



# SUMMER READING 2009

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

### 7<sup>TH</sup> - 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADES

Upper Merion Area School District

*Be Creative @ Your Library*

Students in Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join the Upper Merion Township Library's Summer Reading Club

*Be Creative @ Your Library*

- ❖ Registration begins June 15
- ❖ Read books that interest you. Earn stickers, food coupons, medals & prizes
- ❖ Attend the Library's free entertainment shows
  - June 16 The Wizard of Oz - Duet Productions
  - June 24 Gustafson's Magic/Comedy Show - magic with a comical twist
  - July 7 Piccirillo Sciencetelling Show - science and storytelling
  - July 14 Il Style and Peace - Hip Hop Dance demonstration for ages 6 and up
  - July 22 Marian Gehman & Friends - mother/daughter ventriloquists
  - Aug 12 Talent & Art Showcase - an evening of local talent
- ❖ Art Workshops - June 30, July 14, July 21, July 28 (registration required)  
Learn about various artists and try their techniques (K - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade)
- ❖ Photography Workshop - July 1, July 15, July 29 (registration required)  
Discover the secrets of taking good photographs (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade)
- ❖ Line Dancing Workshop - July 27  
Learn all the steps you need to start line dancing (5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade)
- ❖ Join book discussions and play Library Jeopardy
- ❖ For further information contact the Reference Librarian at 610-265-4806 or visit the Library's website at: [www.umtownship.org/library](http://www.umtownship.org/library)

Read these books from the Upper Merion Township Library Summer Reading Program 2009

**TOWNSHIP LIBRARY**  
**CALL NUMBER**

**TITLE, AUTHOR, DESCRIPTION**

**Activate an Artist**

J PAP-1	<u>The Apprentice</u> by Pilar Molina Llorente Working as an artist's apprentice in Renaissance Florence, thirteen-year-old Arduino makes a discovery which may cost him the chance to become a painter.
YOUNG ADULT FICTION	<u>The Art of Keeping Cool</u> by Janet T. Lisle In 1942, Robert and his cousin Elliot uncover long-hidden family secrets while staying in their grandparent's Rhode Island town, where they also become involved with a German artist who is suspected of being a spy.
J RIPPIN	<u>Chenxi and the Foreigner</u> by Sally Rippin Anna leaves Australia to study traditional Chinese painting in Shanghai and falls in love with her student guide Chenxi, but trouble ensues when she unwittingly draws the attention of officials to Chenxi and his radical artist friends.

- J 940.54 OKU 1946 Citizen 13660 by Mine Okubo  
A Japanese artist illustrates and narrates her experiences in the Japanese internment camps where 110,000 people of Japanese descent were held in the U.S. during World War II.
- NEWBERY J TREVINO I, Juan de Pareja by Elizabeth Borton de Trevino  
Juan de Pareja, the slave who prepares the paints and canvases of the artist Velazquez, describes his work with his master and the climate of Spanish court life.
- J 917.804 FRE An Indian Winter by Russell Freedman  
This book relates the experiences of a German prince, his servant, and a young Swiss artist as they traveled through the Missouri River Valley in 1833 learning about the territory and its inhabitants and recording their impressions in words and pictures.
- JB WALLACE Inuksuk Journey: An Artist at the Top of the World by Mary Wallace  
This is an illustrated chronicle of the author's journey to the Arctic and experiences living in the traditional Inuit way.
- J BRIDG.GREY Leonardo's Shadow, or, My Astonishing Life as Leonardo da Vinci's Servant by Christopher Peter Grey  
Fifteen-year-old Giacomo, servant to Leonardo da Vinci, helps his procrastinating master finish painting, "The Last Supper," while also trying to find clues to his parentage and pursue his own career as an artist in late fifteenth-century Milan.
- J 940.53 MIL 1997 Light in the Shadows by Barbara Milman  
This book describes the Holocaust experiences of five individual survivors through a series of prints by American artist Barbara Milman.
- Love & SK8 by Nancy E. Krulik  
Spine Angie, a skateboard artist at SK8 4Ever, puts her heart and her future on the line when she trusts Carter's offer to help her take her art to Philadelphia.

### **Proudly Presenting Poetry**

- J 811.6080357 HEA 2001 1 Heart to Heart: New Poems Inspired by Twentieth-Century American Art by Jan Greenberg  
This book is a compilation of poems by Americans writing about American art in the twentieth century, including such writers as Nancy Willard, Jane Yolen and X.J. Kennedy.

