

McCallie Middle School Summer Reading 2018

Dear Rising 7th and 8th grade McCallie Families,

The time has come to think about summer and summer reading! In between summer trips, camps, school preparations, and all the things that fill up summer days, we want to make sure that everyone takes time to read. I know my personal reading list is getting longer and longer! Part of the way that we encourage McCallie students to read is our Summer Reading program, and we hope that you enjoy this year's selections.

We have chosen the Newbery Honor book *Paperboy* by Vince Vawter as our all middle school read. *Paperboy*, a Newbery Honor book, is the story of one boy's unforgettable summer in Memphis 1959. It is a classic coming-of-age story that will resonate with all grades.

Rising 7th graders are required to read *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton. 7th grade students should be prepared to start the year with a unit on the required reading in their English classes.

8th grade students are required to read a 3rd book of their choice. See the 2018 Summer Reading Guide (<https://libguides.mccallie.org/mssummerreading2018>) for recommendations.

In addition to the all school book and grade level requirements, rising 7th and 8th graders will sign up for a faculty or student sponsored reading group. The Middle School faculty, students, and I have worked hard to make sure there is something for everyone on this list - please take some time to read through the descriptions below to find something that you will enjoy!

Students will sign up for a summer reading group via a survey that will be sent by email on Monday, April 30. Please complete the survey by Monday, May 7.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Happy reading!

Margaret Granbery

McCallie School Librarian

FAQs:

How many books do I have to read?

Three. Rising 7th and 8th grade students will read *Paperboy* and the book for their chosen reading group. 7th grade students will read *The Outsiders* and 8th grade students will read a third book of their choice. Of course, we would love for you to read as many books as you want!

Can I choose a book that I have already read?

Please choose a book that you have never read before.

How does sign up for book groups work?

Students will sign up for a summer reading group via a survey that will be sent by email on Monday, April 30. Please complete the survey by Monday, May 7. Students who do not respond will be placed in a group. We will have a short waiting list for each group in case someone changes their mind.

Will the summer reading books be sold at the campus Bookstore?

The McCallie Bookstore will carry *Paperboy* by Vince Vawter and *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton. You can also purchase the books from another bookstore or online, or borrow them from the library. The McCallie library has most of the books in print and eBook format.

Am I allowed to read my book(s) on an eReader (Kindle, iPad, Nook, etc.)?

Absolutely!

Can I listen to the audiobook version of one or more of my books?

Yes, but you must read along as you listen.

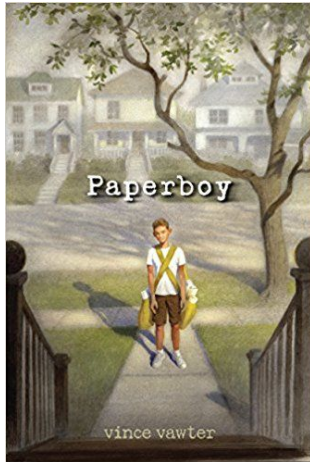
There are several different versions of my book available to buy. How do I know which one to get?

We've provided an ISBN for each book to help you find a copy; however, you are not required to read that exact edition, unless noted.

I have another question about summer reading. What should I do?

Contact Ms. Granbery at mgranbery@mccallie.org.

All Middle School Book

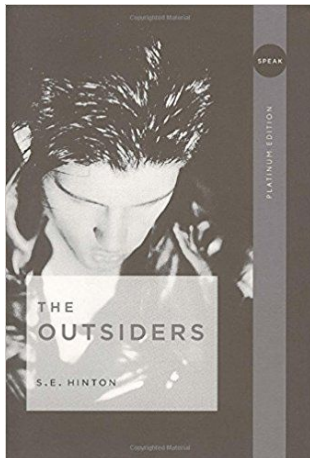


***Paperboy* by Vince Vawter**

978-0385742443

Little Man throws the meanest fastball in town. But talking is a whole different ball game. He can barely say a word without stuttering—not even his own name. So when he takes over his best friend's paper route for the month of July, he's not exactly looking forward to interacting with the customers. But it's the neighborhood junkman, a bully and thief, who stirs up real trouble in Little Man's life.

