

Summer Reading 2022 - Incoming Seventh and Eighth Grade

All Middle School students are required to read **three** or **four** books over the summer. Each student coming into either 7th or 8th grade must read the required titles for her grade. For grade seven each student must read the titles listed as well as a self-selected title from the Recommended Reading List.

Students should complete a reading log for each of the books read and should include notes taken on characters met, plot summary, themes, literary devices used, connections, questions, or predictions. Additionally, students should note new or interesting words in the text.

In September the books will be discussed in class. Further, students will take comprehension check assessments as well as complete written assignments about the books.

The required titles are listed below:

Incoming Grade 7

I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up For Education and Changed the World
(Young Readers Edition) by Malala Yousafzai

Hidden Figures (Young Readers Edition) by Margot Lee Shetterly

Fever 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson

Plus one selected book from the Recommended Reading List

Incoming Grade 8

The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd

Piecing Me Together by Renée Watson

Echo by Pam Muñoz Ryan

Warriors Don't Cry by Melba Pattillo Beals (also a Civics requirement)



Name _____ **Grade** _____

Title of Book _____

Reading Log

Date: _____

Pages Read _____

Summary:

Characters (include impressions and traits)

Interesting/significant quotes

Recommended Reading for Incoming Grade 7 & 8

Realistic Fiction

Buxbaum, Julie. ***What To Say Next.***

When an unlikely friendship is sparked between relatively popular Kit Lowell and socially isolated David Drucker, Kit asks David for his help figuring out the how and why of her father's tragic car accident.

Colfer, Eoin. ***Illegal.***

Ebo is alone. His brother, Kwame, has disappeared, and Ebo knows it can only be to attempt the hazardous journey to Europe, and a better life--the same journey their sister set out on months ago. But Ebo refuses to be left behind in Ghana. He sets out after Kwame and joins him on the quest to reach Europe.

Firestone, Carrie. ***Dress Coded.***

Molly Frost is FED UP... Because Olivia was yelled at for wearing a tank top. Because Liza got dress coded and Molly didn't, even though they were wearing the exact same outfit.

Gerber, Alyson. ***Taking Up Space.***

Twelve-year old Sarah is used to being the star on her basketball team, playing with her best friends, but suddenly she finds that her body is changing and she does not understand why she cannot keep up on the court, plus she does not understand why her mother has gotten so weird about food, binging on candy while forgetting about dinner.

Jamieson, Victoria. ***When Stars Are Scattered.***

Omar and his younger brother Hassan live in a refugee camp, and when an opportunity for Omar to get an education comes along, he must decide between going to school every day or caring for his nonverbal brother in this intimate and touching portrayal of family and daily life in a refugee camp.

Libenson, Terri. ***Just Jamie.***

Friends. Frenemies. Middle school... The last day of seventh grade has Jaime and Maya wondering who their real friends are. Jaime knows something is off with her friend group. They've started to exclude her and make fun of the way she dresses and the things she likes. At least she can count on her BFF, Maya, to have her back . . . right?

Lukoff, Kyle. ***Different Kinds of Fruit.***

When Annabelle learns that her father shares something big--and surprising--in common with her new nonbinary friend, she begins to see herself, and her family, in a whole new light.

Marks, Janae. ***From the Desk of Zoe Washington.***

Avid baker Zoe Washington receives a letter on her twelfth birthday from her biological father, who is in prison for a terrible crime.

Ramée, Lisa Moore. ***A Good Kind of Trouble.***

Twelve-year-old Shayla is allergic to trouble. All she wants to do is to follow the rules. (Oh, and she'd also like to make it through seventh grade with her best friendships intact, learn to run track, and have a cute boy see past her giant forehead.) But in junior high, it's like all the rules have changed. Now she's suddenly questioning who her best friends are and some people at school are saying she's not black enough. Wait, what?

Reynolds, Jason. ***Patina.***

A newbie to the track team, Patina "Patty" Jones must learn to rely on her family and teammates as she tries to outrun her personal demons. Try the rest of the ***Track*** series if you've already read one!

