

Incoming 7th and 8th Grade Summer Reading

This summer, the PMS Summer Reading Program will be utilizing our digital book app Sora, to provide free audiobooks and ebooks to the middle school community. Sora, the official app of [Overdrive](#) is available via the Pelham launchpad and allows you to link both your school and public library accounts in order to access thousands of titles! However, only two or three digital copies of a book are available for check-out at the same time.

To link your public library account to your school Sora account please see the directions on the Pelham Middle School Library Google Classroom page.

Both you and your friends want to read the same title? No problem! With [Hoopla](#), everyone at PMS can read the same book simultaneously through the Pelham Public Library! Hoopla provides **unlimited access** to an assortment of e-books/audiobooks, movies, and tv shows.

We ask that all PMS students read at least THREE books of their choice over the summer. Each student should then complete the form on the last page including the signature of a parent/guardian. These forms will be collected during the first week of school in September.

**PARENTS/GUARDIANS: Please be reminded that some young adult titles may contain more mature content or deal with sensitive matters.
Please consider previewing your child's selections.**

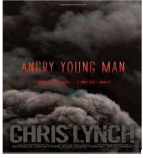
Here are some popular titles and authors found on Sora and Hoopla that you may want to read:

Acevedo, Elizabeth - *With the Fire on High* (**PMS SORA A/E, PUBLIC SORA A/E, PUBLIC HOOPLA A/E**)
Alexander, Kwame - *Swing* (**PMS SORA A/E, PUBLIC SORA A/E, PUBLIC HOOPLA A/E**)
Anderson, Laurie Halse - *Fever 1793* (**PMS SORA A/E, PUBLIC SORA A/E, PUBLIC HOOPLA A**)
Andrews, Jesse - *Me and Earl and the Dying Girl* (**PMS SORA E, PUBLIC SORA E, HOOPLA A**)
Christie, Agatha - *The ABC Murders* (**PMS SORA A, PUBLIC SORA A/E, HOOPLA A/E**)
Collins, Suzanne - *The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes* (**PMS E, PUBLIC SORA A/E, HOOPLA A**)
Grant, Michael - *Gone* (**PMS SORA A/E, PUBLIC SORA A/E, HOOPLA A/E**)
Morris, Chad and Shelly Brown - *Squint*
Murphy, Julie - *Dumplin'* (**PMS SORA A/E, PUBLIC SORA A/E, HOOPLA A/E**)
Powell, Patricia Hruby - *Loving vs. Virginia* (**PUBLIC SORA A, PUBLIC HOOPLA A/E**)
Rinaldi, Ann - *An Acquaintance with Darkness* (**PUBLIC HOOPLA E**)
Roth, Veronica - *Carve the Mark* (**PMS SORA A/E, PUBLIC SORA A, PUBLIC HOOPLA A/E**)
Spinelli, Jerry - *Smiles to Go* (**PUBLIC HOOPLA A/E**)
Volponi, Paul - *Top Prospect* (**PMS SORA E, PUBLIC SORA E, HOOPLA E**)

**Check out more suggested titles on our
Incoming 7th and 8th Grade Summer Reading List!**

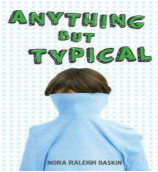
Have a great summer!

Summer Reading List – Incoming 7th and 8th Grades



Angry Young Man – Chris Lynch

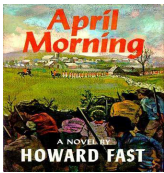
Alexander (Xan) is an awkward loner who hasn't been able to find his place in the world. His half-brother, Robert, seems exactly the opposite. When Robert suspects Xan is traveling down a dangerous path of extremism, he is determined to intervene before it's too late. (Fiction)



Anything But Typical – Nora Raleigh Baskin

Jason, an autistic teenager with a talent for creative writing, struggles to find acceptance in his middle school community. (Fiction)

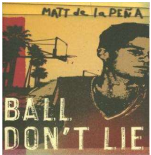
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April Morning – Howard Fast

The American Revolution leaps to life in this unforgettable account of the Battle of Lexington. It is also the story of a father and son who are at odds. (Historical Fiction)

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Ball Don't Lie – Matt De La Pena

