

Frederick Law Olmsted 2017 Summer Reading List Grades 7-8

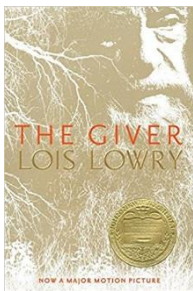
Summer reading is an essential activity for children to maintain and expand their literacy skills. Below, you will find our 2017 summer reading list, quality literature chosen by our staff especially for your student. **Your child is required to read one of the three grade level selections seen below.** Students and teachers will meet to discuss the text and a project will be created around each text. Please encourage your child to read many books this summer. A list of resources is included on the back of this letter.

If you choose to buy the book, we encourage you to buy locally, or to support the Olmsted School Foundation using Amazon Smile. Simply log in to Amazon Smile (smile.amazon.com), and choose the Olmsted School Foundation as your charity. A small portion of each purchase is then directed to our school based charity which supports many activities here. The QR codes below will link you to the books.



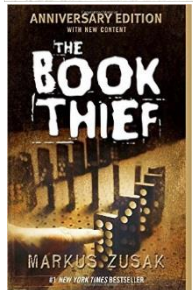
Ghost by Jason Reynolds

Ghost wants to be the fastest sprinter on his elite middle school track team, but his past is slowing him down in this first electrifying novel of a brand-new series from Coretta Scott King/John Steptoe Award-winning author Jason Reynolds.



The Giver by Lois Lowry

The haunting story centers on twelve-year-old Jonas, who lives in a seemingly ideal, if colorless, world of conformity and contentment. Not until he is given his life assignment as the Receiver of Memory does he begin to understand the dark, complex secrets behind his fragile community.



The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

It is 1939. Nazi Germany. The country is holding its breath. Death has never been busier, and will become busier still.

Liesel Meminger is a foster girl living outside of Munich, who scratches out a meager existence for herself by stealing when she encounters something she can't resist—books.



Student's Name: _____

Homeroom Teacher: _____

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Please return this form to school by June 9, 2017

Summer Reading Resources

- **Notable Children's Books in the Language Arts Award books**
(<http://www.childrensliteratureassembly.org/notables.html>)
- **NPR book lists** (<http://www.npr.org/>)
- **NCTE Charlotte Huck Award for Outstanding Fiction for Children**
(<http://www.ncte.org/awards/charlotte-huck>)
- **The Brookline Summer Reading List** (<http://brooklinesummerreading.weebly.com/>)
- **Erie County Public Library and Mayor Brown's Summer Reading List**
(<https://www.buffalolib.org/>)
- **YALSA Teen Book Finder App and Database**
(<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/products/teenbookfinder>)
- **Olmsted Book List Finalists** (<http://elabuff.blogspot.com/2017/06/olmsted-book-list-finalists.html>)

****Only the three books listed on the front can be used for the project.****