Required 7th Grade Book



***The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton**

978-0142407332

According to Ponyboy, there are two kinds of people in the world: greasers and socs. A soc (short for "social") has money, can get away with just about anything, and has an attitude longer than a limousine. A greaser, on the other hand, always lives on the outside and needs to watch his back. Ponyboy is a greaser, and he's always been proud of it, even willing to rumble against a gang of socs for the sake of his fellow greasers—until one terrible night...

Summer Reading Groups, McCallie Middle School 2018

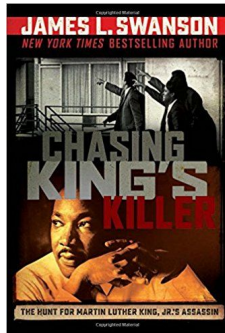
Group 1:



Animal Farm
George Orwell
978-1986542708

This remarkable allegory of a downtrodden society of overworked, mistreated animals, and their quest to create a paradise of progress, justice, and equality is one of the most scathing satires ever published. As we witness the rise and bloody fall of the revolutionary animals, we begin to recognize the seeds of totalitarianism in the most idealistic organization; and in our most charismatic leaders, the souls of our cruelest oppressors.

Group 2:

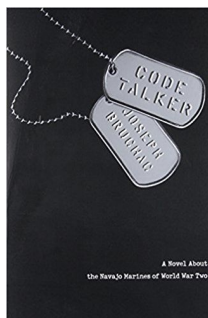


Chasing King's Killer: The Hunt for Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Assassin
James L. Swanson
978-0545723336

In his meteoric, thirteen-year rise to fame, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. led a mass movement for Civil Rights -- with his relentless peaceful, non-violent protests, public demonstrations, and eloquent speeches. But as violent threats cast a dark shadow over Dr. King's life, Swanson hones in on James Earl Ray, a bizarre, racist, prison escapee who tragically ends King's life. As he did in his bestselling Scholastic MG/YA books Chasing Lincoln's Killer and "THE PRESIDENT HAS BEEN SHOT!",

Swanson transports readers back to one of the most shocking, sad, and terrifying events in American history. With an introduction by Congressman John Lewis, and over 80 photographs, captions, bibliography, various source notes, and index included.

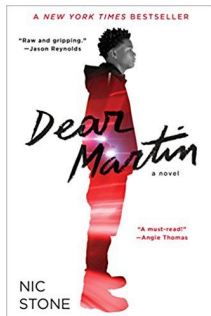
Group 3:



Code Talker
Joseph Bruchac
978-0142405963

Throughout World War II, in the conflict fought against Japan, Navajo code talkers were a crucial part of the U.S. effort, sending messages back and forth in an unbreakable code that used their native language. They braved some of the heaviest fighting of the war, and with their code, they saved countless American lives. Yet their story remained classified for more than twenty years. But now Joseph Bruchac brings their stories to life for young adults through the riveting fictional tale of Ned Begay, a sixteen-year-old Navajo boy who becomes a code talker. His grueling journey is eye-opening and inspiring. This deeply affecting novel honors all of those young men, like Ned, who dared to serve, and it honors the culture and language of the Navajo Indians.

Group 4:



Dear Martin
Nic Stone
978-1101939499

Justyce McAllister is top of his class and set for the Ivy League—but none of that matters to the police officer who just put him in handcuffs. And despite leaving his rough neighborhood behind, he can't escape the scorn of his former peers or the ridicule of his new classmates. Justyce looks to the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. for answers. But do they hold up anymore? He starts a journal to Dr. King to find out. Then comes the day Justyce goes driving with his best friend, Manny, windows rolled down, music turned up—way up, sparking the fury of a white off-duty cop beside them. Words fly. Shots are fired. Justyce and Manny are caught in the crosshairs. In the media fallout, it's Justyce who is under attack.

