

**DEMAREST MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**SUMMER READING LIST FOR**  
**STUDENTS ENTERING THE 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**  
**SEPTEMBER 2026**

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Choose one of the following books. Students may also choose to read a **grade appropriate book** that is not from the list below.

● **Realistic Fiction/Memoir**

- **The Trouble In Me** by Jack Gantos
- **I'll Be The One** by Lyla Lee
- **Clean Getaway** by Nic Stone
- **Small Town Pride** by Phil Stamper
- **The Unlikely Hero of Room 13B** by Teresa Toten
- **Dear Mothman** - Robin Gow
- **Love and Gelato** by Jenna Evans Welch
- **Winnie Nash Is Not Your Sunshine** by Nicole Melleby
- **Candle Island** - Lauren Wolk
- **Confessions From the Group Chat** - Jodi Meadows
- **Project Mulberry** by Linda Sue Park
- **The Trouble With Robots** by Michelle Mohrweis
- **The Trouble With Heroes** - Kate Messner
- **96 Miles** - J.L. Esplin
- **Yusuf Azeem Is Not A Hero** - Saadia Faruqi
- **Ten Thousand Tries** - Amy Makechnie

● **Sports**

- **Shark Girl** by Kelly Bingham
- **The Running Dream** by Wendelin Van Draanen
- **Now Is The Time For Running** by Michael Williams
- **Gym Candy** by Carl Deuker

● **History/Current Events**

- **Not Nothing** - Gayle Forman
- **Rebellion 1776** by Laurie Halse Anderson
- **The Door Of No Return** by Kwayme Alexander
- **Code Talkers** by Joseph Bruchac
- **We Are Not Free** by Traci Chee
- **Black Bird, Blue Road** by Sofiya Pasternack
- **Code of Honor** by Alan Gratz
- **If I Ever Get Out Of Here** by Eric Gansworth

➤ **Nonfiction/Memoir**

- Obsessed by Allison Britz
- Ghosts of War by Ryan Smithson
- It's Trevor Noah: Born A Crime (Young Reader Adaptation) by Trevor Noah
- Free Lunch by Rex Ogle
- A World Without Summer - Nicholas Day
- The Enigma Girls - Candace Fleming

● **Science Fiction/Fantasy**

- Tristan Strong Punches A Hole In The Sky by Kwame Mbalia
- Homerooms and Hall Passes by Tom O'Donnell
- The Girl Who Drank The Moon by Kelly Barnhill
- Finn and Ezra's Bar Mitzvah Time Loop by Joshua S. Levy
- Lalo Lesperance Never Forgot by Phillippe Diederich
- Hero by Perry Moore
- Rebel Seoul by Axie Oh
- The Riverman by Aaron Starmer
- The First State Of Being by Erin Entrada Kelly
- Courtesy Of Cupid - Nashae Jones
- The Widely Unknown Myth Of Apple and Dorothy - Corey Ann Haydu

● **Mystery/Adventure**

- I Am The Mission by Allen Zadoff
- Truly Devious by Maurren Johnson
- Zenobia July by Lisa Bunker
- Thieves Gambit by Kayvion Lewis