



June 14, 2021

Dear students and families,

Congratulations on another successful school year; we are all incredibly proud of everything that you accomplished. As you start thinking about your summer plans, we wanted to share an exciting new initiative – a “Diocesan-Wide Read.” All students, teachers, and staff will be reading the same book as part of our summer reading program. Families are also more than welcome to read the book. The theme of the books is environmental awareness. Our hope is that these books will spark meaningful discussions about being good stewards of the Earth and help to create a stronger sense of community.

### **Middle School: Required Text and Assignments for All Students, Grades 6-8**

**Required reading:** *Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen

**Brief synopsis from Amazon:** “This Newbery Honor winner and #1 New York Times bestseller is a beloved modern classic. *Hoot* features a new kid and his new bully, alligators, some burrowing owls, a renegade eco-avenger, and several extremely poisonous snakes.”

**Required assignment:** After reading the book, please research endangered species. A separate list of endangered species will be provided for you to choose one to focus on. Your assignment is to create a poster board about the animal, with a minimum of answers to the following questions:

1. What genus and species?
2. Where is your animal from?
3. What does it eat?
4. Why is it endangered?

You must include photographs and/or drawings of your chosen endangered creature. You may include more information. We are looking for accuracy, creativity, and demonstration of knowledge. For extra points, create a diorama of your creature’s natural habitat.

### **High School: Required Text and Assignments for All Students, Grades 9-12**

**Required reading:** *Dry* by Neal Shusterman and Jarrod Shusterman

**Brief synopsis from Amazon:** “When the California drought escalates to catastrophic proportions, one teen is forced to make life and death decisions for her family in this harrowing story of survival from New York Times bestselling authors.”

**Required assignment:** After reading the book, please choose a current environmental concern or crisis to research. You will identify the problem as it exists in the world today and offer a sustainable solution to the problem. You must find a scholarly article that explains your problem. If evidence of the problem is something present in your everyday environment, you should take photographs. If it is not present in your everyday environment, you should obtain images to show the harmful effects of the crisis on the earth. Incorporate your findings into a final project of your choice: a Google slide presentation, a PowerPoint, an actual poster, etc. Please incorporate citations from any outside sources.

# Species Directory

Common name	Scientific name	Conservation status ↓
Amur Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus orientalis</i>	Critically Endangered
Black Rhino	<i>Diceros bicornis</i>	Critically Endangered
Bornean Orangutan	<i>Pongo pygmaeus</i>	Critically Endangered
Cross River Gorilla	<i>Gorilla gorilla diehli</i>	Critically Endangered
Eastern Lowland Gorilla	<i>Gorilla beringei graueri</i>	Critically Endangered
Hawksbill Turtle	<i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>	Critically Endangered
Javan Rhino	<i>Rhinoceros sondaicus</i>	Critically Endangered
Orangutan	<i>Pongo abelii</i> , <i>Pongo pygmaeus</i>	Critically Endangered
Saola	<i>Pseudoryx nghetinhensis</i>	Critically Endangered
Sumatran Elephant	<i>Elephas maximus sumatranus</i>	Critically Endangered
Sumatran Orangutan	<i>Pongo abelii</i>	Critically Endangered
Sumatran Rhino	<i>Dicerorhinus sumatrensis</i>	Critically Endangered
Sunda Tiger	<i>Panthera tigris sondaica</i>	Critically Endangered
Vaquita	<i>Phocoena sinus</i>	Critically Endangered
Western Lowland Gorilla	<i>Gorilla gorilla gorilla</i>	Critically Endangered
Yangtze Finless Porpoise	<i>Neophocaena asiaeorientalis ssp. asiaeorientalis</i>	Critically Endangered
African Wild Dog	<i>Lycaon pictus</i>	Endangered
Asian Elephant	<i>Elephas maximus indicus</i>	Endangered
Black-footed Ferret	<i>Mustela nigripes</i>	Endangered
Blue Whale	<i>Balaenoptera musculus</i>	Endangered
Bluefin Tuna	<i>Thunnus Thynnus</i>	Endangered
Bonobo	<i>Pan paniscus</i>	Endangered
Bornean Elephant	<i>Elephas maximus borneensis</i>	Endangered
Chimpanzee	<i>Pan troglodytes</i>	Endangered
Fin Whale	<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>	Endangered
Galápagos Penguin	<i>Spheniscus mendiculus</i>	Endangered
Ganges River Dolphin	<i>Platanista gangetica gangetica</i>	Endangered
Green Turtle	<i>Chelonia mydas</i>	Endangered
Hector's Dolphin	<i>Cephalorhynchus hectori</i>	Endangered
Humphead Wrasse	<i>Cheilinus undulatus</i>	Endangered
Indian Elephant	<i>Elephas maximus indicus</i>	Endangered
Indus River Dolphin	<i>Platanista minor</i>	Endangered
Irrawaddy Dolphin	<i>Orcaella brevirostris</i>	Endangered
Mountain Gorilla	<i>Gorilla beringei beringei</i>	Endangered
North Atlantic Right Whale	<i>Eubalaena glacialis</i>	Endangered
Red Panda	<i>Ailurus fulgens</i>	Endangered
Sea Lions	<i>Zalophus wollebaeki</i>	Endangered
Sea Turtle	<i>Cheloniidae and Dermochelyidae families</i>	Endangered
Sei Whale	<i>Balaenoptera borealis</i>	Endangered
Sri Lankan Elephant	<i>Elephas maximus maximus</i>	Endangered

