

David R. Cawley Middle School
2026 Recommended Summer Reading List for Incoming 7th Graders

Below is a suggested list of books (available at the Hooksett Public Library) for you to consider reading this summer. There are no required assignments that accompany this list.

<i>The Hazel Wood</i>	Melissa Albert
<i>Granted</i>	John David Anderson
<i>Crossover and Rebound</i>	Kwame Alexander
<i>Small Spaces</i>	Katherine Arden
<i>Finding Langston</i>	Lesa Cline-Ransome
<i>Ink, Iron, and Glass</i>	Gwendolyn Clare
<i>Medusa</i>	Jessie Burton
<i>The Big Field</i>	Mike Lupica
<i>The Thing About Jellyfish</i>	Ali Benjamin
<i>Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life</i>	James Patterson
<i>The Schwa Was Here</i>	Neal Schusterman
<i>The Shadow Thieves</i>	Anne Ursu
<i>Smiles to Go</i>	Jerry Spinelli
<i>What Happened to Goodbye</i>	Sarah Dessen
<i>Jennifer Chan Is Not Alone</i>	Tae Keller
<i>Keeping Score</i>	Linda Sue Park
<i>The Running Dream</i>	Wendelin Van Draanen
<i>Dragon Pearl</i>	Yoon Ha Lee
<i>The Silence Between Us</i>	Alison Gervais
<i>On Thin Ice</i>	Michael Northrop
<i>The Inheritance Games</i>	Jennifer Lynn Barnes
<i>Bye Forever, I Guess</i>	Jodi Meadows
<i>Artifice</i>	Sharon Cameron
<i>Of Salt and Shore</i>	Annet Schaap
<i>Please Pay Attention</i>	Jamie Sumner

You may also want to consider books from the list of [Isinglass Award nominated books](#) chosen by NH middle school students. Please note, these Isinglass nominated books sometimes have more mature content and they have a wide range of text difficulty.

Have a great summer and HAPPY READING!
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