

CMS Summer Reading 2021 – Grades 7 & 8

Suggested books from Ms. Madden, CMS Librarian

Self-Discovery and Self-Identity (Grade Seven)

The Thing About Jellyfish by Ali Benjamin (CRF) 2015

Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt (CRF) 2015

Soar by Joan Bauer (sports fiction) 2016

PAX by Sarah Pennypacker 2016 (hard to categorize --- “A viscerally affecting story of war, loss, and the power of friendship”)

Stella by Starlight by Sharon Draper 2015 (Af-Am. historical fiction)

Goodbye Stranger by Rebecca Stead 2017 (CRF)

American Ace by Marilyn Nelson 2016 (novel in verse)

Popular: A Memoir: Vintage Wisdom for a Modern Geek by Maya van Wagenen 2014

Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson 2014 (historical fiction)

Patina by Jason Reynolds 2017 (sports fiction)

The Lucy Variations by Sara Zarr 2013 (CRF)

You Are My Only by Beth Kephart 2013 (CRF)

The Prince and the Dressmaker by Jen Wang 2018 (LGBTQIA diverse)

Crossover by Kwame Alexander 2014 (sports fiction/novel in verse)

The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate 2012 (fantasy?)

Lions of Little Rock by Kristin Levine 2012 (historical fiction)

Raymie Nightingale by Kate DiCamillo 2016 (poignant & insightful)

Sparrow Road by Sheila O’Connor 2011 (CRF)

See you at Harry’s by Jo Knowles 2013 (CRF)

Counting by 7s by Holly Goldberg Sloan 2013 (CRF)

Apartment 1986 by Lisa Papademetriou 2017

The Truth as told by Mason Buttle by Leslie Connor 2018 “thoughtful look at human nature, resilience and love”

Coming of Age Stories (Grade Eight)

Summerlost by Ally Condie 2016 (Contemporary Realistic Fiction {CRF})

One for the Murphys by Lynda Mullaly Hunt 2012 (CRF)

The Seventh Most Important Thing by Shelley Pearsall 2015 (CRF)*** HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

The Hired Girl by Laura Amy Schlitz 2015 (historical fiction)

Whippoorwill by Joseph Menniger 2015 (CRF)

Booked by Kwame Alexander 2016 (novel in verse)

As brave as you by Jason Reynolds 2016 (living with visible disability)

Hokey Pokey by Jerry Spinelli 2014 (fantasy)

Seraphina by Rachel Hartman 2012 (fantasy)

Wishtree by Katherine Applegate 2017 (fantasy)

Safekeeping by Karen Hesse 2012 (CRF, perhaps dystopian)

Peak by Roland Smith 2007 (adventure)

Edge of Nowhere by John Smelcer 2014 (survival)

Cinder by Marissa Meyer 2012 (fantasy)

Blended by Sharon Draper 2018 (realistic fiction)

Ghost by Jason Reynolds 2016 (sports fiction)

Bang! by Sharon Flake 2018 (realistic fiction)

Wolf Hollow by Lauren Wolk 2016 (historical fiction)*

Ms. Bixby’s Last Days by John David Anderson 2016 (CRF)

Far from the tree by Robin Benway 2017 ‘a tale of love, loss and self-discovery’