Common name	Scientific name	Conservation status ↓
Tiger	<i>Panthera tigris</i>	Endangered
Whale	<i>Balaenoptera, Balaena, Eschrichtius, and Eubalaen</i>	Endangered
Whale Shark	<i>Rhincodon typus</i>	Endangered
African Elephant	<i>Loxodonta africana</i>	Vulnerable
Bigeye Tuna	<i>Thunnus obesus</i>	Vulnerable
Black Spider Monkey	<i>Ateles paniscus</i>	Vulnerable
Dugong	<i>Dugong dugon</i>	Vulnerable
Forest Elephant		Vulnerable
Giant Panda	<i>Ailuropoda melanoleuca</i>	Vulnerable
Giant Tortoise		Vulnerable

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**2021 Summer Reading**  
**Notre Dame Bishop Gibbons School**  
**English Department**

**Middle School (grades 6-8)**

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**The Assignment**

In addition to reading *Hoot* and completing the assignment for the Diocesan Wide Read program, you need to choose **one** chapter book (fiction or non-fiction) you have not already read but believe you can enjoy. In the fall, we will start the year learning about how to make connections and you will use your book to help with our assignments.

**How to choose a book:** (Remember, the goal is for you to find a book you like and can read!) There are a gazillion great books out there, and so many factors influence which books will cause any reader to say "This is a great book." Some people like certain genres (mystery, science fiction, fantasy, dystopias, historical fiction, biographies). Some people like certain styles (first person, fast paced action, descriptive, informal, classic, sad, funny). Some people like certain topics (sports, science, history). We want you to find the books that speak to you. Here are some tips on how to pick an enjoyable book:

*Read another book by an author you already know and enjoy*

*Read a sequel or related book to a book you read in school*

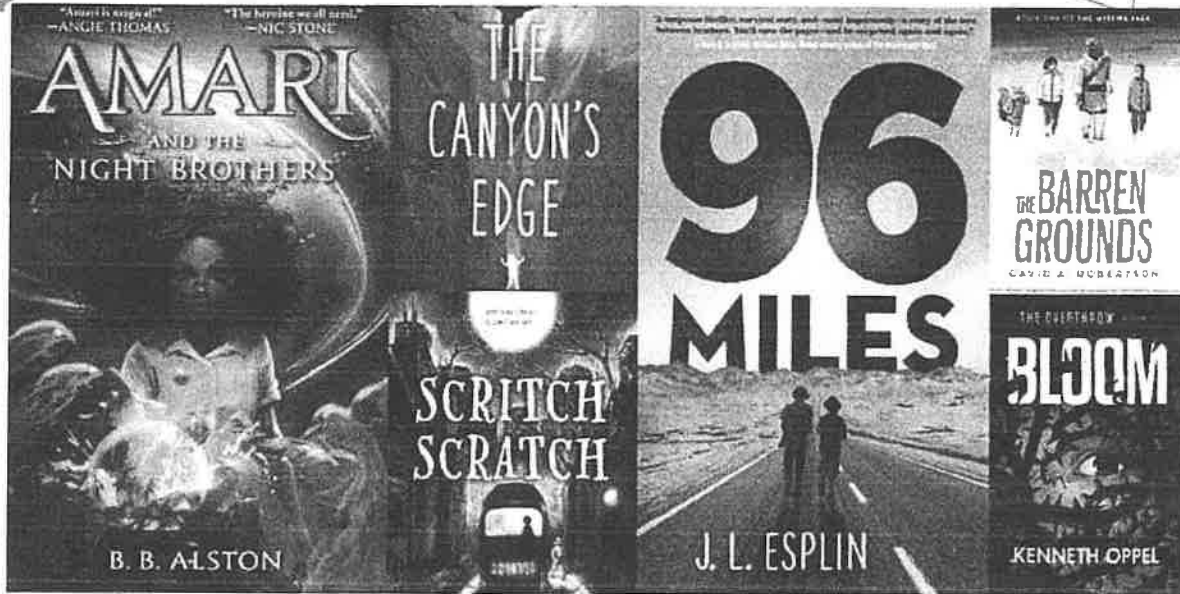
- If you go to Amazon and type in the title of a book you have already enjoyed, you will find a feature that recommends "Frequently Bought Together" or "Customers Who Bought This Also Bought...." titles. These other titles appealed to people who also liked your book. It is a good bet these titles will appeal to you too.

*Ask others for advice:*

- Ask friends and family who know you and your interests or abilities to make a suggestion.
- Go to the library or bookstore and ask the librarian or bookseller in the Young Adult section to make some suggestions.
- Go on line to [goodreads.com](http://goodreads.com)'s Top 100 Middle School Must Reads. If a cover or title appeals to you, click on the title to get a brief description of the book. If you are still interested, go to [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) and type in the title. Once you find the title, click again for more specific product info. In many cases, you can "Look Inside" and actually "test read" several pages to determine if you like the writing style and level of difficulty. You can also read other readers' reviews and questions about the book.



## 6th Grade Summer Reading List



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### **GRAPHIC NOVELS**

*Primer* by Jennifer Muro and Thomas Krajewski  
*The Doughnut Kingdom* by Gigi D.G.  
*When Stars Are Scattered* by Victoria Jamieson & Omar Mohamed  
*Class Act* by Jerry Craft  
*Act* by Kyla Miller  
*Brave* by Svetlana Chmakova

### **FANTASY and SCI-FI**

*Bloom* by Kenneth Oppel  
*The Adventurers Guild* by Zach Loran Clark & Nick Eliopoulos  
*The Girl Who Drank the Moon* by Kelly Barnhill  
*Snow & Rose* by Emily Winfield Martin  
*Barren Grounds: The Misewa Saga* by David A. Robertson  
*Amari and the Night Brothers* by B.B. Alston

### **ADVENTURE**

*The Van Gogh Deception* by Deron Hicks  
*96 Miles* by J.L. Esplin  
*Framed! A T.O.A.S.T. Mystery* by James Ponti  
*The Canyon's Edge* by Dusti Bowling  
*City Spies* by James Ponti  
*Charlie Thorne and the Last Equation* by Stuart Gibb

### **SCARY**

*Scratch Scratch* by Lindsay Currie  
*Coraline* by Neil Gaiman  
*Lockwood & Co The Screaming Staircase* by Jonathan Stroud  
*A Tale of Dark and Grimm* by Adam Gidwitz  
*Doll Bones* by Holly Black  
*The Peculiar Incident on Shady Street* by Lindsay Currie





## **HISTORICAL**

*Sweep* by Jonathan Auxier  
*Allies* by Alan Gratz  
*Becoming Muhammad Ali* by James Patterson & Kwame Alexander  
*Show Me a Sign* by Ann Clare LeZotte  
*The War That Saved My Life* by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley  
*Indian No More* by Charlene Willing McManis & Traci Sorell  
*A Place to Hang the Moon* by Kate Albus

## **REALISTIC**

*Isaiah Dunn Is My Hero* by Kelly J. Baptist  
*Starfish* by Lisa Fipps  
*From the Desk of Zoe Washington* by Janae Marks  
*Before the Ever After* by Jacqueline Woodson  
*Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus* by Dusti Bowling  
*Boy at the Back of the Class* by Onjali Q Raúf

## **FUNNY**

*Wink* by Rob Harrell  
*The Last Last Day of Summer* by Lamar Giles  
*The Tapper Twins Go to War (with each other)* by Geoff Rodkey  
*Strange Case of the Origami Yoda* by Tom Angleberger  
*Middle School: The Worst Years of my Life* by James Patterson and Chris Tebbetts  
*The Croc Ate My Homework* by Stephan Pastis

## **NONFICTION**

*Awesome Achievers in Technology* by Alan Katz  
*Making a Difference: Using Your Talents and Passions to Change the World* by Melissa Seymour  
*The Boy Who Became a Dragon: A Bruce Lee Story* by Jim Di Bartolo  
*The Mayflower (History Smashers)* by Kate Messner  
*The Superpower Field Guide Eels* by Rachel Poliquin



## 7th Grade Summer Reading List



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### **Fantasy/Sci-Fi**

*Bloom* by Kenneth Oppel  
*The Wizenard Series: Training Camp* by Wesley King  
*Dactyl Hill Squad* by Daniel Jose Older  
*Steelheart* by Brandon Sanderson  
*Cinder* by Marissa Meyer  
*House of Scorpions* by Nancy Farmer

### **Realistic**

*Pippa Park Raises Her Game* by Erin Yun  
*Gone to the Woods* by Gary Paulsen  
*Starfish* by Lisa Fipps  
*Santiago's Road Home* by Alexandra Diaz  
*Red, White, and Whole* by Rajani LaRocca  
*The List of Things that Will Not Change* by Rebecca Stead  
*From the Desk of Zoe Washington* by Janae Marks  
*Black Brother Black Brother* by Jewell Parker Rhodes

### **Adventure & Mystery**

*City Spies* by James Ponti

*Charlie Thorne and the Last Equation* by Stuart Gibb  
*96 Miles* by J.L. Esplin  
*Whale of the Wild* by Rosanne Parry  
*The Van Gogh Deception* by Deron Hicks  
*Scar Island* by Dan Gemeinhart

### **Historical Fiction**

*Allies* by Alan Gratz  
*The Bridge Home* by Padma Venkatraman  
*Show Me a Sign* by Ann Clare LeZotte  
*Brothers Keeper* by Julie Lee  
*Refugee* by Alan Gratz  
*The Last Cherry Blossom* by Kathleen Burkinshaw

### **Nonfiction**

*Rise Up: Ordinary Kids With Extraordinary Stories* by Amanda Li  
*History Comics: The Roanoke Colony: America's First Mystery* by Chris Schweizer  
*Anne Frank's Diary. The Graphic Adaptation* adapted by Ari Folman  
*Accidental Archeologists* by Sarah Albee





# Imagination Soup

## Teen Summer Reading List (Ages 13+)



### **Fantasy, Paranormal, & Sci-Fi**

*Woven In Moonlight* by Isabel Ibanez  
*Legendborn* by Tracy Deonn  
*Akata Witch* by Nnedi Okorafor  
*The Hazel Wood* by Melissa Albert  
*The Court of Miracles* by Kester Grant  
*A Curse So Dark and Lonely* by Brigid Kemmerer  
*Cinderella is Dead* by Kalynn Bayron  
*The Hundredth Queen* by Emily R. King  
*Renegades* by Marissa Meyer  
*Dread Nation* by Justina Ireland  
*Red Rising* by Pierce Brown  
*Children of Blood and Bone* by Tomi Adeyemi

### **Adventure & Mystery**

*A Good Girl's Guide to Murder* by Holly Jackson  
*The Inheritance Games* by Jennifer Lynn Barnes  
*One of Us is Lying* by Karen McManus  
*Not If I Save You First* by Ally Carter  
*Girl, Stolen* by April Henry  
*Elatsoe* by Darcie Little Badger

*Firekeepers Daughter* by Angeline Boulley  
*Cherub* by Robert Muchamore  
*Beauty Queens* by Libba Bray  
*Wolf by Wolf* by Ryan Graudin  
*The Fixer* by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

### **Realistic**

*Stamped* by Jason Reynolds & Ibram X. Kendi  
*The Poet X* by Elizabeth Acevedo  
*Monday's Not Coming* by Tiffany D. Jackson  
*Home Home* by Lisa Allen-Agostini  
*180 Seconds* by Jessica Park  
*The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas  
*The Beginning of Everything* by Robyn Schneider  
*Dear Martin* by Nic Stone  
*A Long Way Down* by Jason Reynolds  
*Solo* by Kwame Alexander  
*The Serpent King* by Jeff Zentner  
*Turtles All the Way Down* by John Green  
*Almost American Girl* by Robin Ha





## **Dystopian**

*Ashfall* by Mike Mullin

*Scythe* by Neal Shusterman

*The Program* by Suzanne Young

*Legend* by Marie Lu

*The Knife of Never Letting Go* by Patrick Ness

*The Belles* by Dhonielle Clayton

## **Historical Fiction & History**

*Rebel Spy* by Veronica Rossi

*The Fountains of Silence* by Ruta Sepetys

*Stalking Jack the Ripper* by Kerri Maniscalco

*Prisoner B-3087* by Alan Gatz

*Undefeated: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team* by Steve Sheinkin

*A Night Divided* by Jennifer A. Nielsen

*Code Talker* by Joseph Bruchac

*Between Shades of Gray* by Ruta Sepetys

*Bonnie and Clyde* by Karen Blumenthal

## **Romance**

*Happily Ever Afters* by Elise Bryant

*The Fault in Our Stars* by John Green

*Eleanor and Park* by Rainbow Rowell

*The Selection* by Kiera Cass

*To All The Boys I've Loved Before* by Jenny Han

*Heartstopper* by Alice Oseman