Saeed, Aisha. ***Amal Unbound.***

In Pakistan, Amal holds onto her dream of being a teacher even after becoming an indentured servant to pay off her family's debt to the wealthy and corrupt Khan family.

Stead, Rebecca. ***Goodbye Stranger.***

As Bridge makes her way through seventh grade on Manhattan's Upper West Side with her best friends, Em, Tab, and a curious new friend, she finds the answers she has been seeking.

Stone, Nic. ***Clean Getaway.***

For the life of him, William 'Scoob' Lamar can't seem to stay out of trouble--and now the run-ins at school have led to lockdown at home. So when G'ma, Scoob's favorite person on Earth, asks him to go on an impromptu road trip, he's in the RV faster than he can say freedom.

Williams, Alicia. ***Genesis Begins Again.***

Thirteen-year-old Genesis tries again and again to lighten her black skin, thinking it is the root of her family's troubles, before discovering reasons to love herself as is.

Williams, Lily. ***Go With the Flow.***

Sophomores Abby, Brit, Christine, and Sasha are fed up. Hazelton High never has enough tampons. Or pads. Or adults who will listen. Sick of an administration that puts football before female health, the girls confront a world that shrugs--or worse, squirms--at the thought of a menstruation revolution. They band together to make a change.

Science Fiction and Fantasy

Barnhill, Kelly. ***The Girl Who Drank the Moon***.
An epic fantasy about a young girl raised by a witch, a swamp monster, and a Perfectly Tiny Dragon, who must unlock the powerful magic buried deep inside her.

Chokshi, Roshani. ***Aru Shah and the End of Time: The Graphic Novel***.

Twelve-year-old Aru stretches the truth to fit in at her private school, but when she is dared to prove an ancient lamp is cursed, she inadvertently frees an ancient demon.

Emezi, Akwaeke. ***Pet***.

In a near-future society that claims to have gotten rid of all monstrous people, a creature emerges from a painting seventeen-year-old Jam's mother created, a hunter from another world seeking a real-life monster.

Gaiman, Neil. ***The Graveyard Book***.

The orphan Bod, short for Nobody, is taken in by the inhabitants of a graveyard as a child of eighteen months and raised lovingly and carefully to the age of eighteen years by the community of ghosts and otherworldly creatures.

Hackney, Stacy. ***The Sisters of Luna Island***.

Twelve-year-old Marigold Lafleur must uncover the origins of a curse threatening her family, but to do so she must learn to trust her instincts and use the magic she promised her sisters she would abandon.

Hernandez, Carlos. ***Sal & Gabi Break the Universe***.

In order to heal after his mother's death, thirteen-year-old Sal learns to reach into time and space to retrieve things--and people--from other universes.

Higuera, Donna Barba. ***The Last Cuentista***.

The year is 2061. A girl named Petra Pena, who wanted nothing more than to be a storyteller, like her abuelita. But Petra's world is ending. Earth has been destroyed by a comet, and only a few hundred scientists and their children - among them Petra and her family - have been chosen to journey to a new planet. They are the ones who must carry on the human race. Hundreds of years later, Petra wakes to this new planet - and the discovery that she is the only person who remembers Earth. A sinister Collective has taken over the ship during its journey, bent on erasing the sins of humanity's past. They have systematically purged the memories of all aboard - or purged them altogether. Petra alone now carries the stories of our past, and with them, any hope for our future. Can she make them live again?

Holm, Jennifer. ***The Lion of Mars***.

Bell has spent his whole life--all eleven years of it--on Mars. But he's still just a regular kid--he loves cats, any kind of cake, and is curious about the secrets the adults in the US colony are keeping. Like, why don't have contact with anyone on the other Mars colonies? Why are they so isolated?

Keller, Tae. ***When You Trap a Tiger***.

When Lily, her sister Sam, and their mother move in with her sick grandmother, Lily traps a tiger and makes a deal with him to heal Halmoni.

Mbalia, Kwame. ***Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky***.

