Dear Entering 8th Graders and Families,

Summer is just around the corner and with its arrival comes the opportunity to plan for great vacation reading choices. Below find a list designed to meet the reading interests of 8th grade students. Please note the “New Books” - these titles represent many of the best books published during the past year and include Spring 2013 titles as well. In addition to the required summer reading assignment, please choose 2 additional titles to read over the summer. The Brookwood Summer Reading Lists may be found online at the Brookwood library homepage: URL: http://www.brookwood.edu/library/library/summer

And be sure to check out our Spring Book Fair (May 15 and 16) and get some good books for the summer!

**Entering 8th Grade Summer Reading Requirements:**

- Students will receive copies of the book from the school before the end of the year. A related assignment will be distributed with the books.

  Perkins, Christine (ed). *Sudden Flash Youth: 65 Short Stories*

- Additionally, 8th graders should read over the course of the summer 2 books from the 8th Grade School Summer Reading List, or select other titles that satisfy reading interests.

Sincerely,

Team 8 Teachers, Mrs. Geraty and Ms. Glass
BROOKWOOD SCHOOL
8th GRADE SUMMER READING LIST – 2013

NEW BOOKS – PUBLISHED IN 2012/SPRING 2013

Avi  
*Sophia’s War*
Recruited as a spy during the Revolutionary War, Sophia becomes aware that someone in the American army might be switching sides, but the identity of the would-be traitor is so shocking that no one believes her. So Sophia decides to stop the treacherous plot herself, at great personal peril: if she fails, she’s facing an execution of her own.

Balliett, Blue  
*Hold Fast*
On a cold winter day in Chicago, Early’s father disappeared, and now she, her mother and her brother have been forced to flee their apartment and join the ranks of the homeless—and it is up to Early to hold her family together and solve the mystery surrounding her father.

Brennan, Herbie  
*The Secret Prophecy*
Faced with the death of his father and a growing international scandal, Em Governton must uncover the secrets behind the Knights of Themis before it's too late.

Close, Chuck  
*Chuck Close: Face Book*
Artist Chuck Close introduces children to his art, shows the processes he uses in his studios, and answers questions about his life and the challenges—physical and mental—he has faced.

Dessen, Sarah  
*The Moon and the More*
Luke Emaline have been together all through high school in Colby, the beach town where they both grew up. But now, in the summer before college, Emaline wonders if perfect is good enough.

Doctorow, Cory  
*Homeland*
When Marcus, once called M1k3y, receives a thumbdrive containing evidence of corporate and governmental treachery, his job, fame, family, and well-being, as well as his reform-minded employer's election campaign, are all endangered.

Douglas, Gabby  
*Grace, Gold, & Glory: My Leap of Faith*
In this personal autobiography, Gabrielle tells her story of faith, perseverance, and determination, demonstrating you can reach your dreams if you let yourself soar.

Green, John  
*The Fault in Our Stars*
Despite the medical miracle that has bought her a few more years, Hazel has never been anything but terminal, but when Augustus Waters suddenly appears at the Cancer Kid Support Group, Hazel's story is about to be rewritten.
Hale, Shannon  
**Princess Academy: Palace of Stone**
Miri returns to Asland and calls upon all of her knowledge of rhetoric and other useful lessons learned at the Princess Academy when she and the other girls face strong opposition working for a new, fair charter.

Hobbs, Will  
**Never Say Die**
Fifteen-year-old Inuit hunter Nick Thrasher, fresh off a terrifying encounter with a strange bear that seemed half polar/half grizzly, receives a letter from the half-brother he has never met.

Hoose, Phillip  
**Moonbird: A Year on the Wind with the Great Survivor B95**
Since 1995, when the bird B95 was first captured and banded, the worldwide *rufa* shorebird population has collapsed by nearly 80 percent. Most perish somewhere along the great hemispheric circuit, but B95 wings on.

Hartman, Rachel  
**Seraphina**
In a world where dragons and humans coexist in an uneasy truce and dragons can assume human form, Seraphina, whose mother died giving birth to her, grapples with her own identity amid magical secrets and royal scandals.

Johnson, Angela  
**A Certain October**
Scotty compares herself to tofu: no flavor unless you add something. And it's true that Scotty's friends, Misha and Faclone, and her brother, Keone, make life delicious. But when a terrible accident occurs, Scotty feels responsible for the loss of someone she hardly knew, and the world goes wrong.

Kindl, Patrice  
**Keeping the Castle**
In order to support her family and maintain their ancient castle in Lesser Hoo, seventeen-year-old Althea bears the burden of finding a wealthy suitor who can remedy their financial problems.

