REQUIRED SUMMER READING: All incoming seventh-grade students must read *The Miracle Worker* by William Gibson, then choose two other titles from the following list. (*The Miracle Worker* is included with the required books to purchase for 7th grade.) Most of the books are available in paperback from local bookstores and libraries. If more than one edition is available, be sure to select the unabridged edition. If it becomes impossible to locate a particular book, make another choice from the list.

Students should complete all of their reading before the first day of school since they will be writing an essay in class the first week. It would be best to read *The Miracle Worker* last, just before school begins.

We’ve worked to create lists that reflect a variety of styles, genres, and experiences—enjoy! If you’d like to learn more about these books, you can ask your English teacher or one of our librarians, look for descriptions on Amazon or Goodreads, or see what your friends might recommend. You can also find the books in our library catalog at this link: https://tinyurl.com/usn-srl-7. Happy reading!

Abdul-Jabbar, *Becoming Kareem*
Bradley, *Jefferson’s Sons*
Brierley, *A Long Way Home*
Chase, *So Done*
Davis, *Spare Parts: Four Undocumented Teenagers, One Ugly Robot, and the Battle for the American Dream*
Davis, Jenkins, & Hunt, *We Beat the Street: How a Friendship Pact Helped Us Succeed*
Fleming, *The Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion, and the Fall of Imperial Russia*
Gaiman, *The Graveyard Book*
Gilbert, *Picture Us in the Light*
Goldman, *The Princess Bride*
Hautman, *Godless*
Heiligman, *Vincent and Theo: The Van Gogh Brothers*
Helfer, *Modoc: The True Story of the Greatest Elephant That Ever Lived*
Hillman, *I Will Plant You a Lilac Tree: A Memoir of a Schindler’s List Survivor*
Hoose, *The Boys Who Challenged Hitler*
Ireland, *Dread Nation*
Karim, *Mariam Sharma Hits the Road*
Katcher, *The Improbable Theory of Ana & Zak*
Lai, *Inside Out and Back Again*
Lee, *The Downstairs Girl*
Lee, *Every Falling Star: The True Story of How I Survived and Escaped North Korea*
Leonard, *Finding Gobi: A Little Dog with a Very Big Heart*
Lockhart, *Genuine Fraud*
Lu, *Legend*
McLemore, *Blanca & Roja*
Myers, *Bad Boy*
Ness, *The Rest of Us Just Live Here*
O’Brien, *Wesley the Owl: The Remarkable Love Story of an Owl and His Girl*
O’Brien, *Z for Zachariah*
Pelzer, *A Child Called “It”: One Child’s Courage to Survive*
Reynolds, *Long Way Down*
Ribay, *After the Shot Drops*
Ruby, *Bone Gap*
Savit, *Anna and the Swallow Man*
Schlitz, *The Hired Girl*
Sepetys, *Between Shades of Gray*
Shah, *The Light at the Bottom of the World*
Sheinkin, *Bomb: The Race to Build—And Steal—The World’s Most Dangerous Weapon*
Shusterman, *Challenger Deep* or *Scythe*
Smith, *The Blossom and the Firefly*
Strasser, *Fallout*
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Stroud, *The Screaming Staircase*
Suma, *The Walls Around Us*
Tolkien, *The Hobbit*
Turner, *The Thief*
Wein, *A Thousand Sisters: The Heroic Airwomen of the Soviet Union in World War II*
Woodson, *Brown Girl Dreaming*