

# TDMS Summer Reading List for RISING 6th, 7th, & 8th Graders

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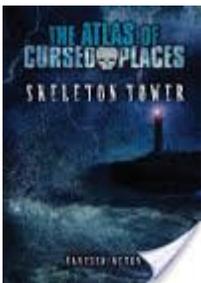
## 6th Grade e-book Suggestions (available on Tipton's Library Webpage)

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### Fiction



**Hair Today, Gone Tomorrow** by **Lea Taddonio** - After their parents' divorce, Cooper and Cruz Garcia arrive at Camp Nowhere. The place wasn't quite so rustic in the brochure. And their counselor is annoying. But things get even worse when they learn several campers disappeared last summer. Then they find a weird swatch of hair way up in a tree!



**Skeleton Tower** by **Vanessa Acton**  
A high school student and her friends are already having a rough day--and then the earthquake hits. Suddenly, working through their personal issues doesn't seem like such a big deal compared to struggling to stay alive, not to mention finding a friend who's gone missing in the aftermath.



**Black Blizzard** by **Kristin Johnson**  
A team's school bus breaks down in the middle of the desert after a disappointing loss at the State Championships, and a gathering dust storm threatens to turn their bus into a death trap. It will take some quick thinking to get through this!

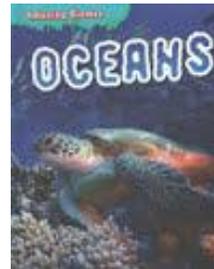


**The Franchise** by **Patrick Jones**  
Latrell Baker's scientific approach to football, watching football, has finally paid off. Harmon Holt heard about the algorithm he developed for determining the best defensive play, and now Latrell has landed himself an internship with the NFL's LA Stars. But he'll soon discover that working in pro football involves more politics and secrets than science.

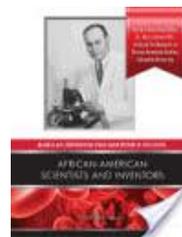
### Non-Fiction



**The American Identity** by **Jill Sherman** - The American flag, the Statue of Liberty, and US popular culture are all world-famous symbols of the United States. In *The American Identity*, readers will learn about the history and meaning behind these and other parts of the United States' unique cultural identity.



**Oceans** by **Leon Gray**  
Describes the oceans of the world and the features and wildlife that make them unique.



**African American Scientists and Inventors** by **Tish Davidson**  
Major Black contributions from emancipation to civil rights. Describes accomplishments of African American scientists and inventors and their determination to succeed.



**Constitutional Rights** by **Jill Sherman** - Freedom of speech, freedom of religion, and freedom of the press are three of the core American values outlined in the Constitution. *Constitutional Rights* explains these and other rights contained in one of America's key founding documents.

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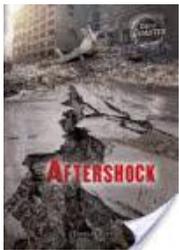
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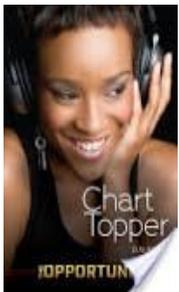
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## Fiction



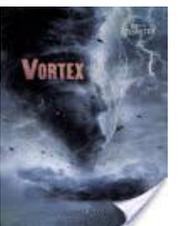
### **Aftershock by Vanessa Acton**

A high school student and her friends are already having a rough day--and then the earthquake hits. Suddenly, working through their personal issues doesn't seem like such a big deal compared to struggling to stay alive, not to mention finding a friend who's gone missing in the aftermath.



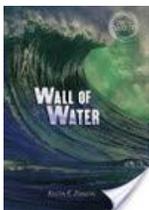
### **Chart Topper by D.M. Paige**

Beth didn't think that the song she posted on YouTube would be noticed by more than a few classmates at Clinton High, but she was wrong, Harmon Holt noticed, and now she's an intern at his Bonified Records company, a label with a reputation for megahits. Can she help the label's number one star find her voice, even if that voice isn't what the executives want?



### **Vortex by Vanessa Acton**

Blair and her brothers are driving home from a disastrous road trip when suddenly a tornado hits. Blair must take charge and get her family out of danger, but the storm isn't letting up. Will Blair be able to get her injured and scared brothers to safety, before the next twister hits?



### **Wall of Water by Kristin Johnson**

After a devastating earthquake, a teen and her family are threatened by yet another disaster, a tsunami is closing in on them. Their life in paradise is shaken as they try to survive.

## Non-Fiction



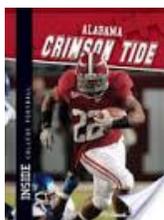
### **The 12 Biggest Breakthroughs in Medicine by M. M. Eboch**

Introduces 12 of the most influential moments in the development of medicine. Amazing facts are included, along with information about key players and the science behind each breakthrough.