A teenager (Grayson Boucher) uses basketball to overcome his emotional scars and obsessive-compulsive personality disorder. (Sports/Realistic Fiction)

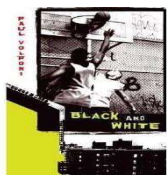
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The Bar Code Tattoo - Suzanne Weyn

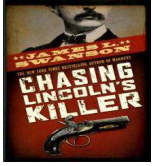
In the near future, Kayla finds herself running for her life when she refuses to get the mandatory bar code tattoo on her seventeenth birthday--a decision that renders her a social outcast and places her family in grave danger. (Science Fiction)

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Black and White – Paul Volponi

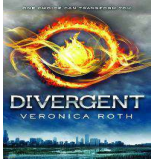
Two-star high school basketball players, one black and one white, experience the justice system differently after committing a crime together and getting caught. (Realistic Fiction)



Chasing Lincoln's Killer - James Swanson

This is a biographical account of John Wilkes Booth's plot to kill the president and Booth's 12 days on the run following Lincoln's assassination. (Non-Fiction Biography)

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Divergent - Veronica Roth

In Beatrice Prior's dystopian Chicago world, society is divided into five factions, each dedicated to the cultivation of a particular virtue—Candor (the honest), Abnegation (the selfless), Dauntless (the brave), Amity (the peaceful), and Erudite (the intelligent). On an appointed day of every year, all sixteen-year-olds must select the faction to which they will devote the rest of their lives. (Science Fiction/Adventure)

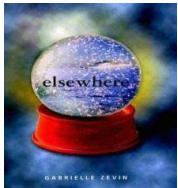
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Drums, Girls and Dangerous Pie -Jordan Sonnenblick

Thirteen-year-old Steven has a totally normal life until his younger brother Jeffrey is diagnosed with leukemia and Steven's world is turned upside down. A heartwarming journey through a year in the life of a family in crisis. (Realistic Fiction)

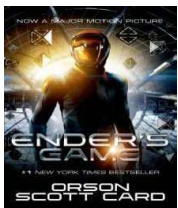
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Elsewhere - Gabrielle Zevin

Elsewhere is where fifteen-year-old Liz Hall ends up, after she has died. It is a place so like Earth, yet completely different. (Magic Realism)

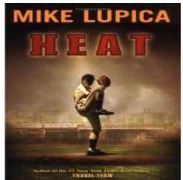
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Ender's Game – Scott Orson Card

Government agencies breed child geniuses in order to combat the next alien attack. A brilliant boy, Andrew “Ender” Wiggins, makes the cut for military training but suffers from his own psychological battles. (Science Fiction)

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Heat - Mike Lupica

Pitching prodigy Michael Arroyo is on the run from social services after being banned from playing Little League baseball because rival coaches doubt he is only 12 years old, and he has no parents to offer them proof. (Sports/fiction)

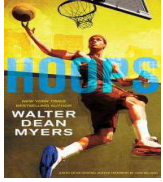
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Hero - Mike Lupica

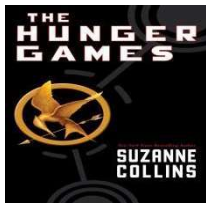
In this fast-paced adventure story, 14-year-old Zach Harriman races to uncover the mystery behind his dad's death, while also learning to control his new super-hero powers. (Fantasy)

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Hoops - Walter Dean Myers

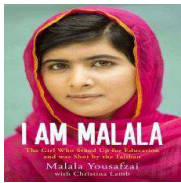
A teenage basketball player from Harlem is befriended by a former professional player who, after being forced to quit because of a point-shaving scandal, hopes to prevent other young athletes from repeating his mistake. (Sports/Fiction)



Hunger Games - Suzanne Collins

Long ago, the districts waged war on the Capitol and were defeated. As part of the surrender terms, each district agreed to send one boy and one girl to appear in an annual televised event called "The Hunger Games," a fight to the death. Sixteen-year-old Katniss Everdeen is forced to represent her district in the Games.

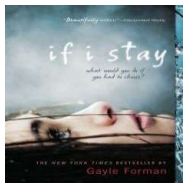
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I am Malala - Malala Yousafzai, co-written by Patricia McCormick

Malala Yousafzai was only 10 years old when the Taliban took control of her region. They said music was a crime. They said women weren't allowed to go to the market. They said girls couldn't go to school. Malala was taught to stand up for what she believes which leads to very serious consequences for her. (Non-Fiction/Autobiography)

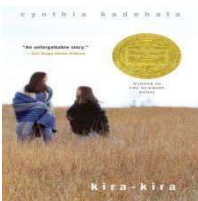
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If I Stay - Gayle Forman

In the blink of an eye, everything changes. Seventeen-year-old Mia has no memory of the accident; she can only recall what happened afterward. Little by little she struggles to put together the pieces --- to figure out what she has lost, what she has left and the very difficult choice she must make. (Fiction)

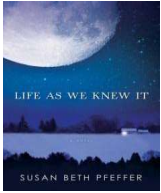
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Kira-Kira - Cynthia Kadohata

The middle daughter in a Japanese-American family tells the story of their struggles to build a better life. (Historical Fiction)

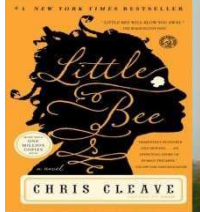
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Life As We Knew It – Susan Beth Pfeffer

A meteor hits the moon and in one moment the whole world changes. Food and heat are almost nonexistent. One girl journals her family's desperate struggle for survival. (Science Fiction)

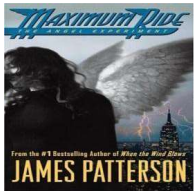
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Little Bee – Chris Cleave

What happens on the beach is brutal, and it braids the fates of a 16-year-old Nigerian orphan (who calls herself Little Bee) and a well-off British couple --- journalists who are trying to repair their strained marriage with a free holiday, and who should have stayed behind their resort's walls. (Fiction)

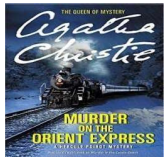
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Maximum Ride - James Patterson

Fourteen-year-old Maximum Ride, better known as Max, knows what it's like to soar above the world. She and all the members of the "flock" --- Fang, Iggy, Nudge, Gasman, and Angel --- are just like ordinary kids - ordinary kids who have wings and can fly. Sounds fun, but their lives can morph into nightmares any time! (Fantasy/Adventure)

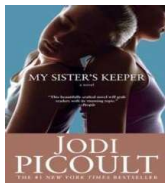
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Murder on the Orient Express - Agatha Christie

An unpopular billionaire is murdered on board a famous train and everyone on board is a suspect. (Fiction/Mystery)

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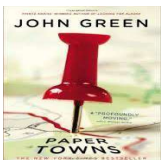


My Sister's Keeper - Jodi Picoult

Conceived as a marrow donor for her gravely ill sister, Anna Fitzgerald has undergone countless surgeries and medical procedures in her short life. When Anna sues her parents for emancipation, it sets off a court case that threatens to destroy the family for good. (Fiction)

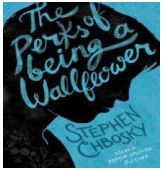
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Paper Towns - John Green



Margo Roth Spiegelman beckons Quentin Jacobsen in the middle of the night --- dressed like a ninja and plotting an ingenious campaign of revenge. After a lifetime of loving Margo from afar, things are finally looking up for Q . . . until Margo vanishes. But there are clues. And they're for Q. (Fiction/Mystery)

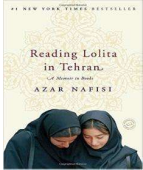
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Perks of Being a Wallflower - Stephen Chbosky

Going through the world of high school and the world of first dates, family dramas, and new friends. (Fiction/Coming of age)

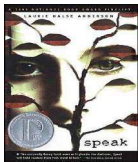
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Reading Lolita in Tehran - Azar Nafisi

Every Thursday morning for two years in the Islamic Republic of Iran, a bold and inspired teacher named Azar Nafisi secretly gathered seven of her most committed female students to read forbidden Western classics. (Memoir)

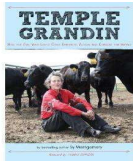
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Speak - Laurie Halse Anderson

This is the story of what happens to a girl who is ostracized by her peers after busting an end-of-summer party. (Fiction)

