

**Alexander Junior High School – 7th Grade Summer Reading List  
2016-2017  
Brookhaven School District**

**The following book is required reading for all students entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade.**

The Giver	Lois Lowry	L
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**All 7<sup>th</sup> grade students are also required to read at least one additional book from the following list.**

The Legend of King	Arthur Howard Pyle	L
Hatchet	Gary Paulsen	L
A Light in the Forest	Conrad Richter	L
Where the Red Fern Grows	Wilson Rawls	L
My Brother Sam is Dead	James Lincoln Collier	L
Chains	Laurie Halse Anderson	L
A Christmas Carol	Charles Dickens	L
Out of the Dust	Karen Hesse	L
Freak the Mighty	Rodman Philbrick	L
Divergent	Veronica Roth	L
The Legend of Sleepy Hollow	Washington Irving	L
Chasing Lincoln's Killer	James Swanson	I
Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story about Brain	John Fleischman	I
Science Harriet Tubman: Conductor on the Underground Railroad	Ann Petry	I

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**I = Informational**

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**Alexander Junior High School – 8th Grade Summer Reading List  
2016-2017  
Brookhaven School District**

**The following book is required reading for all students entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade.**

Gathering Blue	Lois Lowry	L
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**All 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are also required to read at least one additional book from the following list.**

Across Five Aprils	Irene Hunt	L
The House on Mango Street	Sandra Cisneros	L
Code Talkers	Joseph Bruchac	L
Monster Walter Dean Myers		L
Nothing But the Truth	Avi	L
Anthem	Ayn Rand	L
Good Old Boy	Willie Morris	L
A Tree Grows in Brooklyn	Betty Smith	L
The Hobbit	JRR Tolkien	L
The Great Fire	Jim Murphy	I
Outliers	Malcolm Gladwell	I
The Smart Aleck’s Guide to American History	Adam Selzer	I
Freakonomics: A Rogue Economist Explores the Hidden Side of Everything	Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner	I
The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks	Rebecca Skloot	I
Stiff: The Curious Lives of Human Cadavers	Mary Roach	I
Freedom Walkers	Russell Freedman	I
The Good, the Bad, and the Barbie: A Doll’s History and Her Impact on Us	Tanya Lee Stone	I
The Lost Art of the Great Speech One: How to Write One-How to Deliver It	Richard Downs	I
The Story of My Life	Helen Keller	I

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