

*Custer County Middle School
Reading Workshop
Books for Young Adolescents*

Whether you are working on your summer reading (middle school students must read at least 1 book during the summer and highly recommended that they read 2 or more) or looking for a good read during the school year, you have come to the right page! Don't forget-- you are welcome to blog about your good reads under the "Good books blogging" on my website <http://mrs.tillotson.wordpress.com>. Reading exposes your mind to a world of rich experiences and endless possibilities.

You can choose to read any books that are at your reading and interest level; however, here is a list of great middle school reads:

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain
Al Capone Does My Shirts by Gennifer Choldenko
Anne of Green Gables by Lucy Maud Montgomery
Artemis Fowl by Eion Colfer
The Book Thief by Marcus Zusak
A Break with Charity: A Story about the Salem Witch Trials by Ann Rinaldi
Call of the Wild by Jack London
Chains by Laurie Halse Anderson
Chronicles of Narnia series by C.S. Lewis
City of Ember, People of Sparks, & Prophet of Yonwood by Jeanne Duprau
Codetalker by Joseph Bruchac
Crispin by Avi
Cryptid Hunters by Roland Smith
Diamonds in the Shadow by Caroline Cooney
Dive series, *Everest* series, and *Island* series by Gordon Korman
Enders Game by Scott Orson Card
Eragon by Christopher Paolini
The Five People You Meet in Heaven by Mitch Albom
Found by Margaret Peterson Haddix
Frindle by Andrew Clements
The Giver by Lois Lowry
The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman
The Grimm Legacy by Polly Shuleman
Hatchet (series) by Gary Paulsen
Heat by Mike Lupica
Hoot by Carl Hiaasen
The House of the Scorpion by Nancy Farmer
How Angel Peterson Got His Name by Gary Paulsen

The Hunger Games, Catching Fire, and Mockingjay by Suzanne Collins
If a Tree Falls at Lunch Period by Gennifer Choldenko
Inkheart (series) and *The Thief Lord* by Cornelia Funke
The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick
The Keys to the Kingdom series (starting with *Mister Monday*) by Garth Nix
Left Behind (the kids' series) Tim LaHaye & Jerry Jenkins
The Lightning Thief (Percy Jackson series) by Rick Riordan
Lily's Crossing by Patricia Reilly Giff
Lord of the Rings series by J.R.R. Tolkien
The Maximum Ride series by James Patterson
The Maze Runner series by James Dashner
Midnighters series by Scott Westerfield
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane and *The Tale of Despereaux* by Kate Di Camillo
Monster by Walter Dean Myers
No More Dead Dogs by Gordon Korman
Nothing but the Truth by Avi
The Outcasts of 19 Schuyler Place by E. L. Konigsburg
Peak by Roland Smith
The Penderwicks by Jeanne Birdsall
Rash by Pete Hautman
Reckless by Cornelia Funke
Roll of Thunder, Hear my Cry by Mildred D. Taylor
Scat by Carl Hiaasen
Sideways Stories from Wayside School by Louis Sachar
A Single Shard by Linda Sue Park
Skeleton Creek series by Patrick Carman
Small Steps by Louis Sachar (7th & 8th graders)
Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli
Stormbreaker (and other books in the Alex Rider series) by Anthony Horowitz
Surviving the Applewhites by Stephanie Tolan
The Total Tragedy of a Girl Named Hamlet by Erin Dionne
Touching Spirit Bear and *Ghost of Spirit Bear* by Ben Mikaelson
The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle by Avi
The *Twilight* series by Stephanie Meyer
Uglies (series) and *Midnighters* by Scott Westerfield
Unwind by Neal Shusterman
Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech
When Lightning Strikes (1-800-Where R U series) by Meg Cabot
When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead
The Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elisabeth George Speare
Without a Trace (Rock Harbor series) by Colleen Coble