### **Terrifically Told Tales**

- The Farther You Run by Davida Wills Hurwin  
Even with a new best friend and a new boyfriend, Samantha has a hard time adjusting to life without her best friend Juliana, who died of cancer.
- J 809.92 KRU 1994 Lives of the Writers: Comedies, Tragedies (And What the Neighbors Thought) by Kathleen Krull  
The lives of twenty writers, ranging from Dickens, the Brontes and Poe to Twain, Sandburg, and Langston Hughes, are profiled in the eclectic, humorous, and informative collection.
- YOUNG ADULT FICTION A Time for Dancing by Davida Wills Hurwin  
Seventeen-year-old best friends Samantha and Juliana tell their stories in alternating chapters after Juliana is diagnosed with cancer.

- J MURPHY      The Wild Girls by Pat Murphy  
 Twelve-year-old Joan, worried that she will not have any friends when her family moves from Connecticut to California, bonds right away with Sarah, a girl who prefers to be called Fox, and the two spend a joyous summer playing outside, making up stories, and attending a writing class.
- J CORNWELL      Carpe Diem by Autumn Cornwell  
 Sixteen-year-old Vassar Spore's detailed plans for the next twenty years of her life are derailed when her bohemian grandmother insists that she join her in Southeast Asia for the summer, but as she writes a novel about her experiences, Vassar discovers new possibilities.



## Pennsylvania Young Readers Choice Awards 2009-Grades 6-8

**TOWNSHIP LIBRARY  
 CALL NUMBER**

**TITLE, AUTHOR**

J FANTASY SANDERSON	<b>Alcatraz Versus the Evil Librarians</b> by Brandon Sanderson
J 829.3 RUM 2007	<b>Beowulf: A Hero's Tale Retold</b> by James Rumford
J ANDERSON/YOUNG ADULT FIC	<b>Chains</b> by Laurie Halse Anderson
J FANTASY WELVAERT	<b>Curse of the Wendigo</b> by Scott R. Welvaert
J COONEY/YOUNG ADULT FIC	<b>Diamonds in the Shadow</b> by Caroline B. Cooney
J PAP 1	<b>Dragon's Keep</b> by Janet Lee Carey
JB HOUDINI 2006	<b>Escape! The Story of the Great Houdini</b> by Sid Fleischman
J SCIENCE FICTION HADDIX	<b>Found</b> by Margaret Peterson Haddix
J 741.5 WOO 2008	<b>Into the Volcano</b> by Don Wood
J 813 SCI 2008	<b>Knucklehead</b> by Jon Scieszka
YOUNG ADULT FIC	<b>Notes from the Midnight Driver</b> by Jordan Sonnenblick
J KORMAN	<b>Schooled</b> by Gordon Korman
J PRELLER	<b>Six Innings</b> by James Preller
J AVI	<b>Seer of Shadows</b> by Avi
J 796.357 NEL 2008	<b>We are the Ship</b> by Kadir Nelson



