

Reading Suggestions From Wapiti Regional Library
Grade Seven Reading List

Title: 13 Treasures

Author: Harrison, Michelle

Description: A 13-year-old girl, tormented by evil fairies, is banished to her grandmother's secluded countryside manor.

Title: Al Capone Does My Shirts

Author: Choldenko, Gennifer

Description: A twelve-year-old boy named Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935 when guards' families were housed there, and has to contend with his extraordinary new environment in addition to life with his autistic sister.

Title: Alchemy and Meggy Swann

Author: Cushman, Karen

Description: In 1573, the crippled, scorned, and destitute Meggy Swann goes to London, where she meets her father, an impoverished alchemist, and eventually discovers that although her legs are bent and weak, she has many other strengths.

Title: The Alchemyst

Author: Scott, Michael

Description: While working at pleasant but mundane summer jobs in San Francisco, fifteen-year-old twins, Sophie and Josh, suddenly find themselves caught up in the deadly, centuries-old struggle between rival alchemists, Nicholas Flamel and John Dee, over the possession of an ancient and powerful book holding the secret formulas for alchemy and everlasting life.

Title: Amelia Earhart: Flying Solo

Author: Burke, John

Description: A biography of one of America's most famous pilots, who mysteriously disappeared in 1937 while trying to fly around the world.

Title: Among the Hidden

Author: Haddix, Margaret Peterson

Description: Born third when having more than two children per family is illegal, Luke has always lived in hiding.

Title: Ancient, Strange, and Lovely

Author: Fletcher, Susan

Description: Fourteen-year-old Bryn must try to find a way to save a baby dragon from a dangerous modern world that seems to have no place for something so ancient.

Title: Bodies From the Ash

Author: Deem, James M.

Description: Details the events that occurred when Mount Vesuvius erupted and buried Pompeii in 79 A.D., focusing on how this information was deduced from the skeletons found by archaeologists at the site.

Title: Bomb: The Race to Build--And Steal--the World's Most Dangerous Weapon

Author: Sheinkin, Steve

Description: Recounts the scientific discoveries that enabled atom splitting, the military intelligence operations that occurred in rival countries, and the work of brilliant scientists hidden at Los Alamos.

Title: Bucking the Sarge

Author: Curtis, Christopher Paul

Description: Deeply involved in his cold and manipulative mother's shady business dealings in Flint, Michigan, fourteen-year-old Luther keeps a sense of humor while running the Happy Neighbor Group Home For Men, all the while dreaming of going to college and becoming a philosopher.

Title: Cleopatra Rules!: The Amazing Life of the Original Teen Queen

Author: Shecter, Vicky Alvear

Description: Examines the life of Cleopatra, discussing her rule at an early age, alliances, acquisition of land for Egypt, enemies, and other related topics.

Title: The Crossover

Author: Alexander, Kwame

Description: Twins Josh and Jordan are awesome on the court, but they soon learn that breaking the rules have awful consequences.

Title: Doll Bones

Author: Black, Holly

Description: Zach, Alice, and Poppy, friends from a Pennsylvania middle school who have long enjoyed acting out imaginary adventures with dolls and action figures, embark on a real-life quest to Ohio to bury a doll made from the ashes of a dead girl.

Title: Encyclopedia of the End: Mysterious Death in Fact, Fancy, Folklore, and More

Author: Noyes, Deborah

Description: This compendium explores all things death, including the afterlife, forensic science, funeral foods, rigor mortis, reincarnation, and much more.

Title: Fatal Fever: Tracking Down Typhoid Mary

Author: Jarrow, Gail

Description: Chronicles the story of the early 1900s typhoid fever epidemic in New York, providing details as to how its infamous carrier was ultimately tracked down and stopped

Title: Flush

Author: Hiaasen, Carl

Description: Noah and his younger sister, Abbey, must figure out a way to prove that the owner of a casino boat is illegally dumping sewage into the bay near their Florida home.

Title: The Great Fire

Author: Murphy, Jim

Description: An account of the catastrophic fire that decimated much of Chicago in 1871.

Title: Hana's Suitcase: A True Story

Author: Levine, Karen

Description: A biography of a Czech girl who died in the Holocaust, told in alternating chapters with an account of how the curator of a Japanese Holocaust center learned about her life after Hana's suitcase was sent to her.

Title: Have You Seen This Face?: The Work of Forensic Artists

Author: Denega, Danielle M.; Denega, Danielle

Description: Using three real-life cases as examples, describes how forensic artists can reconstruct a person's face from only a skull and sketch faces based on testimony.

Title: Heat

Author: Lupica, Mike

Description: Orphaned pitching sensation Michael Arroyo tries to evade social services when rival Little League teams question his age.

Title: Hitler Youth: Growing Up in Hitler's Shadow

Author: Bartoletti, Susan Campbell

Description: Susan Campbell Bartoletti explores how Hitler gained the loyalty, trust, and passion of so many of Germany's young people. Her research includes telling interviews with surviving Hitler Youth members.

Title: How Angel Peterson Got His Name: And Other Outrageous Tales About Extreme Sports

Author: Paulsen, Gary

Description: Author Gary Paulsen relates tales from his youth in a small town in northwestern Minnesota in the late 1940s and early 1950s, such as skiing behind a souped-up car and imitating daredevil Evel Knievel.

Title: How to Get Rich on the Oregon Trail: My Adventures Among Cows, Crooks, & Heroes on the Road to Fame and Fortune

Author: Olson, Tod; Aronson, Marc (Introduction by); Proch, Gregory (Illustrator); Allred, Scott (Illustrator)

Description: This whimsical recounting of one family's journey to their new homestead will give readers an appreciation of the hardships faced by all those who signed up for the great migration. These include hunger, thirst, sickness, hostile American Indians, and even deceit and thievery on the part of fellow travelers.

Title: Jason's Gold

Author: Hobbs, William

Description: When news of the discovery of gold in Canada's Yukon Territory in 1897 reaches fifteen-year-old Jason, he embarks on a 10,000-mile journey to strike it rich.

Title: The King of Mulberry Street

Author: Napoli, Donna Jo

Description: In 1892, a nine-year-old Jewish boy from Naples arrives in New York penniless and alone.

Title: The Last Dragonslayer

Author: Fforde, Jasper

Description: As magic fades from the world, Jennifer Strange is having trouble keeping her magician employment agency business afloat, until she begins having visions that foretell the death of the last dragon and the coming of Big Magic.

Title: Liar and Spy

Author: Stead, Rebecca

Description: Seventh-grader Georges adjusts to moving from a house to an apartment, his father's efforts to start a new business, his mother's extra shifts as a nurse, being picked on at school, and Safer, a boy who wants his help spying on another resident of their building.

Title: Lincoln's Grave Robbers

Author: Sheinkin, Steve

Description: A dramatic account of the 1875 attempt to steal the 16th president's body describes how a counterfeiting ring plotted to ransom Lincoln's body to secure the release of their imprisoned ringleader and how a fledgling Secret Service and an undercover agent conducted a daring election-night sting operation.

Title: Little Rock Girl 1957: How a Photograph Changed the Fight for Integration

Author: Tougas, Shelley

Description: Recounts the events surrounding the 1957 photograph taken by Will Counts that captured one of nine African-American students trying to enter an Arkansas high school while being taunted by an angry white mob and discusses how the photo brought the civil rights movement to the forefront of the nation's attention.

Title: A Mango-Shaped Space

Author: Mass, Wendy

Description: Afraid that she is crazy, thirteen-year-old Mia, who sees a special color with every letter, number, and sound, keeps this a secret until she becomes overwhelmed by school, changing relationships, and the loss of something important to her.

Title: Maniac Magee

Author: Spinelli, Jerry

Description: After his parents die, Jeffrey Lionel Magee's life becomes legendary, as he accomplishes athletic and other feats which awe his contemporaries.

Title: The Maze Runner

Author: Dashner, James

Description: Sixteen-year-old Thomas wakes up with no memory in the middle of a maze.

Title: Princess Academy

Author: Hale, Shannon

Description: Fourteen-year-old Miri is sent to Princess Academy and discovers unexpected talents and connections to her homeland.

