

Springfield Public Schools
6th Grade Summer Reading List
2019

Clarion, Karen English It All Comes Down to This (fiction)

In Los Angeles during the summer of 1965, Sophie, an uppermiddle-class African American girl, learns some hard truths about her family, about friendship, and about racism.

Carbone, Elisa Stealing Freedom (fiction)

This story is based on the true experiences of a young slave girl from Maryland who endures all kinds of mistreatment and cruelty, including being separated from her family, but who eventually escapes to freedom in Canada.

Choldenko, Gennifer Al Capone Does My Shirts (fiction)

Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935 when guards' families were housed there, and has to contend with his extraordinary new environment in addition to life with his autistic sister.

Creech, Sharon Heartbeat (fiction)

Twelve-year-old Annie ponders the many rhythms of life the year that her mother becomes pregnant, her grandfather begins faltering, and her best friend (and running partner) becomes distant.

Hiassen, Carl Flush (fiction)

With their father jailed for sinking a river boat, Noah Underwood and his younger sister, Abbey, must gather evidence that the owner of this floating casino is emptying his bilge tanks into the protected waters around their Florida Keys home.

Kinney, Jeff The Wimpy Kid Movie Diary: How Greg Heffley Went Hollywood (nonfiction)

Jeff Kinney offers a behind-the-scenes look at the making of the "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" movie, with photographs, script pages, storyboard sketches, costume designs, and original art offering an inside look at the film adaptation.

Korman, Gordon The Sixth Grade Nickname Game (fiction)

Eleven-year-old best friends Jeff and Wiley, who like to give nicknames to their classmates, try to find the right one for the new girl Cassandra, while adjusting to the football coach who has become their new teacher.

Lord, Cynthia Rules (fiction)

Frustrated at life with an autistic brother, twelve-year-old Catherine longs for a normal existence but her world is further complicated by a friendship with a young paraplegic.

MacHale, D.J. The Merchant of Death (Pendragon) (fiction)

Bobby Pendragon is a seemingly normal fourteen-year-old boy. He has a family, a home, and even Marley, his beloved dog. But there is something very special about Bobby. He is going to save the world.

Riordan, Rick The Maze of Bones (fiction)

Amy and Dan, members of the powerful Cahill family, try to uncover the thirty-nine clues which will reveal the secrets of their lineage and find out what really happened to their parents. 3

Sachar, Louis Small Steps (fiction)

Sequel to Holes. Three years after being released from Camp Green Lake, Armpit is trying hard to keep his life on track; but when his old pal X-Ray shows up with a tempting plan to make some easy money scalping concert tickets.

Smith, Jeff Bone Volume 1: Out from Boneville (graphic novel)

The Bone adventures tell the story of a young bone boy, Fone Bone, and his two cousins, who are banned from their homeland of Boneville. When the cousins find themselves mysteriously trapped in a wonderful but often terrifying land filled with secrets and danger, they are soon caught up in adventures beyond their wildest dreams.

Smith, Roland Peak (fiction)

This is an adventure story about Peak Marcello, who is arrested for scaling a New York City skyscraper and goes to live with his father in Thailand rather than go to a juvenile detention center. His father runs a climbing company and wants Peak to climb Mt. Everest.

Spinelli, Jerry Eggs (fiction)

Mourning the loss of his mother, nine-year-old David forms an unlikely friendship with independent, quirky thirteen-year-old Primrose, as the two help each other deal with what is missing in their lives.

Stone, Tanya Lee Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream (nonfiction)

Here is the tale of thirteen women who proved not only that they were as tough as any man but also that they were brave enough to challenge the government. Their inspiring example empowered young women to take their rightful place in the sky, piloting jets and commanding space capsules. This is the story of thirteen true pioneers of the space age.

Tolan, Stephanie Surviving the Applewhites (fiction)

Jake, a budding juvenile delinquent, is sent for home schooling to the eccentric Applewhite's family Creative Academy, where he discovers talents and interests he never knew he had.

Van Draanen, Wendelin Flipped (fiction)

In alternating chapters, two teenagers describe how their feelings about themselves, each other, and their families have changed over the years.

Weeks, Sarah So B. It (fiction)

Heidi's life with her mentally disabled mother and their doting neighbor, Bernadette, is happy, but filled with questions. Where did she and Mama come from before Bernadette found them living in the apartment next door? And what does Mama mean when she says "soof?" Heidi feels drawn to find answers to these questions.