncle died in a car accident. Fourteen-year-old Alex knows that's a lie, and the bullet holes in his uncle's windshield confirm his suspicions. But nothing prepares him for the news that the uncle he always thought he knew was really a spy for MI6—Britain's top secret intelligence agency. Recruited to find his uncle's killers and complete his final mission, Alex suddenly finds himself caught in a deadly game of cat and mouse. (Book one of the Alex Rider series)

20,000 Leagues Under the Sea by Jules Verne ②

A thrilling-and prophetic-voyage into the depths of the unknown aboard the legendary submarine Nautilus, 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea explores the limitless possibilities of the imagination-and the darkest labyrinth of human nature.

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