

Grade 8

<i>Clover</i>	Dorie Sanders
<i>Ender's Game</i>	Orson Scott Card
<i>Esperanza Rising</i>	Pam Munoz Ryan
<i>A Family Apart</i>	Joan Lowery Nixon
<i>Hoops</i>	Walter Dean Myers
<i>Martin Luther King, The Peaceful Warrior</i>	Ed Clayton
<i>Miracle's Boys</i>	Jacqueline Woodson
<i>Money Hungry</i>	Sharon G. Flake
<i>Orphan Train</i>	Annette R. Fry
<i>Plain City</i>	Virginia Hamilton
<i>Romiette and Julio</i>	Sharon Draper
<i>The Skin I'm In</i>	Sharon G. Flake
<i>Slam</i>	Walter Dean Myers
<i>Stargirl</i>	Jerry Spinelli

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Required Summer Reading Grades 6-8



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Directions:

- This summer, please read at least two of the selections listed for the grade level you will be entering in September. If appropriate for the grade level, other titles by the authors listed are acceptable .
- Complete the enclosed graphic organizer for each book you read.
- Be prepared to turn in this entire booklet and discuss the books you read in September 2011 in preparation for the Friends of the Norfolk Library Book Review Contest.

Summer 2011

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| <i>Castles in the Attic</i> | Elizabeth Winthrop |
| <i>Crazy Lady</i> | Jane Leslie Conly |
| <i>Fat Men from Space</i> | Daniel Manus Pinkwater |
| <i>Flipped</i> | Wendelin Van Draanen |
| <i>Freedom Train: Story of Harriet Tubman</i> | Dorothy Sterling |
| <i>Wait 'Til Helen Comes Home:</i> | |
| <i>A Ghost Story</i> | Mary Downing Hahn |
| <i>Goblins in the Castle</i> | Bruce Coville |
| <i>Golden Compass</i> | Phillip Pullman |
| <i>Golden Pancakes</i> | Mary-Claire Helldorfer |
| <i>Homesick, My Own Story</i> | Jean Fritz |
| <i>Inkheart series</i> | Cornelia Funke |
| <i>Jack, Skinny Bones, and the June Bug</i> | |
| <i>Justin and the Best Biscuits in the World</i> | Pat G'Orge Walker |
| <i>Love that Dog</i> | Mildred Pitts Walter |
| <i>Me, Mop, and the Moondance Kid</i> | Sharon Creech |
| <i>Midwife's Apprentice</i> | Walter Dean Myers |
| <i>Monkey Island</i> | Karen Cushman |
| <i>My Side of the Mountain</i> | Paula Fox |
| <i>Night of the Twisters</i> | Jean Craighead George |
| <i>Sammy Keyes and the Hotel Thief</i> | Ivy Ruckman |
| <i>Search for the Shadowman</i> | Wendelin Van Draanen |
| <i>Series of Unfortunate Events titles</i> | Joan Lowery Nixon |
| <i>Shoeless Joe and Me</i> | Lemony Snicket |
| <i>Slake's Limbo</i> | Dan Gutman |
| <i>Stanford Wong Flunks Big-Time</i> | Felice Holman |
| <i>The Taggerung</i> | Lisa Yee |
| <i>The View from Saturday</i> | Brian Jacques |
| <i>Where the Lilies Bloom</i> | E.L. Konigsburg |
| <i>Wrinkle in Time</i> | Bill Cleaver |
| | Madeleine L'Engle |

2011-2012 Virginia Readers' Choice Nominees

- Bystander.* James Preller, Felwel & Friends, 2009.
- Chasing Lincoln's Killer.* James Swanson, Scholastic, 2009.
- The Leanin' Dog.* K.A. Nuzum, HarperCollins, 2008.
- Mockingbird.* Kathryn Erskine, Penguin Young Readers Group, 2010.
- Out of My Mind.* Sharon Draper, Simon & Schuster, 2010.

Conflict: (What is the problem in the book?)

Sequence of Events (What are the five most important events in the book?)

Event 1:

Event 2:

Event 3:

Event 4:

Event 5:

Resolution: (How does the story conclude?)

Book #2

Title: _____
Author: _____

NPS Summer Reading Novel Summary

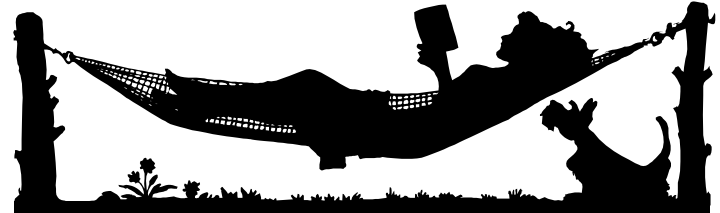
Directions: Complete this chart for the second book you read this summer. Be sure to include enough details from the entire book.

Setting: (When and where does the book take place?)

Characters:

- Absolutely Normal Chaos*
- All the Colors of Race*
- The Bomb*
- Books of Ember series*
- Esperanza Rising*
- The Greatest: Muhammad Ali*
- Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life*
- The Library Card*
- Me, Mop, and the Moondance Kid*
- A Time for Andrew: A Ghost Story*
- When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit*
- Martin, The Warrior*
- The Midwife's Apprentice*
- Native American Doctor*
- Redwall*

- Sharon Creech
- Arnold Adoff
- T. Taylor
- Jeanne DuPrau
- Pam Munoz Ryan
- Walter Dean Myers
- Wendy Mass
- Jerry Spinelli
- Walter Dean Myers
- Mary Downing Hahn
- Judith Kerr
- Brian Jacques
- Karen Cushman
- Jeri Ferris
- Brian Jacques



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Pop. Gordon Korman, HarperCollins, 2009.

The Rock and the River. Kekla Magoon, Simon & Schuster, 2009.

The Strange Case of Origami Yoda. Tom Angleberger, 2010.

Ways to Live Forever. Sally Nichols, Scholastic Inc., 2011.

When the Whistle Blows. Fran Cannon Slayton, 2009.

Title: _____
Author: _____

Book #1

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Setting: (When and where does the book take place?)

Characters:

Conflict: (What is the problem in the book?)

Sequence of Events (What are the five most important events in the book?)

Event 1: _____
Event 2: _____
Event 3: _____
Event 4: _____
Event 5: _____

Resolution: (How does the story conclude?)