SUMMER READING
J. Taylor Finley Middle School, Huntington, NY


Anderson, Laurie Halse.  *Fever, 1793*. In 1793 Philadelphia, sixteen-year-old Matilda Cook, separated from her sick mother, learns about perseverance and self-reliance when she is forced to cope with the horrors of a yellow fever epidemic.

Chambers, Veronica.  *Fifteen Candles*. (Series) Alicia tries to start a business organizing quinceañeras. Party organizing turns out to be harder than she thought. She risks losing her new business and her friends.

D'Lacey.  *The Fire Within*. (Series) When college student David Rain rents a room in an unusual boardinghouse full of clay dragons, he has no idea that they, along with some lively squirrels, will help jumpstart his writing career.

George, Jean Craighead .  *On the Far Side of the Mountain*. Sam's peaceful existence in his wilderness home is disrupted when his sister runs away and his pet falcon is confiscated by a conservation officer.

Green, Tim.  *Best of the Best*. (Series) Determined to play in the Little League World Series, twelve-year-old Josh struggles to concentrate on his game and be the team's leader while also trying to cope with his parents' impending divorce.

Haddix, Margaret Peterson.  *Among the Hidden*. (Series) In a future where the Population Police enforce the law limiting a family to only two children, Luke has lived all his twelve years in isolation and fear, until another "third" convinces him that the government is wrong.

Hunter, Erin.  *The Sight*: (Series) The legendary Firestar's grandchildren begin their training as warrior cats, but, unbeknownst to them, they will become more powerful than any cat before them, either bringing the Clan to new heights or destroying it.

Korman, Gordon.  *Framed*. Griffin Bing is in big trouble when a Super Bowl ring disappears from his middle school's display case, replaced by Griffin's retainer, and the more he and his friends investigate, the worse his situation becomes.

Lasky, Kathryn.  *Guardians of Gahoole: The Journey*. (Series) A band of four owls go on a quest for the mythic Great Gahoole Tree in an attempt to acquire the powers that will enable them to defeat the evil which threatens their kingdom.

Martin, Ann M.  *A Corner of the Universe*. The summer that Hattie turns twelve, she meets the childlike uncle she never knew and becomes friends with a girl who works at the carnival that comes to Hattie's small town.

Myracle, Lauren.  *Twelve*. Winnie relates the events of her twelfth year and the many changes in her relationships and in her attitude toward growing up.

Owen, James A.  *Here, There Be Dragons*. (Series) Three young men are entrusted with the Imaginarius Geographica, an atlas of fantastical places to which they travel in hopes of defeating the Winter King whose bid for power is related to the First World War raging in the Real World.
Paver, Michelle. **Wolf Brother: Chronicles of Ancient Darkness Series**. Twelve-year-old Torak and his guide, a wolf cub, set out on a dangerous journey to fulfill an oath the boy made to his dying father to destroy a demon-possessed bear that threatens all the clans.

Peck, Richard. **On the Wings of Heroes**. In Davy Bowman's Illinois neighborhood, life is friendly and happy, and "Nobody was a stranger." That is before World War II, which sends the narrator's older brother into the army, and changes everything.

Smith, Roland. **The Captain's Dog**. This is the story of the Lewis and Clark expedition as witnessed by Seaman, the massive Newfoundland dog that accompanied the two captains.

Stevenson, Robert Louis. **Treasure Island**. Jim Hawkins finds an old pirate map showing a small island marked with a red cross, what could be more exciting than buried treasure? This book is the first, and the best, quest for hidden treasure.

Vega, Denise. **Click Here: To Find out How I Survived Seventh Grade**. Seventh-grader Erin Swift writes about her friends and classmates in her private blog, but when it accidentally gets posted on the school Intranet site, she learns some important lessons about friendship.

Zindel, Paul. **The Pigman**. Two high school sophomores from unhappy homes form a close friendship with a lonely old man who has a terrible secret.