2009-2010 READING OLYMPICS  
GRADES 6-8

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CALL NUMBER	TITLE, AUTHOR
J MYS BARRETT	<b>The 100 Year-old Secret</b> by Tracy Barrett
J NAYLOR	<b>Ajeemah and his Son</b> by James Berry
J HADDIX/J PAP SET HADDIX	<b>Alice in Rapture, Sort of</b> by Phyllis Naylor
B FRANK	<b>Among the Hidden</b> by Margaret Peterson Haddix
J	<b>Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl</b> by Anne Frank
J RITTER	<b>Black Star, Bright Dawn</b> by Scott O'Dell
YOUNG ADULT FIC PAP 1	<b>The Boy Who Saved Baseball</b> by John H. Ritter
J	<b>Burning Up</b> by Caroline Cooney
J ROYAL DIARIES	<b>The Cay</b> by Theodore Taylor
YOUNG ADULT FIC PAP 1	<b>Cleopatra VII: Daughter of the Nile</b> by Kristiana Gregory
J MIKAELSEN	<b>The Contender</b> by Robert Lipsyte
J PAP 1	<b>Countdown</b> by Ben Mikaelson
J 292.8 FLE 1996	<b>Cracker Jackson</b> by Betsy Byars
YOUNG ADULT FIC PAP 1	<b>Dateline: Troy</b> by Paul Fleischman
J DRAPER	<b>December Stillness</b> by Mary Downing Hahn
J PAP 1	<b>Double Dutch</b> by Sharon M. Draper
J HOROWITZ/J PAP 1	<b>Dragon's Keep</b> by Janet Leet Carey
YOUNG ADULT SF/FAN PAP 1	<b>Eagle Strike</b> by Anthony Horowitz
JB HOUDINI 2006	<b>Ender's Shadow</b> by Orson Scott Card
J ANDERSON/J PAP/SET 1	<b>Escape! The Story of the Great Houdini</b> by Sid Fleischman
J FANTASY COLLINS	<b>Fever 1793</b> by Laurie Halse Anderson
J RINALDI	<b>Gregor the Overlander</b> by Suzanne Collins
J PATERSON	<b>Hang a Thousand Trees with Ribbons</b> by Ann Rinaldi
J 813 SCI 2008	<b>Jip, His Story</b> by Katherine Paterson
J HOBBS/YOUNG ADULT FIC	<b>Knucklehead: Tall Tales &amp; Mostly True Stories...</b> by Jon Sceiszka
J 811.54 WOO 2003	<b>Leaving Protection</b> by Will Hobbs
J PAP 1	<b>Locomotion</b> by Jacqueline Woodson
J FANTASY NIMMO	<b>Long Way From Chicago: A Novel in Stories</b> by Robert Peck
J FOX	<b>Midnight for Charlie Bone</b> by Jenny Nimmo
YOUNG ADULT FIC	<b>Monkey Island</b> by Paula Fox
J KONIGSBURG/J PAP 1	<b>Notes from the Midnight Driver</b> by Jordan Sonnenblick
YOUNG ADULT FIC PAP	<b>The Outcasts of 19 Schuyler Place</b> by E.L. Konigsburg
JB GAGE 2002	<b>The Outsiders</b> by S.E. Hinton
J HESSE	<b>Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story about Brain Science</b> by John Fleischman
J FANTASY FLANAGAN	<b>Phoenix Rising</b> by Karen Hesse
YOUNG ADULT FIC PAP 1	<b>The Ruins of Gorlan</b> by John Flanagan
J KORMAN	<b>Say Goodnight, Gracie</b> by Julie Deaver
J WEEKS	<b>Schooled</b> by Gordon Korman
J/BUNTING 2	<b>So B. It</b> by Sarah Weeks
YOUNG ADULT FIC PAP 1	<b>Spying on Miss Muller</b> by Eve Bunting
SCI FIC 1/J SCIENCE FICTION 1	<b>The Stalker</b> by Joan Lowery Nixon
J TOLAN/J PAP 1	<b>The Supernaturalist</b> by Eoin Colfer
YOUNG ADULT FIC PAP 1	<b>Surviving the Applewhites</b> by Stephanie S. Tolan
J ROY	<b>Wolf-Speaker</b> by Tamora Pierce
	<b>Yellow Star</b> by Jennifer Roy

