

School District of Manatee County
2023 Summer Reading List
Grades 6-8

The following summer reading titles are from the Florida B.E.S.T. Standards book lists and from the Sunshine State Young Readers Award Books list. Please consider this list a starting place. Students are welcome and encouraged to read books they are excited about.

6th Grade

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott
Miracle on Maple Hill by Virginia Sorensen
The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster
Negro Women (2001) by Condoleezza Rice
Incidents in the life of a Slave Girl by Harriet Jacobs
Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson
Harriet Tubman Conductor on the Underground by Ann Petry
Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls
The Unteachables by Gordon Korman
City of Ember by Jeanne DePrau

7th Grade

An Occurrent at Owl Creek Bridge by Ambrose Bierce
The Count of Monte Cristo by Alexandre Dumas
The Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass by Fredrick Douglass
The Prince and the Pauper by Mark Twain
The Yearlings by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings
Old Yeller by Fred Gibson
Blackships Before Troy by Rosemary Sutcliff
A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle
The Neverending Story by Michael Ende

8th Grade

9/11 Address to the Nation by George W. Bush
The Yellow Wallpaper by Charlotte Perkins Gilman
The Wright Brothers: How They Invented the Airplane by Russell Freedman
Rip Van Winkle by Washington Irving
The Call of the Wild by Jack London
Blessings of Liberty and Education by Frederick Douglass
Shane by Jack Schaefer
Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde by Robert Louis Stevenson
The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien
Trapped by Marc Aronson
The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman