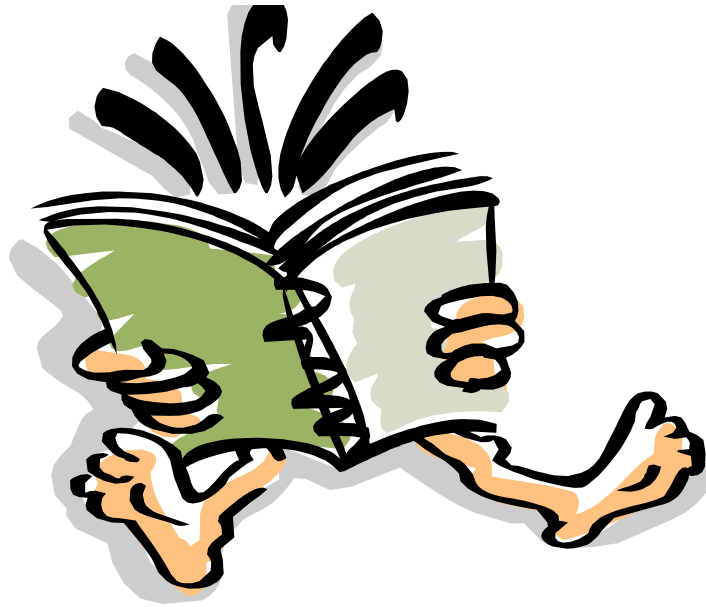


Literacy Leaders' Summer Reading List

**Jericho Middle School
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Jericho, NY 11753**



*Principal: Donald Gately
Librarians: Pat Minikel & Joan Kearon
ELA Curriculum Associate: Dan Salzman*

Summer 2007

To JMS incoming 7th & 8th grade students:

In order to become a *Literacy Leader*, you will need to read three books during the summer and either participate in three online discussions about books from the following list or submit a reading reaction forms for three books you read.

Option 1:

- Read three titles from the following list.
- Participate in at least 3 online discussions (during July and August) about 3 different books.
- Download the Blackboard discussion form from the MS Library website.
- In September, bring the Blackboard form to the Middle School Library.



Option 2:

- Read three books of your choice.
- Download the summer reading reaction form from the MS Library website.
- Complete a reaction form for each book.
 - *These forms will be compiled in a book that will be kept in the Middle School Library for student reference.
- In September, submit the reaction forms to Mrs. Minikel or Mrs. Kearon in the Middle School Library.

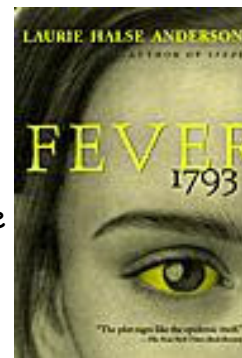
Notes:

- Several of the books on this list are part of a series. Students may substitute any book in the series for the one on the list.
- All of these books are available at the Jericho Public Library and from Borders or Amazon.com.
- Many of these titles are available in audio book format through the public library or Audible.com.

Anderson, Laurie Halse. **Fever 1793**.

New York: Simon & Schuster, 2000. 251p.

Sixteen-year-old Matilda Cook, separated from her sick mother, learns about perseverance and self-reliance when she is forced to cope with the horrors of the yellow fever epidemic in Philadelphia in 1793. (Historical fiction)



Butcher, A. J. **Spy High Mission One**.

Boston: Little, Brown, 2004. 214p. (Spy High Series)

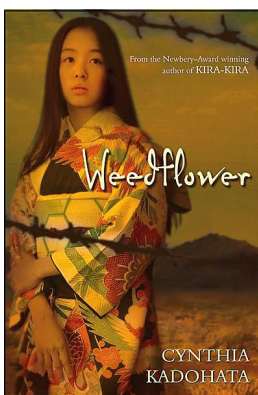
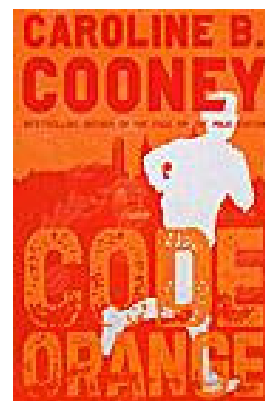
Six students attend a special high school that trains them to be secret agents. They struggle to complete the training exercises as a team, before being sent out into the field to sink or swim. (Adventure)

Cooney, Caroline B. **Code Orange**.

New York: Delacorte, 2005. 200p.

While conducting research for a school paper on smallpox, Mitty finds an envelope containing 100-year-old smallpox scabs and fears that he has infected himself and all of New York City.

(Adventure & Suspense)



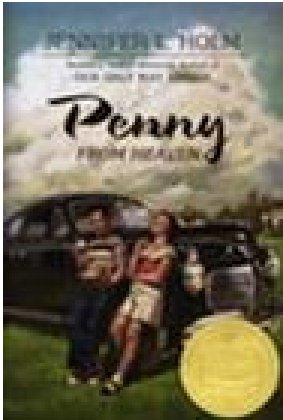
Kadohata, Cynthia. **Weedflower**.

New York: Atheneum, 2006.

After twelve-year-old Sumiko and her Japanese-American family are relocated from their flower farm in southern California to an internment camp on a Mojave Indian reservation in Arizona, she helps her family and neighbors, becomes friends with a local Indian boy, and tries to hold on to her dream of owning a flower shop. (Historical fiction)

Koss, Amy Goldman. **The Girls**.
New York: Dial Books, 2000.

A suspenseful and realistic portrayal of a popular middle school clique. (Realistic fiction)

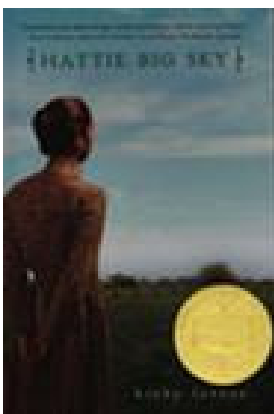
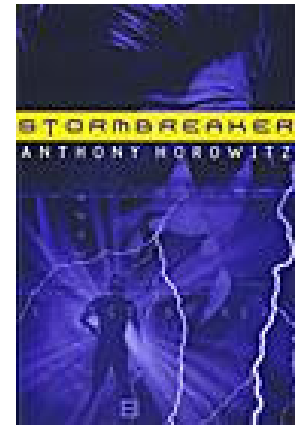


Holm, Jennifer L. **Penny from Heaven**.
New York: Random House, 2006. 274p.

As she turns twelve during the summer of 1953, Penny gains new insights into herself and her family while also learning a secret about her father's death. (Historical Fiction)

Horowitz, Anthony. **Stormbreaker**.
New York: Philomel Books, 2000. 192p.
(Alex Rider Adventure Series)

After the death of the uncle who had been his guardian, fourteen-year-old Alex Rider is coerced to continue his uncle's dangerous work for Britain's intelligence agency, MI6. (Adventure series*)



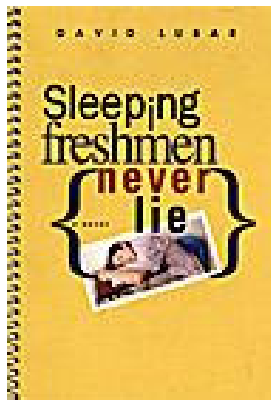
Larson, Kirby. **Hattie Big Sky**.
New York: Delacorte Press, 2006. 289p.

Sixteen-year-old Hattie Brooks inherits her uncle's homesteading claim in Montana in 1917 and encounters some unexpected problems related to the war in Europe. (Historical fiction)

Lord, Cynthia. **Rules**.

New York: Scholastic Press, 2006. 200p.

Frustrated at life with an autistic brother, twelve-year-old Catherine longs for a normal existence but her world is further complicated by a friendship with a young paraplegic. (Realistic fiction)



Lubar, David. **Sleeping Freshmen Never Lie**.

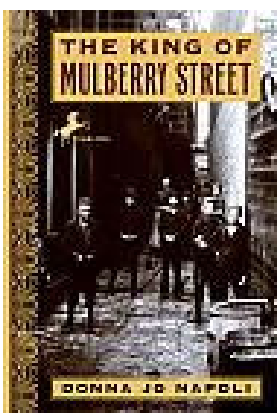
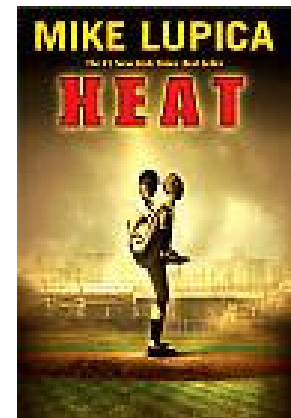
New York: Dutton Books, 2005. 279p.

While navigating his first year of high school and awaiting the birth of his new baby brother, Scott loses old friends and gains some unlikely new ones as he hones his skills as a writer. (Realistic fiction)

Lupica, Mike. **Heat**.

New York: Philomel Books, 2006. 220p.

