



**Cherry Creek West Middle School
8th Grade Summer Reading List 2022**

***Students will have one week to read the selection upon their return to the 2022-2023 school year but it is highly encouraged that they read this book before school begins. This is only a recommended list and students may choose a book to read that is not on the list.

The Sun is Also a Star (Yoon, Nicola)

Daniel and Natasha know they have something more in store for them...but they are not quite sure how they will get there. Daniel has always been the good son, the good student, never the dreamer. Natasha is twelve hours away from being deported to Jamaica and thinks that dreams never come true- Until she meets Daniel and they both see that the universe might have something else in store for them.

Unbroken (Zamperini, Louis- young readers or adult version)

This riveting account tells the story of Louis Zamperini, a thief turned track star, Olympian, airman, castaway, and prisoner of war.

Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race (Shetterly, Margot Lee)

Before John Glenn orbited the earth, or Neil Armstrong walked on the moon, a group of dedicated female mathematicians known as “human computers” used pencils, slide rules and adding machines to calculate the numbers that would launch rockets, and astronauts, into space.

The Scarlet Pimpernel (Orczy, Emma)

Set in the French Revolution, Sir Percy Blakeney is an English Gentleman who leads a secret identity of a quick-thinking escape artist who rescues aristocrats before they are sent to the guillotine.

A Separate Peace (Knowles, John)

A Separate Peace takes place at a boys' boarding school in New England during the early years of World War II. Gene is a lonely, introverted intellectual. Phineas is a handsome, taunting, daredevil athlete. What happens between the two friends one summer, like the war itself, banishes the innocence of these boys and their world.

Orbiting Jupiter (Schmidt, Gary)

Jack, 12, tells the gripping story of Joseph, 14, who joins his family as a foster child. Damaged in prison, Joseph wants nothing more than to find his baby daughter, Jupiter, whom he has never seen. When Joseph has begun to believe he'll have a future, he is confronted by demons from his past that force a tragic sacrifice.

The Last Cuentista (Barba Higuera, Donna)

In the year 2061, Halley's comet is on a crash course with Earth, and life on the planet is destined to end. Only three ships of colonists, including 12-year-old Petra Peña and some members of her family, have a chance at survival on another world. When Petra imagines her future on the distant planet Sagan, she dreams of becoming a storyteller like the grandmother she must leave behind on Earth. When Petra wakes from suspended animation after almost four centuries of space travel, she learns that the colonists did successfully reach Sagan, but an extremist faction known as the Collective took over the ship while she slept. The collective believes that peace can only be achieved when every human being is exactly the same. As Petra is the only person left whose memories of Earth have not been erased by the Collective's technology, she must use her wits and her stories to outsmart the Collective and fight for humanity's legacy.