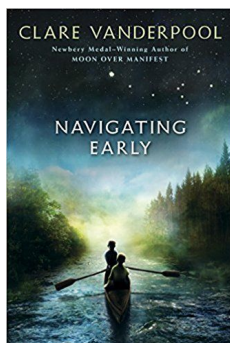
Group 5:



Ghost
Jason Reynolds
978-1481450157

Running. That's all Ghost (real name Castle Cranshaw) has ever known. But Ghost has been running for the wrong reasons—it all started with running away from his father, who, when Ghost was a very little boy, chased him and his mother through their apartment, then down the street, with a loaded gun, aiming to kill. Since then, Ghost has been the one causing problems—and running away from them—until he meets Coach, an ex-Olympic Medalist who sees something in Ghost: crazy natural talent. If Ghost can stay on track, literally and figuratively, he could be the best sprinter in the city. Can Ghost harness his raw talent for speed, or will his past finally catch up to him?

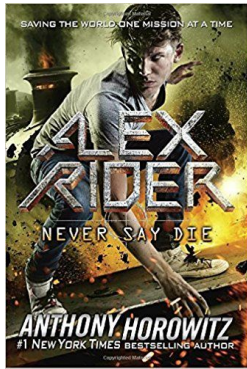
Group 6:



Navigating Early
Clare Vanderpool
978-0307930651

At the end of World War II, Jack Baker, a landlocked Kansas boy, is suddenly uprooted after his mother's death and placed in a boy's boarding school in Maine. There, Jack encounters Early Auden, the strangest of boys, who reads the number pi as a story and collects clippings about the sightings of a great black bear in the nearby mountains. Newcomer Jack feels lost yet can't help being drawn to Early, who won't believe what everyone accepts to be the truth about the Great Appalachian Bear, Timber Rattlesnakes, and the legendary school hero known as The Fish, who never returned from the war. When the boys find themselves unexpectedly alone at school, they embark on a quest on the Appalachian Trail in search of the great black bear. But what they are searching for is sometimes different from what they find.

Group 7:



Alex Rider: Never Say Die

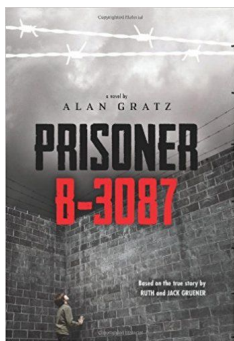
Anthony Horowitz

978-1524739300

Following the events of Scorpiia Rising, Alex relocates to San Francisco as he slowly recovers from the at the end of the book. Alex feels lost and alone, but then, out of the blue, he receives a cryptic email--just three words long, but enough to make Alex question what he thought he knew. Armed with this shred of hope, Alex boards a flight bound for Egypt and embarks on a dubious quest.

NOTE: This is the 11th book in the Alex Rider series. Readers are strongly encouraged to sign up if they have read the first 10 books or are willing to read all 11 over the summer, however this is not a requirement to join the group.

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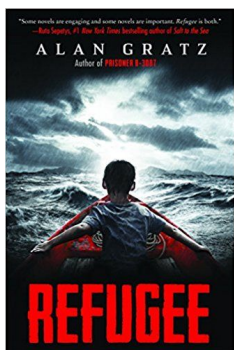
Prisoner B-3087

Alan Gratz

978-0545459013

Survive. At any cost. 10 concentration camps. 10 different places where you are starved, tortured, and worked mercilessly. It's something no one could imagine surviving. But it is what Yanek Gruener has to face.