Levithan, David  
**Every Day**
Every morning A wakes in a different person's body, in a different person's life, learning over the years to never get too attached, until he wakes up in the body of Justin and falls in love with Justin's girlfriend, Rhiannon.

Lu, Marie  
**Prodigy**
June and Day make their way to Las Vegas where they join the rebel Patriot group and become involved in an assassination plot against the Elector in hopes of saving the Republic.

Lupica, Mike  
**Play Makers**
In this sequel to *Game Changers*, Ben McBain and his crew are still living large off their incredible football championship win just weeks before and must now prepare for basketball season. Will Ben be able to pull it together for his team and for himself?

Moskowitz, Hannah  
**Gone, Gone, Gone**
Struggling with the aftermath of the September 11 attacks and sniper shootings throughout the Washington, D.C. area, Craig and Lio consider a romantic relationship that is complicated by
Craig's ex-boyfriend, Lio's broken family, and the death of Lio's brother.

Nelson, Vaunda Micheaux  
*No Crystal Stair: A Documentary Novel of the Life and Work of Lewis Michaux, Harlem Bookseller*
Lewis Michaux was born to do things his own way. When a white banker told him to sell fried chicken, not books, because “Negros don't read,” Lewis took five books and one-hundred dollars and built a bookstore. It soon became the intellectual center of Harlem, a refuge for everyone from Muhammad Ali to Malcolm X.

Nielsen, Jennifer A.  
*Runaway King*
Book Two in the Ascendance Trilogy. Young King Jaron has taken the throne of Carthya, but after enemies attempt to assassinate him, and a neighboring kingdom threatens invasion, he finds that he has no friends in the palace, not even his bride-to-be, princess Amarina.

Pratchett, Terry  
*Dodger*
In an alternative version of Victorian London, a seventeen-year-old Dodger, a cunning and cheeky street urchin, unexpectedly rises in life when he saves a mysterious girl, meets Charles Dickens, and unintentionally puts a stop to the murders of Sweeny Todd.

Rossetti, Rinsai  
*The Girl with Borrowed Wings*
Seventeen-year-old Frenenqer lives a controlled and restricted life in the desert, but when she meets Sangris, a free winged shape-shifter, everything changes.

Sandler, Martin  
*The Impossible Rescue: the True Story of an Amazing Arctic Adventure*
In 1897, eight American whale ships become trapped in the ice, and the three hundred sailors aboard have little hope of survival. Here is the incredible story of three men sent by President McKinley to rescue them.

Sáenz, Benjamin Alire  
*Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe*
Fifteen-year-old Ari Mendoza is an angry loner with a brother in prison, but when he meets Dante and they become friends, Ari starts to ask questions about himself, his parents, and his family that he has never asked before.

Schlitz, Laura Amy  
*Splendors and Glooms*
*2013 Newbery Honor Book!* When a girl vanishes after the puppeteer Grisini and two orphaned assistants were at her twelfth birthday party, suspicion of kidnapping chases the trio away from London and soon the two orphans are caught in a trap set by Grisini's ancient rival, a witch with a deadly inheritance to shed before it is too late.

Sheinkin, Steve  
*Bomb: the Race to Build—and Steal—the World’s Most Dangerous Weapon*
*2013 Newbery Honor Book!* This is the story of the plotting, the risk-taking, the deceit, and genius that created the world's most formidable weapon.

Stead, Rebecca  
*Liar & Spy*
Seventh-grader Georges adjusts to moving from a house to an apartment, being picked on at
school, and Safer, a homeschooled loner who lives in his building. Together the boys track a mysterious building resident Safer is sure is hiding a sinister secret.

Stiefvater, Maggie  The Raven Boys
Every year, Blue Sargent stands next to her clairvoyant mother as the soon-to-be dead walk past. Blue herself never sees them-- not until this year, when a boy emerges from the dark and speaks directly to her.

Smith, Sherri L.  Orleans
Set in a futuristic, hostile Orleans landscape, Fen de la Guerre must deliver her tribe leader's baby over the Wall into the Outer States before her blood becomes tainted with Delta Fever.

Telgemeier, Raina  Drama
Callie rides an emotional roller coaster while serving on the stage crew for a middle school production of Moon over Mississippi as various relationships start and end, and others never quite get going.

Urban, Linda  The Center of Everything
Twelve-year-old Ruby finds her life spinning out of control in the wake of questionable choices and dreads an upcoming reading of her award-winning essay.

Volponi, Paul  The Final Four
March Madness is in full swing, and there are only four teams left in the NCAA basketball championship. The heavily favored Michigan Spartans and the underdog Troy Trojans meet in the first game in the semifinals, and it's there that the fates of Malcolm, Roko, Crispin, and M.J. intertwine.

