



Lagrange Highlands Middle School

2019 YA (6–8th grades)

Summer Reading Suggestions...

<u>YA – 6th, 7th and 8th Grade</u>	<u>YA* – 7th and 8th Grade</u>	<u>YA** – 8th Grade only</u>
<p><u>Michael Vey (series)</u> by Richard Paul Evans (YA)</p> <p>To everyone at Meridian High School, fourteen-year-old Michael Vey is nothing special, just the kid who has Tourette's syndrome. But in truth, Michael is extremely special--he has electric powers. Michael thinks he is unique until he discovers that a cheerleader named Taylor has the same mysterious powers.</p>	<p><u>Last Shot</u> by John Feinstein (YA*)</p> <p>After winning a basketball reporting contest, eighth graders Stevie and Susan Carol are sent to cover the Final Four tournament, where they discover that a talented player is being blackmailed into throwing the final game.</p>	<p><u>The Forgetting</u> by Sharon Cameron (YA**)</p> <p>Canaan is a quiet city, but every twelve years the town breaks out in violence, after which all the people undergo the Forgetting, in which they are left without any trace of memory of their lives--but somehow Nadia has never forgotten, and she is determined to find out what causes it and how to put a stop to the Forgetting forever.</p>
<p><u>Vietnam (series)</u> by Chris Lynch (YA)</p> <p>Morris, Rudi, Ivan, and Beck are best friends for life. So when one of them is drafted into the Vietnam War, the others sign up, too – each with a different branch of the US military.</p>	<p><u>Ink and Ashes</u> by Valynne E. Maetani (YA*)</p> <p>When Japanese American Claire Takata finds out that her deceased father was once a member of the yakuza, a Japanese crime syndicate, danger enters her life that could end up killing someone...</p>	<p><u>Golden Boy</u> by Tara Sullivan (YA**)</p> <p>Thirteen-year-old Habo has always been different – yellow eyes and yellow skin. He is Albino. His family is forced to leave the village to save his life as a man is trying to find him. He must find a safe place and a way to accept who he is.</p>

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Life as We Knew It
by Susan Beth Pfeffer
(YA)

Through journal entries sixteen-year-old Miranda describes her family's struggle to survive after a meteor hits the moon, causing worldwide tsunamis, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions.

Girl Stolen
by April Henry
(YA*)

When an impulsive carjacking turns into a kidnapping, Griffin, a high school dropout, finds himself more in sympathy with his wealthy, blind victim, sixteen-year-old Cheyenne, than with his greedy father.

Catch a Falling Star
by Kim Culbertson
(YA**)

Carter Moon is expecting to spend a quiet summer working in her parents' restaurant and hanging out with her best friends Alien Drake and Chloe--but when a Hollywood company arrives to film a movie, her sleepy California town is suddenly transformed, and Carter finds herself playing an unexpected part in it all.

Asylum (series)
by Madeleine Roux
(YA)

Three teens at a summer program for gifted students uncover shocking secrets in the sanatorium-turned-dorm where they're staying--secrets that link them all to the asylum's dark past.

The Novice (series)
by Taran Matharu
(YA*)

When blacksmith apprentice Fletcher discovers that he has the ability to summon demons from another world, he travels to Adept Military Academy where must decide where his loyalties lie. The fate of an empire is in his hands.

The Selection (series)
by Kiera Cass
(YA**)

Sixteen-year-old America Singer is living in a caste-divided nation, which formed after the war that destroyed the United States. America is chosen to compete in the Selection--a contest to see which girl can win the heart of the nation's prince--but all she really wants is a chance for a future with her secret love, Aspen, who is a caste below her.

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The Recruit (Cherub series)
by Robert Muchamore
(YA)

CHERUB agents are all seventeen and under. They wear skate tees and hemp, and look like regular kids. But they're not. They are trained professionals who are sent out on missions to spy on terrorists and international drug dealers. CHERUB agents hack into computers, bug entire houses, and download crucial documents. It is a highly dangerous job. For their safety, these agents DO NOT EXIST.

A Taste For Monsters
by Matthew J. Kirby
(YA*)

In 1888 seventeen-year-old Evelyn Fallow, herself disfigured by the phosphorus in the match factory where she worked, has been hired as a maid to Joseph Merrick, the Elephant Man--but when the Jack the Ripper murders begin, she and Merrick find themselves haunted by the ghosts of the slain women, and Evelyn is caught up in the mystery of Jack's identity.

Along for the Ride
by Sarah Dessen
(YA**)

When Auden impulsively goes to stay with her father, stepmother, and new baby sister the summer before she starts college, all the trauma of her parents' divorce is revived, even as she is making new friends and having new experiences such as learning to ride a bike and dating.

Orbiting Jupiter
by Gary D. Schmidt
(YA)

Jack, 12, tells the gripping story of Joseph, 14, who joins his family as a foster child. Damaged in prison, Joseph wants nothing more than to find his baby daughter, Jupiter, whom he has never seen. When Joseph has begun to believe he'll have a future, he is confronted by demons from his past that force a tragic sacrifice.

I am Number Four (series)
by Pittacus Lore
(YA*)

In rural Ohio, friendships and a beautiful girl prove distracting to a fifteen-year-old who has hidden on Earth for ten years waiting to develop the Legacies, or powers, he will need to rejoin the other six surviving Garde members and fight the Mogadorians who destroyed their planet, Lorien.

The Smell of Other People's Houses
by Jay Asher
(YA**)

Growing up in Alaska in the 1970s isn't like growing up anywhere else: Don't think life is going to be easy. Know your place. And never talk about yourself. Four vivid voices tell intertwining stories of hardship, tragedy, wild luck, and salvation.

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See You At Harry's
by Jo Knowles
(YA)

Twelve-year-old Fern feels invisible in her family, where grumpy eighteen-year-old Sarah is working at the family restaurant, fourteen-year-old Holden is struggling with school bullies and his emerging homosexuality, and adorable, three-year-old Charlie is always the center of attention. When tragedy strikes, the fragile bond holding the family together is stretched to the breaking point.

The Testing (series)
by Joelle Charbonneau
(YA*)

Sixteen-year-old Malencia (Cia) Vale is chosen to participate in The Testing to attend the University; however, Cia is fearful when she figures out her friends who do not pass The Testing are disappearing.

Wildcard
by Marie Lu
(YA**)

Teenage hacker Erika Chen embarks on a mission to unravel a sinister plot and is forced to join forces with a shadowy organization known as the Blackcoats.

Impostors
by Scott Westerfeld
(YA)

In a world that is rapidly descending into chaos, Frey and Rafi are twin sisters, but few people know of Frey's existence, because she has been raised to be her sister's body double and lethal bodyguard, while Rafi has been raised to further the family's political power—but when their father sends Frey in her sister's place as collateral in a tricky deal, Col, the son of a rival leader, gets close enough to begin to suspect something, and Frey must decide whether to deal with him violently or finally assume her own identity.

Love, Life, and the List
by Kasie West
(YA*)

Aspiring artist Abby decides that in order to give her art "more heart" she will complete a list of tasks over the summer, ranging from facing a fear to falling in love, but she soon finds the list more difficult than she imagined.

Anything but Okay
by Sarah Darer Littman
(YA**)

Life has suddenly turned chaotic for high school student Stella since her brother, Rob, got home from his second tour of duty in Afghanistan: her school is on edge with ethnic tensions and her brother seems to be suffering from post-traumatic stress but will not talk about it. But when Rob's anger finally spirals out of control, Stella realizes she has to find the courage to take a stand against the forces of hate in her hometown.

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