Group 9:



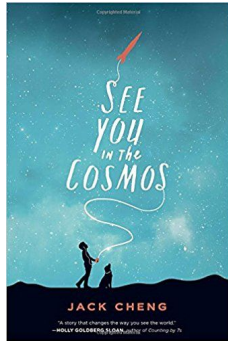
Refugee

Alan Gratz

978-0545880831

Three different kids. One mission in common: ESCAPE. All three young people will go on harrowing journeys in search of refuge. All will face unimaginable dangers--from drownings to bombings to betrayals. But for each of them, there is always the hope of tomorrow. And although Josef, Isabel, and Mahmoud are separated by continents and decades, surprising connections will tie their stories together in the end.

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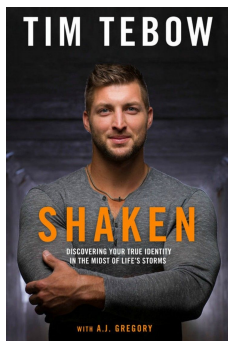


See You in the Cosmos
Jack Cheng
978-0399186370

11-year-old Alex Petroski loves space and rockets, his mom, his brother, and his dog Carl Sagan—named for his hero, the real-life astronomer. All he wants is to launch his golden iPod into space the way Carl Sagan (the man, not the dog) launched his Golden Record on the Voyager spacecraft in 1977. From Colorado to New Mexico, Las Vegas to L.A., Alex records a journey on his iPod to show other lifeforms what life on earth, his earth, is like. But his destination keeps changing. And the funny, lost, remarkable people he meets along the way can only partially

prepare him for the secrets he'll uncover—from the truth about his long-dead dad to the fact that, for a kid with a troubled mom and a mostly not-around brother, he has way more family than he ever knew.

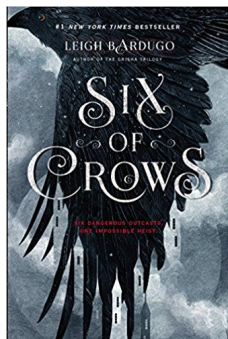
Group 11:



Shaken: Discovering Your True Identity in the Midst of Life's Storms
Tim Tebow with A.J. Gregory
978-0735289864

Tim Tebow has achieved big victories and plunged the depths of failure, all while never letting go of his faith, even in the face of doubt and disappointment. In *Shaken* he explains why neither the highs nor the lows of his life can define him—and he reveals how you, too, can find confidence in your identity and know who you are. Tebow pulls back the curtain on his life, sharing the vulnerable moments of his career that have shaken him to his core, while also teaching the biblical principles that will enable you to keep the faith, no matter what comes your way.

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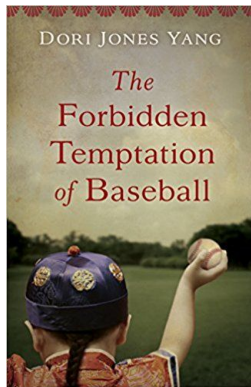


Six of Crows
Leigh Bardugo
978-1250076960

Ketterdam: a bustling hub of international trade where anything can be had for the right price—and no one knows that better than criminal prodigy Kaz Brekker. Kaz is offered a chance at a deadly heist that could make him rich beyond his wildest dreams. But he can't pull it off alone. . . . A convict with a thirst for revenge. A sharpshooter who can't walk away from a wager. A runaway with a privileged past. A spy known as the Wraith. A Heartrender using her magic to survive the slums. A thief with a gift for unlikely escapes.

Six dangerous outcasts. One impossible heist. Kaz's crew is the only thing that might stand between the world and destruction—if they don't kill each other first.

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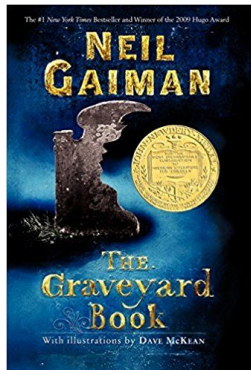


The Forbidden Temptation of Baseball

Dori Jones Yang
978-1943006328

Despite his impulsive and curious nature, twelve-year-old Leon is determined to follow the Emperor's rules—to live with an American family, study hard, and return home to modernize China. But he also must keep the braid that shows his loyalty—and resist such forbidden American temptations as baseball. As Leon overcomes teasing and makes friends, his elder brother becomes increasingly alienated and disturbed. Eventually, Leon faces a tough decision, torn between his loyalty to his birth country—and his growing love for his new home.