Seventh-grader Tristan Strong tumbles into the MidPass and, with allies John Henry and Brer Rabbit, must entice the god Anansi to come out of hiding and seal the hole Tristan accidentally ripped in the sky.

Murray, Struan. ***Orphans of the Tide***.

When a mysterious boy washes in with the tide trapped inside the belly of a whale, Ellie must prove that he isn't ruled by the Enemy even if it means revealing her own dangerous secret.

Okorafor, Nnedi. ***Akata Woman***.

With the help of her friends, fifteen-year-old Sunny embarks on a mission to find a precious object and return it to the spider deity Udide, but defeating the guardians of Udide's ghazal will put all of Sunny's hard lessons and abilities to the test.

Werlin, Nancy. ***Healer and Witch***.

Sylvie and her mother and grandmother are beloved, trusted healers in their medieval French village, though some whisper that fifteen-year-old Sylvie and her grand-mere deal in more than herbs and medicines. After her grandmother dies, and an attempt to use magic to heal her mother's grief brooks tragic consequences, Sylvie leaves her village in search of a teacher

Historical Fiction

Avi. **Loyalty.**

To avenge his father, Noah becomes a spy for the British during the American Revolution, witnessing firsthand the hypocrisy, lies, and allegiances that come with war, and must determine for himself where his loyalty truly lies.

Brown, Daniel James. **The Boys in the Boat.**

Out of the depths of the Great Depression comes the astonishing tale of nine working-class boys from the American West who at the 1936 Olympics showed the world what true grit really meant.

Hiranandani, Veera. **The Night Diary.**

Shy twelve-year-old Nisha, forced to flee her home with her Hindu family during the 1947 partition of India, tries to find her voice and make sense of the world falling apart around her by writing to her deceased Muslim mother in the pages of her diary.

Kadohata, Cynthia. **A Place to Belong.**

Twelve-year-old Hanako and her family, reeling from their confinement in an internment camp, renounce their American citizenship to move to Hiroshima, a city devastated by the atomic bomb dropped by Americans.

Kelly, Jacqueline. **The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate.**

In central Texas in 1899, eleven-year-old Callie Vee Tate is instructed to be a lady by her mother, learns about love from the older three of her six brothers, and studies the natural world with her grandfather, the latter of which leads to an important discovery.

Kessler, Liz. **When the World Was Ours.**

Vienna. 1936. Three young friends spend a perfect day together, unaware that around them Europe is descending into a growing darkness and that events will soon mean that they are ripped apart from each other as their lives take very different directions.

LaRocca, Rajani. **Red, White, and Whole.**

Reha feels torn between two worlds: school, where she's the only Indian American student, and home, with her family's traditions and holidays. But Reha's parents don't understand why she's conflicted—they only notice when Reha doesn't meet their strict expectations. Reha feels disconnected from her mother, or Amma, although their names are linked—Reha means "star" and Punam means "moon"—but they are a universe apart.

Lee, Julie. **Brother's Keeper.**

Twelve-year-old Sora and her eight-year-old brother, Youngsoo, must try to escape North Korea's oppressive Communist regime on their own in 1950.

Luqman-Dawson, Amina. **Freewater.**

After fleeing the plantation where they were enslaved, siblings Ada and Homer discover the secret community of Freewater, and work with freeborn Sanzi to protect their new home from the encroaching dangers of the outside world.

Nielsen, Jennifer. A. **Rescue.**

A thrilling World War II story of espionage and intrigue, as one girl races to save her father and aid the French resistance.

Oh, Ellen. **Finding Junie Kim.**

A tale based on true events follows the coming-of-age of a girl who is motivated by an act of racism at school to learn about her ancestral heritage and her grandparents' experiences as lost children during the Korean War.

Sepetys, Ruta. **Salt to the Sea.**

As World War II draws to a close, refugees try to escape the war's final dangers, only to find themselves aboard a ship with a target on its hull. Also read **Between Shades of Grey**.

Spinelli, Jerry. **The Warden's Daughter.**

A teenage girl who lives with her father, a prison warden, looks to inmates for a mother figure, only to find herself in the process.