Pitching prodigy Michael Arroyo is on the run from social services after being banned from playing Little League baseball because rival coaches doubt he is only twelve years old and he has no parents to offer them proof. (Realistic fiction)



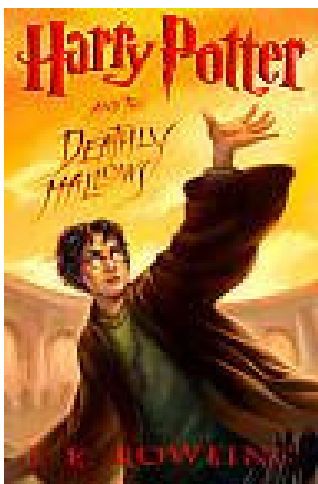
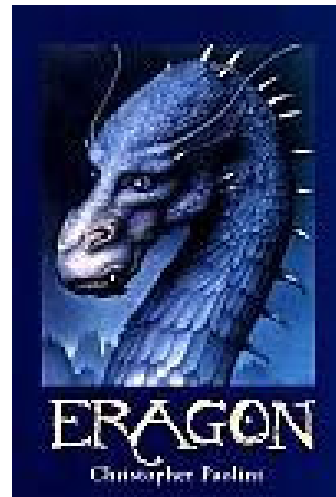
Napoli, Donna Jo. **The King of Mulberry Street**.

New York: Wendy Lamb, 2005. 245p.

Dom, a nine-year old stowaway from Naples, Italy, arrives in New York and must learn to survive the perils of street life in the big city. (Historical fiction)

Paolini, Christopher. **Eragon**. (or Eldest)
New York: Alfred A. Knopf: 2003. 509p.

In Alagaesia, a fifteen-year-old boy of unknown lineage called Eragon finds a mysterious stone that weaves his life into an intricate tapestry of destiny, magic, and power, peopled with dragons, elves, and monsters. (Fantasy)

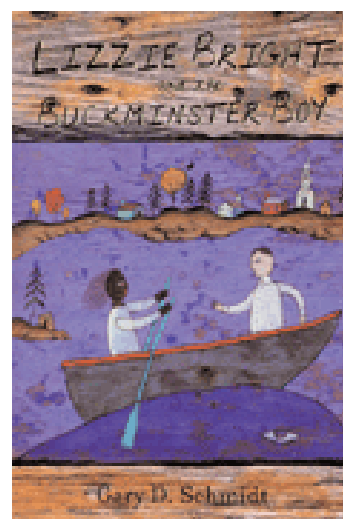


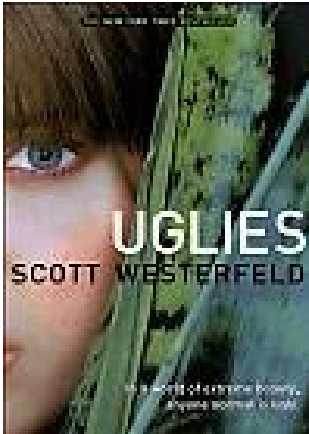
Rowling, J. K.
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows.
Arthur A. Levine Books, 2007. 784p.

The new Harry Potter is coming out this summer!
(Harry Potter series—Fantasy)

Schmidt, Gary D.
Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy.
New York: Clarion Books, 2004. 219p.

Ostracized by most of the town's inhabitants, Turner meets Lizzie Bright, who lives on nearby Malaga Island, which was settled by former slaves. The innocent, against-all-odds friendship that develops between these two teens makes for an unforgettable story. (Historical fiction)





Westerfeld, Scott. Uglies.

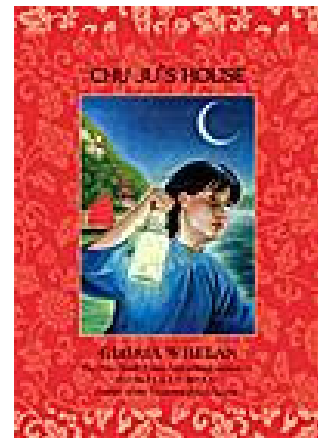
New York : Simon Pulse, 2005. 425 p.
(Trilogy includes : Pretties and Specials)

Tally is faced with a difficult choice when her new friend Shay decides to risk her life on the outside rather than submit to the forced operation that turns sixteen year old girls into gorgeous beauties, and realizes that there is a whole new side to the pretty world that she doesn't like.
(Science fiction)

Whelan, Gloria. Chu Ju's House.

New York: Harper Collins, 2004.

In order to save her baby sister, fourteen-year-old Chu Ju leaves her rural home in modern China and earns food and shelter by working on a fishing boat, tending silk worms, and planting rice seedlings, while wondering if she will ever see her family again. (Multicultural literature)



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