



Cherry Creek West Middle School 7th 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.

Resistance (Nielsen, Jennifer A.)

Chaya Lindner is a teenager living in Nazi-occupied Poland. Simply being Jewish places her in danger of being killed or sent to the camps. After her little sister is taken away, her younger brother disappears, and her parents all but give up hope, Chaya is determined to make a difference and becomes a courier and travels between the Jewish ghettos of Poland, smuggling food, papers, and even people. Chaya, along with many others, is determined to save as many lives as possible, and to live -- or die -- with honor.

Sal and Gabi Break the Universe (Hernandez, Carlos- any in series)

What would you do if you had the power to reach through time and space and retrieve anything you want, including people? Sal and Gabi find out the answer to that question in this Cuban-influenced science fiction adventure.

Daughter of the Deep (Riordan, Rick)

Ana Dakkar is a freshman at Harding-Pencroft Academy, a five-year high school that graduates the best marine scientists, naval warriors, navigators, and underwater explorers in the world. Ana's parents died while on a scientific expedition two years ago, and the only family she has left is her older brother, Dev, also a student at HP. Ana's freshman year culminates with the class's weekend trial at sea, the details of which have been kept secret. She only hopes she has what it'll take to succeed. All her worries are blown out of the water when, on the bus ride to the ship, Ana and her schoolmates witness a terrible tragedy that will change the trajectory of their lives. Now in a race against deadly enemies, Ana discovers her leadership skills being tested to the extreme.

The Last Fallen Star (Kim, Graci)

The Last Fallen Star interweaves Korean mythology and modern times and invites readers on a quest with the heroine, Riley, as she races to save her sister's life and uncover the truth of her heritage.

Healer of the Water Monster (Young, Brian)

Nathan is eager to spend the summer with his grandmother on her Navajo reservation in New Mexico. Nathan is expecting a quiet summer but instead has the adventure of a lifetime steeped in Navajo mythology.

Concealed (Diaz Gonzalez, Christina)

What if you had no name, no past, no home? Katrina doesn't know any of the details about her past, but she does know that she and her parents are part of the Witness Protection Program. Whenever her parents say they have to move on and start over, she takes on a new identity. A new name, a new hair color, a new story. Every new discovery reveals that Katrina's entire life has been built around secrets covered up with lies and that her parents were actually the ones keeping the biggest secret of all. Katrina must now decide if learning the whole truth is worth the price of losing everything she has ever believed about herself and her family.

Popular (Van Wagenen, Maya)

Maya Van Wagenen decided to begin a unique social experiment: spend the school year following a 1950s popularity guide. Will she be “popular” at the end of her school year?

Becoming Muhammad Ali (Alexander, Kwame and Patterson, James)

Before he was a household name, Cassius Clay was a kid with struggles like any other.

Becoming Muhammad shows his life up to age seventeen in both prose and verse, including his childhood friends, struggles in school, the racism he faced, and his discovery of boxing. Readers will learn about Cassius' family and neighbors in Louisville, Kentucky, and how, after a thief stole his bike, Cassius began training as an amateur boxer at age twelve. Before long, he won his first Golden Gloves bout and began his transformation into the unrivaled Muhammad Ali.

Fallout: Spies, Superbombs, and the Ultimate Cold War Showdown (Sheinkin, Steve)

As World War II comes to a close, the United States and the Soviet Union emerge as the two greatest world powers on extreme opposites of the political spectrum. After the United States showed its hand with the atomic bomb in Hiroshima, the Soviets refuse to be left behind. With communism sweeping the globe, the two nations begin a neck-and-neck competition to build even more destructive bombs and conquer the Space Race. In their battle for dominance, spy planes fly above, armed submarines swim deep below, and undercover agents meet in the dead of night. The decades-long showdown culminates in the Cuban Missile Crisis, the world's close call with the third—and final—world war.

Crazy Horse and Custer: Born Enemies (Nelson, S.D.)

In this action-packed double biography, S. D. Nelson draws fascinating parallels between Crazy Horse and Custer, whose lives were intertwined. These warriors were alike in many ways, yet they often collided in deadly rivalry. Witness reports and reflections by their peers and enemies accompany side-by-side storytelling that offers very different perspectives on the same historical events.