Thomas, Sherry. **The Magnolia Sword.**

When her ailing father is conscripted to fight invaders from the north, Mulan dresses as a man to take his place in the army, but an old enemy and an attraction for her troop's commander complicate her mission.

Venkatraman, Padma. **The Bridge Home.**

Four determined homeless children make a life for themselves in Chennai, India.

Walsh, Jenni L. **Over and Out.**

A gripping and accessible story of a young girl from Cold War East Berlin who is forced to spy for the secret police... but is determined to escape to freedom.

Wiles, Deborah. **Revolution.**

It's 1964 in Greenwood, Mississippi, and Sunny's town is being invaded by people from up north who are coming to help people register to vote. Her personal life isn't much better, as a new stepmother, brother, and sister are crowding into her life, giving her little room to breathe.

Wolk, Lauren. **Wolf Hollow.**

Twelve-year-old Annabelle must learn to stand up for what's right in the face of a manipulative and violent new bully who targets people Annabelle cares about, including a homeless World War I veteran.

Mystery, Suspense, and Adventure

Ansari, Rebecca K.S. ***The In-Between***

Cooper is lost. Ever since his father left their family three years ago, he has become distant from friends, constantly annoyed by his little sister, Jess, and completely fed up with the pale, creepy rich girl who moved in next door and won't stop staring at him. So when Cooper learns of an unsolved mystery his sister has discovered online, he welcomes the distraction.

Bunce, Elizabeth. ***Premeditated Myrtle: A Myrtle Hardcastle Mystery***.

When twelve-year-old aspiring detective Myrtle Hardcastle learns her neighbor in quiet Swinburne, England, a breeder of rare flowers, has died she is certain it was murder and that she must find the killer.

Cavallaro, Brittany. ***The Last of August***.

Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson descendants, Charlotte and Jamie, while on winter break from their Connecticut boarding school, team up again to try to find Charlotte's uncle, Leander, who goes missing while on his latest assignment in a German art forgery ring. Sound intriguing? Try the others in the **Charlotte Holmes series**.

Freeman, Megan E. ***Alone***.

When twelve-year-old Maddie hatches a scheme for a secret sleepover with her two best friends, she ends up waking up to a nightmare. She's alone-left behind in a town that has been mysteriously evacuated and abandoned. With no one to rely on, no power, and no working phone lines or internet access, Maddie slowly learns to survive on her own.

Gratz, Alan. ***Refugee***.

Although separated by continents and decades, Josef, a Jewish boy living in Nazi Germany; Isabel, a Cuban girl trying to escape the riots and unrest plaguing her country; and Mahmoud, a Syrian boy in whose homeland is torn apart by violence and destruction, embark on harrowing journeys in search of refuge, discovering shocking connections.

Haddix, Margaret Peterson. ***The School for Whatnots***.

No matter what anyone tells you, I'm real. That's what the note says that Max finds under his keyboard. He knows that his best friend, Josie, wrote it. He'd know her handwriting anywhere. But why she wrote it--and what it means--remains a mystery.

Korman, Gordon. ***Masterminds***.

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

McMullen, Beth. ***Lola Benko, Treasure Hunter: The Midnight Market***.

After saving her father and the world, twelve-year-old Lola Benko and her new best friends, Jin and Hannah, are a true treasure-hunting team. But after botching a huge job, they are looking to redeem themselves.

Parry, Roseanne. ***A Whale of the Wild***.

Vega, a young orca whale, lives with her pod in the Salish Sea. When a double tragedy strikes her family, and Vega and her little brother Deneb are separated from everyone they love, it's up to Vega to keep Deneb safe. Their journey is full of peril and wonder, and they encounter a giant octopus, strange killer whales, and packs of hunting sharks as they travel into the deep ocean. Will Vega be able to protect her brother and find her way home?

Ponti, James. ***City Spies***.

Sara Martinez is facing years in the juvenile detention system for hacking into the foster care computer system to prove that her foster parents are crooks. But then she gets a second chance when a mysterious man offers her a chance to join a group of MI6 affiliated spies

Rosoff, Meg. ***Picture Me Gone***.