Title: The Red Umbrella

Author: Gonzalez, Christina Diaz

Description: In 1961 after Castro has come to power in Cuba, fourteen-year-old Lucia and her seven-year-old brother are sent to the United States when her parents, who are not in favor of the new regime, fear that the children will be taken away from them as others have been.

Title: Royal Murder: The Deadly Intrigue of Ten Sovereigns

Author: MacLeod, Elizabeth

Description: From monarchs murdered at the hands of their subjects to kings killed on the battlefield, the stories of ten royals are told through the blending of dramatic storytelling and historical fact and enhanced with fascinating photographs and artwork.

Title: The Ruins of Gorlan

Author: Flanagan, John

Description: When fifteen-year-old Will is rejected by battleschool, he becomes the reluctant apprentice to the mysterious Ranger Halt, and winds up protecting the kingdom from danger.

Title: Sandry's Book

Author: Pierce, Tamora

Description: Four young misfits find themselves living in a strictly disciplined temple community where they become friends while also learning to do crafts and to use their powers, especially magic.

Title: Sean Griswold's Head

Author: Leavitt, Lindsey

Description: Overwhelmed with life, Payton takes her counselor's advice to find an object to focus her emotions on: Sean Griswold's head.

Title: Ungifted

Author: Korman, Gordon

Description: Due to an administrative mix-up, troublemaker Donovan Curtis is sent to the Academy of Scholastic Distinction, a special program for gifted and talented students, after pulling a major prank at middle school.

Title: Victory

Author: Cooper, Susan

Description: Alternating chapters follow the mysterious connection between a homesick English girl living in present-day America and an eleven-year-old boy serving in the British Royal Navy in 1803, aboard the H.M.S. Victory, commanded by Admiral Horatio Nelson.

Title: The Water Seeker

Author: Holt, Kimberly Willis

Description: Traces the hard life, filled with losses, adversity, and adventure, of Amos, son of a trapper and dowsing, from 1833 when his mother dies giving birth to him until 1859, when he himself has grown up and has a son of his own.

Title: The Wednesday Wars

Author: Schmidt, Gary D.

Description: Holling must spend Wednesday afternoons with his teacher reading Shakespeare while the rest of the class has religious instruction.

Title: The Wreckers

Author: Lawrence, Iain

Description: John thinks surviving a shipwreck is good news, but he soon finds himself in the midst of a nightmare.

Title: Writers INC: A Student Handbook for Writing and Learning

Author: Sebranek, Patrick

Description: A student handbook for the process and mechanics of writing.

Title: Zombie Makers: True Stories of Nature's Undead

Author: Johnson, Rebecca L.

Description: Examines real-life accounts of zombies in nature, including a fly-enslaving fungus, a suicide worm, and a cockroach-taming wasp, and related topics.

Title: The Inconvenient Indian: a curious account of native people in North America

Author: King, Thomas

Description: The Inconvenient Indian is at once a 'history' and the complete subversion of a history--in short, a critical and personal meditation that the remarkable Thomas King has conducted over the past 50 years about what it means to be "Indian" in North America. Rich with dark and light, pain and magic, this book distills the insights gleaned from that meditation, weaving the curiously circular tale of the relationship between non-Natives and Natives in the centuries since the two first encountered each other. In the process, King refashions old stories about historical events and figures, takes a sideways look at film and pop culture, relates his own complex experiences with activism, and articulates a deep and revolutionary understanding of the cumulative effects of ever-shifting laws and treaties on Native peoples and lands. This is a book both timeless and timely, burnished with anger but tempered by wit, and ultimately a hard-won offering of hope -- a sometimes inconvenient, but nonetheless indispensable account for all of us, Indian and non-Indian alike, seeking to understand how we might tell a new story for the future."--Overdrive

Title: Louis Riel: a comic-strip biography

Author: Brown, Chester

Description: *Louis Riel* tells the story of the charismatic, and perhaps mad, nineteenth-century Metis leader whose struggle to win rights for his people led to violent rebellion on the nations western frontier.