

# SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2014

## BOOK LIST FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL

### FICTION

#### **The Arm of the Starfish**

by Madeleine L'Engle

Adam's summer internship and a beautiful girl draw him into international intrigue.

BR, DB, EBK

#### **Battling Boy**

by Paul Pope

What does it take to be a hero?

#### **Dead End in Norvelt**

by Jack Gantos

Writing obituaries and identifying dead bodies are just a part of Jackie's summer.

AUD, BR, DB, EAUD, EBK

#### **The False Prince**

by Jennifer A. Nielsen

Four orphans compete for the role of puppet prince in a corrupt kingdom.

EAUD

#### **Fire in the Streets**

by Kekla Magoon

In 1968 Chicago, 14-year-old Maxie longs to join the Black Panthers.

#### **The Lions of Little Rock**

by Kristin Levine

Can shy Marlee be brave enough to challenge segregation?

EAUD, EBK

#### **Nerd Girls: The Rise of the Dorkasaurus**

by Alan Lawrence Sitomer

Down with middle-school mean girls!

EBK

#### **Secret Saturdays**

by Torrey Maldonado

Friends in the Red Hook projects confront questions about what it means to be a friend, a father, and a man.

EBK

### NONFICTION

#### **The Bat Scientists**

by Mary Kay Carson

Learn the truth about these fantastic creatures!

DB

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

by Vicky Alvear Shecter

ZOMG! Cleopatra's life was crazy and drama-filled!

### RECOMMENDED SERIES

#### **The Cruisers**

by Walter Dean Myers

**The Five Ancestors** by Jeff Stone

**The Joshua Files** by M.G. Harris

**Middle School**

by James Patterson

**The Unwanteds** by Lisa McMann

**Wereworld** by Curtis Jobling

### RECOMMENDED AUTHORS

Laurie Halse Anderson

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Gary Paulson

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#### **Format Key:**

**AUD** Audio recording

**BR** Braille book\*

**DB** Special format digital book\*

**EAUD** Downloadable audiobook\*\*

**EBK** Downloadable e-book\*\*

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