Twelve-year-old Mila has an exceptional talent for reading a room—sensing hidden facts and unspoken emotions from clues that others overlook. So when her father's best friend, Matthew, goes missing from his upstate New York home, Mila and her beloved father travel from London to find him.

Soontornvat, Christina. ***The Last Mapmaker***.

Joining an expedition to chart the southern seas, twelve-year-old mapmaker's assistant Sai, posing as a well-bred young lady with a glittering future, realizes she's not the only one on board harboring secrets when she discovers the ship's true destination.

West, Jacqueline. ***Long Lost***.

When Fiona's family moves to a new town to be closer to her older sister's figure skating club--and far from Fiona's close-knit group of friends--nobody seems to notice Fiona's unhappiness. Alone and out of place, Fiona ventures to the town's library, a rambling mansion donated by a long-dead heiress. And there she finds a gripping mystery novel about a small town, family secrets, and a tragic disappearance. Soon Fiona begins to notice strange similarities that blur the lines between the novel and her new town.

Classics

Adams, Douglas. ***The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy***.

Seconds before Earth is demolished to make room for a galactic freeway, an earthman is saved by his friend. Together they journey through the galaxy.

Adams, Richard. ***Watership Down***.

A group of hardy Berkshire rabbits share many adventures together as they search for a safe place to establish a new warren after the destruction of their community.

Alcott, Louisa May. ***Little Women***.

The struggles and triumphs of the March family in New England during the Civil War.

Bradbury, Ray. ***Fahrenheit 451***.

A book burning official in a future fascist state finds out that books are a vital part of a culture he never knew, and he decides to pursue reading, until he is betrayed.

Cather, Willa. ***My Antonia***.

A successful lawyer remembers his boyhood in Nebraska and his friendship with an immigrant Bohemian girl.

Christie, Agatha. ***Murder On the Orient Express***.

Detective Hercule Poirot has a wealth of suspects to choose from when a wealthy American is stabbed to death en route to Paris on the Orient Express.

Cormier, Robert. ***The Chocolate War***.

A high school freshman discovers the devastating consequences of refusing to join in the school's annual fund raising drive and arousing the wrath of the school bullies.

Dickens, Charles. ***A Tale of Two Cities***.

Relates the adventures of a young Englishman who gives his life during the French Revolution to save the husband of the woman he loves.

Du Maurier, Daphne. ***Rebecca***.

The second Mrs. Maxim de Winter finds it difficult and frightening to live in the shadow of her predecessor, a situation that is exacerbated by her husband's moodiness, and the presence of their sinister housekeeper, Mrs. Danvers.

Greene, Bette. ***Summer of My German Soldier***.

When German prisoners of war are brought to her Arkansas town during World War II, twelve-year-old Patty, a Jewish girl, befriends one of them and must deal with the consequences of that friendship.

London, Jack. ***The Call of the Wild***.

Buck, a dog that has been forced into the harsh life of a sled dog, befriends a man seeking his fortune in the Klondike gold fields, and must ultimately decide whether to stay with his master or obey his instinct to join the wolves.

Potok, Chaim. ***The Chosen***.

Recounts the story of Reuven Malter and Danny Saunders--one an orthodox Jew, the other the son of a Hasidic rabbi--and the course of their friendship as they grow up in Brooklyn.

Pullman, Philip. ***The Golden Compass***.

Accompanied by her daemon, Lyra Belacqua sets out to prevent her best friend and other kidnapped children from becoming the subject of gruesome experiments in the Far North. Already read it? Read the rest of the series, ***His Dark Materials***.

Twain, Mark. ***The Adventures of Tom Sawyer***.

Nineteenth-century mechanic Hank Morgan suffers a blow to the head and wakes up in King Arthur's Court where he tries to introduce modern technology and political ideas to the inhabitants.

Biography & Memoir

Carmon, Irin. ***Notorious RGB: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg.***

Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg never asked for fame—she was just trying to make the world a little better and a little freer. But along the way, the feminist pioneer's searing dissents and steely strength have inspired millions.

