

## **Summer Reading List Ideas** **Some Suggested Middle School “Classics”**

Walter Lord: A Night to Remember  
Alexander Dumas: The Count of Monte Christo or The Three Musketeers  
Esther Forbes: Johnny Tremain  
Lewis Carroll: Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland or Through the Looking Glass  
Arthur Conan Doyle: The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes  
James Hilton: Lost Horizon  
J. R. R. Tolkien: The Hobbit  
Robert Louis Stevenson: Treasure Island or Kidnapped or The Mysterious Tale of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde  
Jules Verne: A Journey to the Center of the Earth, Around the World in 80 Days, or 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea  
Charles Dickens: David Copperfield, Oliver Twist or A Christmas Carol  
Ray Bradbury: Fahrenheit 451, The Martian Chronicles, The Illustrated Man, or Dandelion Wine  
Walter Van Tilburg Clark: The Ox-Bow Incident  
Stephen Crane: The Red Badge of Courage  
Ernest Gaines: The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman  
Ernest Hemingway: The Old Man and the Sea  
Harper Lee: To Kill a Mockingbird  
Jack London: White Fang or The Call of the Wild  
Carson McCullers: The Member of the Wedding  
Mark Twain: Tom Sawyer or Huckleberry Finn  
Harriet Beecher Stowe: Uncle Tom’s Cabin  
Margaret Mitchell: Gone with the Wind  
Amy Tan: The Joy Luck Club  
Jane Austen: Pride and Prejudice  
Charlotte Bronte: Jane Eyre  
Daphne Du Maurier: Rebecca  
Victor Hugo: The Hunchback of Notre Dame  
Jack Schaefer: Shane  
Thornton Wilder: The Bridge of San Luis Rey  
Betty Smith: A Tree Grows in Brooklyn  
Emily Bronte: Wuthering Heights  
Daniel Defoe: Robinson Crusoe  
William Golding: Lord of the Flies  
Mary W. Shelley: Frankenstein  
Washington Irving: The Legend of Sleepy Hollow  
Bram Stoker: Dracula  
Erich Maria Remarque: All Quiet on the Western Front  
Jonathon Swift: Gulliver’s Travels  
Elie Weisel: Night  
H. G. Wells: The Time Machine  
Maya Angelou: I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings  
Dee Brown: Bury my Heart at Wounded Knee  
Helen Keller: The Story of my Life  
Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl  
Benjamin Franklin: The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin  
John Hersey: Hiroshima  
John F. Kennedy: Profiles in Courage  
Martin Luther King, Jr.: A Testament of Hope: The Essential Writings of Martin Luther King, Jr.

## **There are Always Newberry Award Winning Novels to be Discovered**

Please visit <http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/newberymedal/newberymedal> for a complete list of all Newberry Award Winning and Honor novels. There is one winner and two honored books for young adults every year since 1922 (270+ excellent novel choices!).

Mr. Harrison is proudly reading this year's Newberry Winner this summer: *Dead End in Norvelt* by Jack Gantos, and he's hoping to have a lively discussion with several students who read it this summer too!

### **Some Newly-Published Young Adult Literature in 2012**

#### **Paper Covers Rock**

**By Jenny Hubbard**

**(genre: realistic fiction)**

*At the beginning of his junior year at a boys' boarding school, 16-year-old Alex is devastated when he fails to save a drowning friend. When questioned, Alex and his friend Glenn, who was also at the river, begin weaving their web of lies. Plagued by guilt, Alex takes refuge in the library, telling his tale in a journal he hides behind Moby-Dick. Caught in the web with Alex and Glenn is their English teacher, Miss Dovecott, fresh out of Princeton, who suspects there's more to what happened at the river when she perceives guilt in Alex's writing for class. She also sees poetic talent in Alex, which she encourages. As Alex responds to her attention, he discovers his true voice, one that goes against the boarding school bravado that Glenn embraces. When Glenn becomes convinced that Miss Dovecott is out to get them, Alex must choose between them*

#### **The Maze Runner**

**By James Dashner**

**(genre: dystopia)**

*When Thomas wakes up in the lift, the only thing he can remember is his first name. His memory is blank. But he's not alone. When the lift's doors open, Thomas finds himself surrounded by kids who welcome him to the Glade—a large, open expanse surrounded by stone walls.*

*Just like Thomas, the Gladers don't know why or how they got to the Glade. All they know is that every morning the stone doors to the maze that surrounds them have opened. Every night they've closed tight. And every 30 days a new boy has been delivered in the lift.*

*Thomas was expected. But the next day, a girl is sent up—the first girl to ever arrive in the Glade. And more surprising yet is the message she delivers.*

*Thomas might be more important than he could ever guess. If only he could unlock the dark secrets buried within his mind.*

#### **Curveball: The Year I Lost My Grip**

**By Jordan Sonnenblick**

**(Genre: Young Adult Fiction/coming of age story)**

*If you only read the title of Jordan Sonnenblick's new book, you might think it's going to be about baseball. But if you look at the cover, you might think it's going to be about photography. Yet, in some ways, it's about both and about neither. That is the beauty of Sonnenblick's storytelling. He manages to take simple, everyday elements such as baseball and photography and transform them into a story that is much more than either one could ever be.*

#### **Ripper**

**By Stefan Petrucha**

**(Genre: young adult historical fiction/mystery)**

*Carver Young has always had big dreams of being a detective. Despite his humble upbringing in an orphanage, he gets his chance when he is adopted by Detective Hawking. But when he is thrown into the case of a vicious serial killer who has terrorized New York City, things quickly get real, and soon Carver finds his newfound stability thrown into disarray once again.*

#### **Chomp**

**By Carl Hiaasen**

**(Genre: Young Adult Fiction)** *In three previous mysteries --- HOOT, FLUSH and SCAT --- Carl Hiaasen has offered young readers entertaining comic mysteries that combine environmental concerns and social issues with plenty of wacky laughs. Now, in CHOMP, he extends his winning streak with a funny novel that dives into the world of reality television.*