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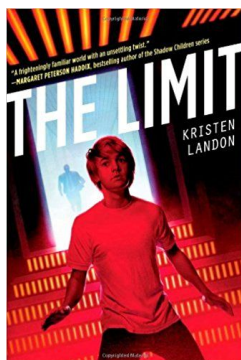


The Graveyard Book

Neil Gaiman
978-0060530945

Bod is an unusual boy who inhabits an unusual place—he's the only living resident of a graveyard. Raised from infancy by the ghosts, werewolves, and other cemetery denizens, Bod has learned the antiquated customs of his guardians' time as well as their ghostly teachings—such as the ability to Fade so mere mortals cannot see him. Can a boy raised by ghosts face the wonders and terrors of the worlds of both the living and the dead?

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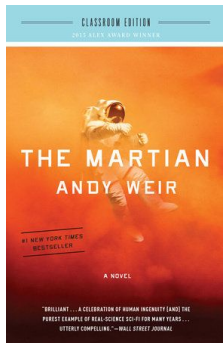


The Limit

Kristen Landon
978-1442402720

In a world not too far removed from our own, kids are being taken away to special workhouses if their families exceed the monthly debt limit imposed by the government. Thirteen-year-old Matt briefly wonders if he might be next, but quickly dismisses the thought. After all, his parents are financially responsible, unlike the parents of those other kids. As long as his parents remain within their limit, the government will be satisfied and leave them alone. But all it takes is one fatal visit to the store to push Matt's family over their limit—and to change his reality forever.

Group 16:



The Martian (Classroom Edition)
Andy Weir
978-0804189354

Six days ago, astronaut Mark Watney became one of the first people to walk on Mars.

Now, he's sure he'll be the first person to die there.

After a dust storm nearly kills him and forces his crew to evacuate while thinking him dead, Mark finds himself stranded and completely alone with no way to even signal Earth that he's alive – and even if he could get word out, his supplies

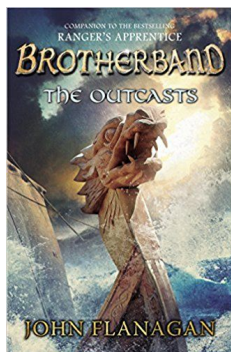
would be gone long before a rescue could arrive.

Chances are, though, he won't have time to starve to death. Damaged machinery, the unforgiving environment, or plain old "human error" are much more likely to kill him first.

But Mark isn't ready to give up yet. Drawing on his ingenuity, his engineering skills and a relentless, dogged refusal to quit, he steadfastly confronts one seemingly insurmountable obstacle after the next. Will his resourcefulness be enough to overcome the impossible odds against him?

NOTE: The classroom edition has middle school appropriate language, but is essentially the same story and writing as the “regular” edition. Please keep this in mind as you make your purchase.

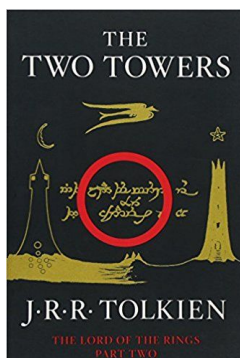
Group 17:



Brotherband Chronicles: The Outcasts
John Flanagan
978-0142421949

They are outcasts. Hal, Stig, and the others are not known for their size and strength. Yet that doesn't mean they don't have skills. And courage - which they will need every ounce of to do battle at sea against the other bands, the Wolves and the Sharks, in the ultimate race.