Cooper, Ilene. ***Eleanor Roosevelt, Fighter for Justice: Her Impact on the Civil Rights Movement, the White House, and the World.***

Chronicles the life and career of First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, discussing her childhood, her marriage to Franklin, what she accomplished as First Lady of the United States and more.

DePrince, Michaela. ***Taking Flight: From War Orphan to Star Ballerina.***

The autobiography of Michaela DePrince, who lived the first few years of her life in war-torn Sierra Leone until being adopted by an American family. Now seventeen, she is one of the premiere ballerinas in the United States.

Fleming, Candace. ***Amelia Lost: the Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart.***

This book traces the life of female aviator Amelia Earhart from her childhood to her final flight, discusses the extensive search for her and her missing plane, and includes photographs, maps, handwritten notes by Amelia, and sidebars.

Ginsburg, Ruth Bader. ***My Own Words.***

The first book from Ruth Bader Ginsburg since becoming a Supreme Court Justice in 1993—a witty, engaging, serious, and playful collection of writings and speeches from the woman who has had a powerful and enduring influence on law, women's rights, and popular culture.

Hartman, Renee. ***Signs of Survival: A Memoir of the Holocaust.***

Meet Renee and Herta, two sisters who faced the unimaginable—together. This is their true story. As Jews living in 1940s Czechoslovakia, Renee, Herta, and their parents were in immediate danger when the Holocaust came to their door. As the only hearing person in her family, Renee had to alert her parents and sister whenever the sound of Nazi boots approached their home so they could hide. But soon their parents were tragically taken away, and the two sisters went on the run, desperate to find a safe place to hide.

Kiernan, Denise. ***Signing Their Rights Away: The Fame and Misfortune of the Men Who Signed the United States Constitution.***

Profiles the thirty-nine men who signed the United States Constitution, revealing their personal quirks, public personas, and the events that led to the crafting of the Constitution.

Kops, Deborah. ***Alice Paul and the Fight for Womens' Rights.***

A portrait of Alice Paul, American suffragist, feminist, women's rights activist, and one of the leaders and strategists of the 1910s campaign for the Nineteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Kor, Eva Moses. ***I Will Protect You: A True Story of Twins Who Survived Auschwitz.***

A memoir of a young girl's childhood in wartime Romania, unlikely survival as a 'Mengele twin' subjected to cruel Nazi medical experiments in Auschwitz, and postwar journey to forgiveness.

Muhammad, Ibtihaj. ***Proud: Living My American Dream.***

An autobiography of the Olympic fencer, Ibtihaj Muhammad, and how she became the first American woman to compete in the Olympics wearing a hijab.

Noyes, Deborah. ***Ten Days a Madwoman: The Daring Life and Turbulent Times of the Original "Girl" Reporter, Nellie Bly.***

A biography of Nellie Bly, the pioneering journalist whose showy but substantive stunts skyrocketed her to fame.

Silvey, Anita. ***Unforgotten: The Wild Life of Dian Fossey and Her Relentless Quest to Save Mountain Gorillas.***

The life and work of Dian Fossey, who studied and protected mountain gorillas from poachers and other threats until her murder in 1985. In 1963, young American Dian Fossey spent all her savings and took out a loan to realize her dream—to go to Africa. It soon became her life's mission to study and protect the few mountain gorillas left on Earth.

Nonfiction

#notyourprincess : Voices of Native American Women.

An eclectic collection of poems, essays, interviews, and art that combine to express the experience of being a Native woman. Stories of abuse, humiliation, and stereotyping are countered by the voices of passionate women making themselves heard and demanding change.

Anderson, Tanya. **Gunpowder Girls: The True Stories of Three Civil War Tragedies.**

Gunpowder Girls tells an amazing war story that finally gives its subjects their due. Hidden history comes alive through primary-source research and page-turning narrative.

Batalion, Judy. **The Light of Days (Young Readers' Edition): The Untold Story of Women Resistance Fighters in Hitler's Ghettos.**

This book documents the essential World War II contributions of Jewish-Polish female resistance fighters, sharing the stories of courageous women who risked their lives to work against the Nazis as fighters, intelligence agents and saboteurs.

