

NMS Summer Reading 2017 7th Grade

All students read

At the Edge: Daring Acts in Desperate Times by Larry Verstraete

and ONE title from this list.

Students will complete a writing assignment on At the Edge. Students will take a quiz on the choice book.

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FANTASY/SCIENCE FICTION

Akata Witch by Nnedi Okorafor -- Sunny discovers she has magic powers but needs a crash course in spells and juju to help her friends stop a killer, who has abilities much stronger than theirs.

Leviathan by Scott Westerfeld -- In an alternate 1914 Europe, 15-year-old Austrian Prince Alek, running from the Clanker Powers who are trying to take over the globe, forms an alliance with Deryn, who, disguised as a boy to join the British Air Service, is learning to fly.

HISTORICAL FICTION

Black Radishes by Susan Lynn Meyer -- Gustave, having been forced to move from Paris to the countryside after his parents decided it was not safe for Jews to live in the city during World War II, meets a Catholic girl named Nicole, whose family is part of the French Resistance, and together they devise a plan to rescue his friend and family members from the Nazi occupied territory.

Bread and Roses, Too by Katherine Paterson -- Jake and Rosa, two children, form an unlikely friendship as they try to survive and understand the 1912 Bread and Roses strike of mill workers in Lawrence, Massachusetts. (E-book available to check out through NMS Library Catalog)

All descriptions taken from OCLN, Accelerated Reader, or Amazon.

MYSTERY/ADVENTURE

Masterminds by Gordon Korman -- A group of kids discovers they were cloned from the DNA of some of the greatest criminal masterminds in history for a sociological experiment.

The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin -- The mysterious death of an eccentric millionaire brings together an unlikely assortment of heirs who must uncover the circumstances of his death before they can claim their inheritance.

NONFICTION

I Will Always Write Back: How One Letter Changed Two Lives by coauthors are Martin Ganda and Liz Welch.

In this dual memoir, Caitlin Alifirenka and Martin Ganda recount how they became best friends and better people through letters. The coauthors are Martin Ganda and Liz Welch.

The Rock and the River by Kekla Magoon

In 1968 Chicago, fourteen-year-old Sam Childs is caught in a conflict between his father's nonviolent approach to seeking civil rights for African Americans and his older brother, who has joined the Black Panther Party.

REALISTIC FICTION

Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt -- Ally's greatest fear is that everyone will find out she is dyslexic and doesn't know how to read. Mr. Daniels sees the bright, creative kid underneath the troublemaker, and with his help, Ally learns she has nothing to be ashamed of.

The Great Unexpected by Sharon Creech -- A story of Sybil and Nula (now estranged sisters who grew up together in Ireland) and Naomi and Lizzie (both orphans in present-day USA) and unraveling mysteries about family and identity.

Homecoming by Cynthia Voigt -- Abandoned by their mother, four children begin a search for a home and an identity.

Listen, Slowly by Thanhà Lai -- Twelve-year-old Mai is sick of being perfect and her straight A's and extracurricular activities have gotten her a much unwanted trip to Vietnam with her family so she can learn more about her roots. But as time goes on, Mai grows closer to her family and she begins to understand her culture.