**UMASD RECOMMENDED READING LIST****GRADES 7-8**

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TITLE AND AUTHOR

**ADVENTURE**J PAP 1 or J **Dogsong** by Gary PaulsenYA FIC PAP **Far North** by Will HobbsJ **Snowbound** by Harry Mazer**CLASSICS**J FANTASY CARROLL **Alice in Wonderland** by Lewis Carroll636.089 HER YA **All Creatures Great and Small** by James HerriotYA FIC PAP **Animal Farm** by George OrwellF **A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court** by Mark TwainYA FIC PAP **Old Man and the Sea** by Ernest HemingwayJ DEFOE **Robinson Crusoe** by Daniel DefoeJ DICKENS **Tale of Two Cities** by Charles DickensJ PAP 1 F **A Tree Grows in Brooklyn** by Betty SmithJ PAP 1 **White Fang** by Jack LondonJ F YA FIC PAP **The Yearling** by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings**FANTASY/SCIENCE FICTION/FUTURE**YA SUS PAP **The Duplicate** by William SleatorJ FANTASY PAOLINI **Eldest** by Christopher PaoliniYA SF/FAN PAP **Ender's Game** by Orsen Scott CardYA FIC **Loch** by Paul ZindelJ **Something Upstairs** by AviJ **The Thief Lord** by Cornelia FunkeJ **Z is for Zachariah** by Robert C. O'Brien**SERIES**YA FIC **Artemis Fowl** by Ian ColferJ FANTASY **Children of the Red King** by Jenny NimmoJ PAP 1 J FANTASY **The Chronicles of Narnia** by C.S. LewisJ FANTASY **Harry Potter** series by J.K. RowlingFANTASY YA SF/FAN PAP **His Dark Materials** by Philip PullmanYA FIC **Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy** by Douglas AdamsFANTASY **Lord of the Rings Trilogy** by J.R.R. TolkienJ FANTASY **Merlin** by T.A. BarronJ PAP 4 **Seventh Tower** by Garth NixJ **Shadow Children** by Margaret Haddix**HISTORICAL FICTION**J **The Borning Room** by Paul FleischmanJ PAP SET J **Charley Skedaddle** by Patricia BeattyYA FIC PAP J **A Girl Names Disaster** by Nancy FarmerJ 940.53 ROS 1994 **Hiding to Survive** by Maxine RosenbergYA FIC **Lyddie** by Katherine PatersonJ **Nightjohn** by Gary PaulsenYA FIC **The Rifle** by Gary PaulsenF **Shane** by Jack ShaefterJ DEAR AMERICA **When Will This Cruel War Be Over** by Barry DenenbergYA FIC **Wolf by the Ears** by Ann Rinaldi**HUMOR**J PAP 9 **The Acorn People** by Ron JonesJ **Dogs Don't Tell Jokes** by Lois SacharF **The Mouse That Roared** by Leonard Wibberfley**Pardon Me, You're Stepping on My Eyeball** by Paul ZindelJ **Space Station Seventh Grade** by Jerry Spinelli**NONFICTION/BIOGRAPHY****Anne Frank Remembered** by Alison GoldJ **Anna Is Still Here** by Ida VosJ 325 FIS **Ellis Island: Gateway to the New World** by Leonard Everett FisherJB LAZAN **Four Perfect Pebbles** by Lila PerlJ 951.05 JIA **Red Scarf Girl** by Ji-Li Jiang

**MYSTERY**

J	<b>Alex Rider Adventures</b> series by Anthony Horowitz
YA FIC	<b>Are You In the House Alone?</b> By Richard Peck
YA FIC PAP	<b>Both Sides of Time</b> by Caroline Cooney
J	<b>Dreamland Lake</b> by Richard Peck
YA FIC PAP	<b>The Kidnapping of Christine Lattimore</b> by Joan Lowery Nixon
J MYS	<b>Someone Was Watching</b> by David Pateneau

**POETRY**

J 811.52 HUG 1994	<b>The Dream Keeper and Other Poems</b> by Langston Hughes
J 811.54 SIL 1996	<b>Falling Up</b> by Shel Silverstein
NEWBERY J 811.54 FLE	<b>Joyful Noise: Poetry for Two Voices</b> by Paul Fleischman

**REALISTIC FICTION**

J	<b>After the Rain</b> by Norma Fox Mazer
J PAP / J	<b>Belle Prater's Boy</b> by Ruth White
YA FIC PAP	<b>The Chocolate War</b> by Robert Cormier
J PAP SET / J	<b>Crash</b> by Jerry Spinelli
YA FIC PAP	<b>Divorce Express</b> by Paula Danziger
J	<b>Freak, the Mighty</b> by Rodman Philbrick
J SCIENCE FICTION	<b>Gathering Blue</b> by Lois Lowry
J PAP SET	<b>House of Dies Drear</b> by Virginia Hamilton
J	<b>The Land</b> by Mildred Taylor
NEWBERY J	<b>Missing May</b> by Cynthia Rylant
YA FIC PAP SET	<b>Monster</b> by Walter Dean Myers
J PAP 1	<b>Nothing But the Truth</b> by Avi
NEWB J / J PAP	<b>Out of the Dust</b> by Karen Hesse
J	<b>Outcasts of 19 Schuyler Place</b> by E.L. Konigsburg
YA FIC PAP	<b>Parrot in the Oven, Mi Vida</b> by Victoria Marinez
YA FIC PAP	<b>The Pigman</b> by Paul Zindel
629.1HIC	<b>Rocket Boys</b> by Homer H. Hickam
J / YA FIC	<b>Silent to the Bone</b> by E.L. Konigsburg
YA FIC	<b>Speak</b> by Laurie Halse Anderson
YA FIC	<b>Stuck in Neutral</b> by Terry Trueman
J	<b>Tangerine</b> by Edward Bloor
YA FIC / J	<b>The Year Without Michael</b> by Susan Beth Pfeffer