### **Modern Political Parties by Lydia Bjornlund**

Parties are the dominating forces behind politics and government in the United States today. *Modern Political Parties* examines the two major political parties and several smaller ones.



### **Alabama Crimson Tide by Jeff Seidel**

Much like pageantry of a holiday bowl game, *Alabama Crimson Tide* washes over the reader with colorful storytelling and fact-filled text.



### **Auburn Tigers by Bryan Howell**

Much like a safety blitz, *Auburn Tigers* readies and pounces the reader with colorful, fact-filled storytelling.

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#### **S.O.S. by J. Fallenstein**

A teenaged boy who has trouble sleeping loves to read in bed, but things take an unexpected turn when weird lights begin to flash S.O.S. through his window.



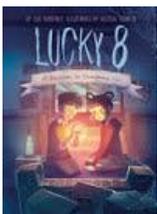
#### **Truth or Dare by K. R. Coleman**

Recent graduates of Middleton High test their bravery in the woods where legend says a girl was kidnapped by the Midnight Man, so when one of their friends does not return, they become increasingly scared.



#### **The Witching Hour by J. Fallenstein**

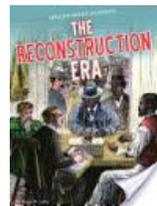
He seemed almost perfect. But when a girl finds out about the sinister ritual her crush plans to perform at the local cemetery, she has only hours to stop him.



#### **Welcome to Deadwood Hill by Lea**

**Taddonio** - Makayla and Liam Park have just moved into Deadwood Hill. While the house is new to them, a witch lived on that exact spot centuries ago. Liam discovers a Magic 8 Ball in the attic that knows things it shouldn't. Is it helpful or haunted? Cannot predict now!

### Non-Fiction



#### **The Reconstruction Era by Susan M.**

**Latta** - Learn why the Reconstruction was such a significant chapter in the history of civil rights in the United States, and the great effort it took to transform the south and free the slaves.



#### **Voting and Elections by Kate Conley**

Fair and free elections are one of the keys to a strong democracy. *Voting and Elections* introduces readers to political campaigns, voting rights, and election-day processes.



#### **Weather Myths, Busted! By Carol Hand**

Exposes 12 of the most enduring myths about weather.



#### **You Tube: The Company and Its Founders by Rebecca Rowell**

Examines the lives of Steve Chen, Chad Hurley, and Jawed Karim, their backgrounds and educations, their early careers, and their work building YouTube.

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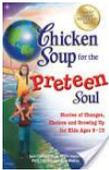
**Visit the local public library and look for these middle school favorites:**

## 6th Grade Fiction/Non Fiction



### **Wonder by R. J. Palacio**

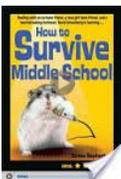
August (Auggie) Pullman was born with a facial deformity that prevented him from going to a mainstream school--until now. He's about to start 5th grade at Beecher Prep, and if you've ever been the new kid then you know how hard that can be. The thing is Auggie's just an ordinary kid, with an extraordinary face. But can he convince his new classmates that he's just like them, despite appearances?



### **Chicken Soup for the Preteen Soul by Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen**

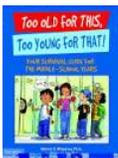
Written by and for preteens, this uplifting collection of stories touches on the emotions and situations they experience every day: making and losing friends, fitting in while keeping their personal identity, discovering the opposite sex, etc.

## 7th Grade Fiction/Non-Fiction



### **How to Survive Middle School by Donna Gephart**

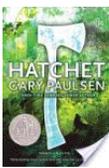
When thirteen-year-old David Greenberg's best friend makes the start of middle school even worse than he feared it could be, David becomes friends with Penny, who shares his love of television shows and posts one of their skits on YouTube, making them wildly popular - online, at least.



### **Too Old for This, Too Young for That! Your Survival Guide for Middle School Years by Harriet S. Mosatche, Karen Unger**

Interactive, inviting, and fun, this book can ease common concerns and help tweens on the middle school roller coaster to enjoy the ride.

## 8th Grade Fiction/Non-Fiction



### **Hatchet by Gary Paulsen**

Headed for Canada to visit his father for the first time since his parents' divorce, thirteen-year-old Brian is the sole survivor of a plane crash, with only the clothes he has on and a hatchet to help him live in the wilderness.



### **Immigrant Kids by Russell Freedman**

Offers a glimpse into the poor immigrant children who filled the streets of large American cities, playing, working odd jobs, and attending school.