



Summer Reading – Rising 8th-graders

You are going to be reading this summer...and reading about writing. I'm excited for you!

READING

Please choose one book from four of the following lists, for a total of four. You may use the most current list or you may go back to a previous year. You need to **bring a hard copy of these books** the 2nd day of school (not Warm-up Week) when we return in August, but you may read them in any format that you like...Kindle, Nook, etc.



- [Amelia Bloomer Project](#)
- [Rainbow Book List](#)
- [YALSA Best Fiction for Young Adults](#)
- [YALSA Great Graphic Novels for Teens](#)
- [YALSA Nonfiction Award](#)
- [ALA Alex Awards](#)



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READING ABOUT WRITING

The other part of the reading, the reading about writing, will involve a little research. I would like for you to **find (not write) a review of each book that you read.** I have included some websites that will either provide you with the reviews or will give you an example of the quality of the website I expect you to use. Please select a review with a minimum of 150 words. I don't expect you to memorize these reviews but I do expect you to **read them thoughtfully.** Please copy and paste each into a separate google doc. Name the doc lastname.nameofnovel. For example, if I read *Booked*, the name of the document would be LaGrone.Booked. Then **print these out and bring them to school** on the 2nd day of school (not during Warm-up Week).

Websites for finding reviews:

- <https://www.kirkusreviews.com/issue/>
- <http://www.slj.com/>
- <https://www.publishersweekly.com/pw/home/index.html>



EXTRA CREDIT! 5 points for a picture of you in front of, or in, a really cool looking library! (you may do two of these) Due: midnight prior to first day of school