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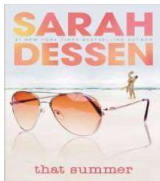


Temple Grandin: How the Girl who loved cows embraced Autism and changed the world -

Temple Grandin

This biography explores the life and mind of Temple Grandin, a brilliant autistic woman who revolutionized the livestock industry. (Non-Fiction/Biography)

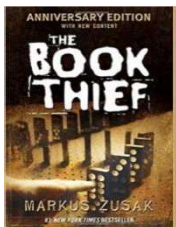
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That Summer - Sarah Dessen

For fifteen-year-old Haven, life is changing too quickly. She's nearly six feet tall, her father is getting remarried, and her sister—the always perfect Ashley—is planning a wedding of her own. Haven wishes things could just go back to the way they were. Then an old boyfriend of Ashley's reenters the picture, and through him, Haven sees the past for what it really was, and comes to grips with the future. (Realistic Fiction)

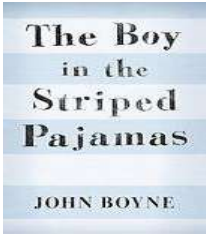
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The Book Thief - Markus Zusak

It is 1939 in Nazi Germany. Liesel Meminger is a foster girl living outside of Munich who scratches out a meager existence for herself by stealing something she can't resist --- books. (Historical Fiction)

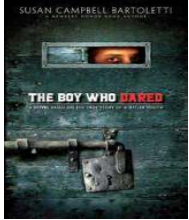
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The Boy in the Striped Pajamas - John Boyne

Bruno and his family are moving to a place where there is no one to play with, nothing to do, and nothing to see except for a long fence. Then one day he meets a new boy, but he doesn't know about the consequences that come with being friends with him. (Historical Fiction)

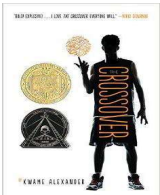
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The Boy Who Dared - Susan Campbell Bartoletti

In jail awaiting his execution, a German teenager recalls Hitler's rise to power and the courage he found to stand up against the Nazi regime. (Historical Fiction)

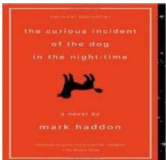
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The Crossover - Kwame Alexander

14-year-old twin basketball stars wrestle with highs and lows on and off the court as their father ignores his declining health. (Sports/Realistic Fiction/Verse)

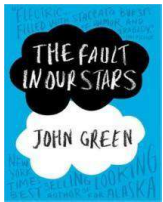
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The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night - Mark Haddon

A math genius who is afraid of people pretends to be Sherlock Holmes and investigates the murder of a neighbor's dog. He uncovers more mysteries than he expected. (Mystery)

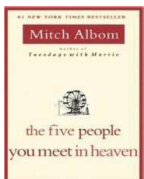
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The fault in our stars - John Green

Despite the tumor-shrinking medical miracle that has bought her a few years, Hazel has almost given up. But when a gorgeous plot twist named Augustus Waters suddenly appears at Cancer Kid Support Group, Hazel's story is about to be completely rewritten. (Fiction)

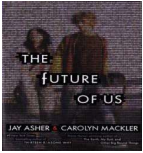
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The Five People You Meet in Heaven - Mitch Albom

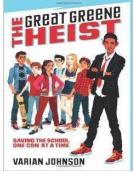
A war veteran who feels trapped in a meaningless life fixing rides at a seaside amusement park. While trying to save a little girl's life, he dies in a tragic accident. This story focuses on what happens in the afterlife – a place where your earthly life is explained to you by five people who were in it. (Fiction)

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**The Future of Us - Jay Asher**

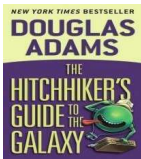
1996 - Most American high school students have never used the internet. Emma and Josh discover themselves on Facebook, 15 years in the future. Everybody wonders what their destiny will be. Josh and Emma are about to find out. (Fiction)

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**The Great Greene Heist - Varian Johnson**

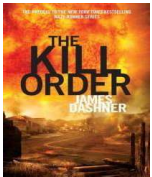
Jackson Greene has a reputation as a prankster at Maplewood Middle School, but after the last disaster he is trying to go straight--but when it looks like Keith Sinclair may steal the election for school president from Jackson's former best friend Gabriela, he assembles a team to make sure Keith does not succeed.