Wein, Elizabeth  Code Name Verity
In 1943, a British fighter plane crashes in Nazi-occupied France and the survivor tells a tale of friendship, war, espionage, and great courage as she relates what she must to survive while keeping secret all that she can.

GENERAL SUMMER READING LIST

REALISTIC FICTION

Bauer, Joan  Close to Famous and others
Carter, Amy  I’d Tell You I Love You, But then I’d Have to Kill You and sequels
Davies, Stephen  Outlaw
Dessen, Sarah  Along for the Ride and others
Erskine, Kathryn  Mockingbird - Winner of the 2011 National Book Award
Feinstein, John  
*The Rivalry: Mystery at the Army-Navy Game* and others

Frost, Helen  
*Hidden*

Jacobsen, Jennifer Richardson  
*Small as an Elephant*

London, Jack  
*The Call of the Wild*

Lupica, Mike  
*True Legend, The Big Field* and others

Mass, Wendy  
*Every Soul a Star*

Myers, Walter  
*Monster* and others

Schmatz, Pat  
*Bluefish*

Schmidt, Gary  
*Okay For Now* and others

Sonnenblick, Jordan  
*Curveball: the Year I Lost My Grip*

Stork, Francisco X.  
*Marcelo in the Real World*

Venkatraman, Padma  
*Island's End*

Woodson, Jacquelyn  
*Hush* and others

Wynne-Jones, Tim  
*Blink and Caution*

**HISTORICAL FICTION**

Alcott, Louisa May  
*Little Women*

Anderson, Laurie H.  
*Chains, Forge, and Fever, 1973*

Gantos, Jack  
*Dead End in Norvelt* – 2012 Newbery Award Winner!

Lai, Thanhha  
*Inside Out and Back Again* – 2011 National Book Award Winner!

Lee, Y.S.  
*The Agency* series

Perkins, Mitali  
*Bamboo People*

Selznick, Brian  
*The Invention of Hugo Cabret* and *Wonderstruck*

Springer, Nancy  
*Enola Holmes Mysteries*

Stead, Rebecca  
*When You Reach Me*

Zusak, Markus  
*The Book Thief*

**FANTASY AND SCIENCE FICTION**

Bedford, Martyn  
*Flip*

Card, Orson Scott  
*The Enders Saga* series
Cashore, Kristin
Collins, Suzanne
Condie, Ally
Doctorow, Cory
Fisher, Catherine
Gier, Kerstin
Healy, Christopher
Lore, Pittacus
Orwell, George
Paolini, Christopher
Pfeffer, Susan
Pullman, Philip
Meloy, Maile
Nielsen, Jennifer A.
Riordan, Rick
Scott, Michael
Stiefvater, Maggie
Shulman, Polly
Tolkien, J.R.R.
Westerfield, Scott
Zevin, Gabrielle

Graceling and others
The Hunger Games trilogy
Matched and Crossed and Reached
Little Brother and sequel
Incarceron and sequel
Ruby Red
The Hero’s Guide to Saving Your Kingdom
The Lorien Legacies
Nineteen Eighty-Four
Inheritance series
Life as We Knew It and sequels
His Dark Materials trilogy
The Apothecary
The False Prince and sequel
Percy Jackson and the Olympians series and others
The Secrets of the Immortal Nichols Flamel series
Scorpio Races and others
The Grimm Legacy
The Hobbit
The Uglies sequence, Leviathan trilogy and others
Elsewhere

GRAPHIC BOOKS
Brosgol, Vera.
Gaiman, Neil
Gulledge, Laura Lee
Neri, G.
Telgemeier, Raina
Say, Allen

Anya’s Ghost
Coraline
Page by Paige
Yummy: The Last Days of a Southside Shorty
Smile
Drawing From Memory

NONFICTION, BIOGRAPHY, MEMOIRS, AND POETRY
Bartoletti, Campbell  
They Call Themselves the KKK: The Birth of an 
American Terrorist Group

Decristofano, Carolyn Cinami  
A Black Hole is NOT a Hole

Hopkinson, Deborah  
Titanic: Voices From the Disaster

Nye, Naomi Shihab  
Come With Me: Poems for a Journey and others

Wolf, Allan  
The Watch That Ends the Night: Voices From the Titanic

PERFECT FOR SUMMER

Birdsall, Jeanne  
The Penderwicks series

Grahame, Kenneth  
The Wind in the Willows

House, Silas & Neela Vaswani  
Same Sun Here

Hemingway, Ernest  
The Old Man and the Sea

Hinds, Gareth  
The Odyssey (graphic novel)

Phelan, Matt  
Around the World (graphic book)

Twain, Mark  
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer and others

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