Group 18:



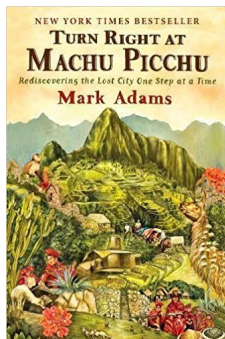
The Two Towers
J.R.R. Tolkien
978-0547928203

Frodo and his Companions of the Ring have been beset by danger during their quest to prevent the Ruling Ring from falling into the hands of the Dark Lord by destroying it in the Cracks of Doom. They have lost the wizard, Gandalf, in a battle in the Mines of Moria. And Boromir, seduced by the power of the Ring, tried to seize it by force. While Frodo and Sam made their escape, the rest of the company

was attacked by Orcs. Now they continue the journey alone down the great River Anduin—alone, that is, save for the mysterious creeping figure that follows wherever they go.

NOTE: This is the 2nd book in The Lord of the Rings series. Readers are strongly encouraged to sign up if they have read the 1st book (The Fellowship of the Ring) or are willing to read both over the summer, however this is not a requirement to join the group.

Group 19:



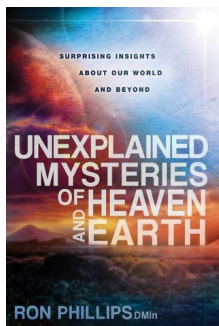
Turn Right at Machu Picchu

Mark Adams

978-0452297982

Turn Right at Machu Picchu is Adams' fascinating and funny account of his journey through some of the world's most majestic, historic, and remote landscapes guided only by a hard-as-nails Australian survivalist and one nagging question: Just what was Machu Picchu?

Group 20:



Unexplained mysteries of Heaven and Earth

Ron Phillips

978-1621362531

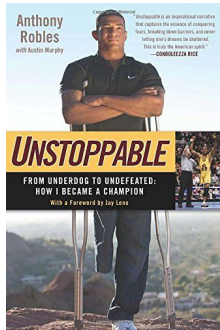
We live in a beautiful world full of miracles. But so many people think that Christianity is simply a “fairy tale” religion complete with talking snakes and donkeys, magical fruit and paranormal healings, but it is simply not so.

Unexplained Mysteries of Heaven and Earth investigates the physical evidence that speaks to the truth of Scripture, demonstrating that Christianity is a religion founded on fact. So join Ron Phillips as he combines his trademark theological balance with

extensive historical research to travel through time to look at:

- The Flood
- Lost Atlantis
- The Great Pyramid
- The Antichrist
- The Rapture
- And other mysteries of God!

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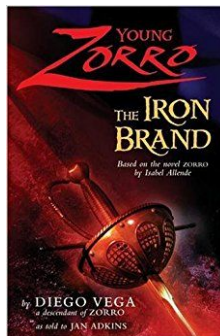


Unstoppable: From Underdog to Undefeated: How I Became a Champion
Anthony Robles with Austin Murphy
978-1592408047

Anthony Robles is a three-time all-American wrestler, the 2011 NCAA National Wrestling Champion, and a Nike-sponsored athlete. He was also born without his right leg. Doctors could not explain to his mother, Judy, what led to the birth defect, but at the age of five, the one-legged toddler scaled a fifty-foot pole unassisted. From that moment on, Judy knew that her son would be unstoppable.

Anthony first began wrestling in high school; he was the smallest kid on the team and finished the year in last place. But he completed his junior and senior years with a 96-0 record to become a two-time Arizona State champion. In college, he faced personal hardships which almost forced him to drop out. But Anthony remained focused on his goals and won the NCAA National Championship in March 2011. *Unstoppable* is the story of one man whose spirit and unyielding resolve remind us all that we have the power to conquer adversity--in whatever form.

Group 22:



Young Zorro: The Iron Brand
Diego Vega/Jan Adkins
978-0060839468

This exciting story imagines the early life of Zorro/Diego de la Vega, as it follows the young Diego and his best friend, Bernardo, in early 19th-century Spanish California.

Group 23:

Spanish Student Stories

Students in this group will read short stories/novels written by current McCallie Spanish students. Basic understanding of the Spanish language is required.