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**The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy - Douglas Adams**

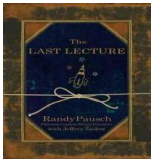
Seconds before the Earth is demolished to make way for a galactic freeway, an earthman is saved by his friend. Together they journey through the galaxy. (Science Fiction/Fantasy)

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**The Kill Order - James Dashner**

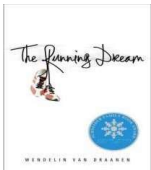
Prequel to the Maze Runner Trilogy (Science Fiction/Adventure)

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**The Last Lecture - Randy Pausch**

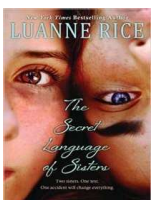
When Randy Pausch, a computer science professor at Carnegie Mellon, was asked to give a lecture, he didn't have to imagine it as his last, since he had recently been diagnosed with terminal cancer. But the lecture he gave--"Really Achieving Your Childhood Dreams"--wasn't about dying. It was about the importance of overcoming obstacles, of enabling the dreams of others, of seizing every moment.

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**The Running Dream - Gwendelin Van Draanen**

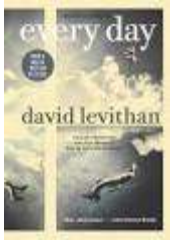
Track star Jessica loses a leg in a terrible car accident. Her road to recovery is a long one, but she can't give up her dream of running again. (Realistic Fiction)

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**The Secret Language of Sisters - Luanne Rice**

When Ruth Ann (Roo) McCabe responds to a text message while she's driving, her life as she knows it ends. (Fiction)

PUBLIC HOOPLA A



Every Day - David Levithan

The main character, A, wakes up in a different body every morning. He runs into complications when he begins to emotionally attach to someone he does not wish to live without. (Fiction)



Never Fall Down - Patricia McCormick

Written from the childhood perspective of Arn Chorn-Pond, this story explores his involvement in the Cambodian genocide. (Historical Fiction)

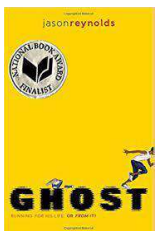
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House Arrest - K.A. Holt

After stealing a credit card, Timothy is under house arrest for an entire year. This verse novel portrays a boy's journey in dealing with his family in crisis, and the legal system, while trying to stay out of trouble.

PUBLIC HOOPLA A/E



Ghost - Jason Reynolds

Four kids from wildly different backgrounds with personalities that are explosive when they clash are chosen for an elite middle school track team—a team that could qualify them for the Junior Olympics if they can get their acts together. They all have a lot to lose, but they also have a lot to prove, not only to each other but to themselves. Running. That's all Ghost (real name Castle Cranshaw) has ever known. But Ghost has been running for the wrong reasons. (Fiction)

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A VARIETY OF LISTS FOR CHILDREN'S AND YA LITERATURE

The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books

<http://bccb.lis.illinois.edu> is the homepage for the BCCB, one of the best sites for information on quality literature for children.

Lee and Low Diverse Books

<https://www.leeandlow.com/high-school/diversity> is a collection of book lists that can serve as “windows and mirrors” for our children.

International Literacy Association

<https://www.literacyworldwide.org/get-resources/reading-lists> is a collection of “reading lists, shaped by thousands of students and educators across the United States.”

American Library Association

<https://libguides.ala.org/recommended-reading/children> is a collection of ALA's literature award winners and various notable reading lists for children.

Newbery Award Winners

<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/newberymedal/newberyhonors/newberymedal> allows you to browse the many years of Newbery Award winners. Dozens of extraordinary books are included for your consideration as you search for books to enjoy over the summer.

Read Kiddo Read

<http://www.readkiddoread.com> is a successful and popular site for a variety of readers. Try it out, and be sure to share its great suggestions with your friends!

PMS SUMMER READING LOG

Please complete this form as legibly as possible. Your English teacher will collect it during the first week of school.

Student Name: _____

Book Title #1 _____

Author _____

Book Title #2 _____

Author _____

Book Title #3 _____

Author _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian
Signature: _____