8th Grade Summer Reading List

Requirements: 8th grade students are assigned one book from this list. Honors 8th grade students are assigned *The Book Thief* and one book from this list.

Choosing: Descriptions of each book and links to some book trailers are on carver.org. These resources should help in making a wise selection. Students, make sure you are making your selection with a parent or guardian to ensure your book is a good fit for you.

Assessment: Students have participated in the process of generating this list of six titles. In the fall, students will help determine the one most beloved 8th grade summer reading book through their summer reading assessment.

We hope your summer reading book will be part of a wonderful summer!
Death himself narrates the story of Liesel, a German girl left with foster parents just before the outbreak of World War II. Along the way to her new home with her younger brother, he dies; after the funeral, Liesel steals *The Gravedigger's Handbook*, though she cannot yet read. It's only the first of what will become a series of book thefts. As she settles in with her harsh but caring foster mother, Rosa, and kind foster father, Hans, Liesel gets to know her poor neighborhood and learns to read. Her obsession with books grows as the war closes in, rationing is put in place, air raids begin, and Hans hides a Jewish man in the basement. Through it all, Death travels the Earth, taking in more and more souls every day.
It had happened before.
Burnt Mountain, Alaska.
Novosibirsk, Siberia.
Now it is about to happen to a thriving city.
A city with a population of 1.3 million people,
all of whom will be wiped out in a blink. 
Unless it can be stopped.
Teenagers Tane Williams and Rebecca Richards
hold the key to stop the destruction.
A message from the future.
Instructions that cannot be ignored.
Tane and Rebecca must act - and fast.
The survival of the human race depends on it.
When sixteen-year-old Rashad is mistakenly accused of stealing, classmate Quinn witnesses his brutal beating at the hands of a police officer who happens to be the older brother of his best friend. Told through Rashad and Quinn's alternating viewpoints.
Wyatt Parker has decided he is tired of being bullied, and he also wants his best buddy, girl-next-door Evan, to see him as more than a friend. The fact that she seems smitten with a high school quarterback reinforces the idea that playing football is the answer. His parents are supportive of sports: His older brother, Aaron, plays football. Wyatt, though, is small for his age, and they think the sport too dangerous, so his dad enrolls him in golf camp. Then his older brother lets him in on a secret football league with no adult supervision, where the hitting is fierce and only the toughest are welcome, including his school's biggest bully.
Everyone thinks Mia and Brynn killed their best friend after becoming obsessed and delusional over a novel, but on the anniversary of their friend's death a discovery pulls them back together to find out what actually happened that night.
Five teens who were part of a group of six that vanished as kindergartners reappear as mysteriously as they went missing in this thriller. Scarlett, Lucas, Sarah, Adam, and Kristen are dropped off in a park, each with a map to their respective homes tucked into their pockets. None of them has any memory of how they got there, who was driving the van that dropped them off, nor where they've been for the past 11 years.
THE GREAT AMERICAN DUST BOWL opens on April 14, 1935, the day a huge, savage dust storm swept through America's high southern plains, derailing trains, suffocating animals, and scouring the paint from houses. The narrative then flashes back in time to explain the geological, economic and environmental factors that led to the drought. It charts the struggles of the millions of Americans who were affected by the Great Depression and the Dust Bowl.