Cabot, Heather. **Geek Girl Rising: Inside the Sisterhood Shaking Up Tech.**

Looks at several women who are making their way and becoming founders, technologists, and innovators in a male dominated world of technology.

Conkling, Winifred. **Votes for Women! American Suffragists and the Battle for the Ballot.**

In this expansive yet personal volume, author Winifred Conkling covers not only the suffragists' achievements and politics but also the private journeys that fueled their passion and led them to become women's champions.

Jewell, Tiffany. **This Book Is Anti-Racist: 20 Lessons on How to Wake Up, Take Action, and Do the Work.**

Learn about identities, true histories, and anti-racism in twenty lessons. This book is written so young people will feel empowered to stand up to the adults in their lives. This book will give them the language and ability to understand racism and a drive to undo it.

Levinson, Cynthia and Sanford. **Fault Lines in the Constitution: The Framers, Their Fights, and the Flaws That Affect Us Today.**

Ottaviani, Jim. **Astronauts: Women on the Final Frontier.**

America may have put the first man on the moon, but it was the Soviet space program that made Valentina Tereshkova the first woman in space. Meanwhile, in the United States, NASA's first female astronauts were racing toward milestones of their own. These trail-blazing women were admitted into Group 9, NASA's first mixed-gender class.

Our Story Begins: Your Favorite Authors and Illustrators Share Fun, Inspiring, and Occasionally Ridiculous Things They Wrote and Drew As Kids.

A collection of quirky, smart, and vulnerable childhood works by some of today's children's authors and illustrators--revealing young talent, the storytellers they would one day become, and the creativity they inspire today.

Powell, Patricia Hruby. **Loving vs. Virginia.**

Written in blank verse, the story of Mildred Loving, an African American girl, and Richard Loving, a Caucasian boy, who challenge the Virginia law forbidding interracial marriages in the 1950s.

Reeder, Lydia. **Dust Bowl Girls: The Inspiring Story of the Team that Barnstormed Its Way to Basketball Glory.**

The Boys in the Boat meets A League of Their Own in this true story of a Depression-era championship women's team.

Seifert, Christine. **The Factory Girls: A Kaleidoscopic Account of the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire.**

Provides a detailed account of the disastrous Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire in New York City, which claimed the lives of 146 garment workers in 1911, looks at the conditions leading up to the fire, and examines the impact of this event on the nation's working conditions and labor laws.

Weiss, Elaine. **The Woman's Hour: Our Fight for the Right to Vote (Young Readers' Edition).**

American women are so close to winning the right to vote. They've been fighting for more than seventy years and need approval from just one more state. But suffragists face opposition from every side, including the "Antis"--women who don't want women to have the right to vote. It's more than a fight over politics; it's a debate

This book looks at the history of the writing of the United States Constitution, discussing that the nation is still suffering from the consequences of disputes and decisions made in 1787, as the new government was being created.

Martin, James. ***Building a Bridge.***

Provides a roadmap for repairing and strengthening the bonds that unite people as God's children. Martin uses the image of a two-way bridge to enable LGBT Catholics and the Church to come together in a call to end the 'us' versus 'them' mentality.

Moore, Kate. ***The Radium Girls (Young Readers' Edition): The Scary But True Story of the Poison That Made People Glow in the Dark.***

Amid the excitement of the early twentieth century, hundreds of young women spend their days hard at work painting watch dials with glow-in-the-dark radium paint. The painters consider themselves lucky--until they start suffering from a mysterious illness. As the corporations try to cover up a shocking secret, these shining girls suddenly find themselves at the center of a deadly scandal.

over the role of women and girls in society, and whether they should be considered equal to men and boys.

Yousafzai, Malala. ***We Are Displaced: My Journey and Stories from Refugee Girls Around the World***

In her powerful new book, Nobel Peace Prize winner and New York Times-bestselling author Malala Yousafzai introduces some of the people behind the statistics and news stories about the millions of people displaced worldwide.