

Grade 8 Approved Novels for Wicomico County Middle Schools

Note: Teachers may select novels from previous grades but may not pick books from future grade levels			Availability varies by school
Book Title	Author	Lexile**	Text Type
<i>Adventures of Tom Sawyer</i>	Mark Twain	950	Fiction
<i>Amos Fortune: Free Man</i>	Elizabeth Yates	1090	Nonfiction
<i>Artemis Fowl</i>	Eion Colfer	600	Science Fiction
<i>Ashes of Roses</i>	Mary Jane Auch	730	Historical Fiction
<i>Behind Barbed Wire</i>	Daniel S. Davis	not available	Nonfiction
<i>Behind Rebel Lines</i>	Emma Edmonds	830	Nonfiction
<i>Black Hands, White Sails</i>	Patricia C. and Fredrick L. McKissack	1130	Nonfiction
<i>Black Heroes of the American Revolution</i>	Burke Davis	1330	Nonfiction
<i>Black Pioneers of Science and Invention</i>	Louis Haber	1230	Nonfiction
<i>Boy's War, The</i>	Jim Murphy	1060	Nonfiction
<i>Buried in Ice: The Mystery of the Lost Arctic Expedition</i>	Owen Beattie and John Geiger	1010	Biography
<i>Call Me Maria</i>	Judith Ortiz Cofer	970	Fiction
<i>Canto Familiar</i>	Gary Soto	not available	Poetry
<i>Captain's Dog: My Journey with the Lewis and Clark Tribe, The</i>	Roland Smith	890	Nonfiction
<i>Captive</i>	Joyce Hensen	810	Historical fiction
<i>Catherine Called Birdy</i>	Karen Cushman	1090	Historical Fiction
<i>Clay Marble, The</i>	Minfong Ho	860	Fiction
<i>Code Talker</i>	Joseph Bruchac	910	Historical Fiction
<i>Count of Monte Cristo* (For ADV only)</i>	Alexandre Dumas	930	Historical Fiction
<i>Dead and The Gone, The</i>	Susan Beth Pfeffer	680	Science Fiction
<i>Diary of a Young Girl</i>	Anne Frank	1080	Nonfiction
<i>Elephant Run</i>	Roland Smith	750	Historical fiction
<i>Esperanza Rising</i>	Pam Munoz Ryan	750	Historical Fiction
<i>Evangeline</i>	William Wadsworth Longfellow	not available	Poetry
<i>Every Soul A Star</i>	Wendy Mass	740	Realistic Fiction
<i>Eyes of a Emperor</i>	Graham Salisbury	630	Historical Fiction
<i>Flight of Red Bird: The Life of Zitkala-Sa, The</i>	Doreen Rappaport	960	Nonfiction
<i>Forensics</i>	Richard Platt	1100	Nonfiction
<i>Friends, The</i>	Rosa Guy	not available	Fiction
<i>Ghost of the Tokaido Inn</i>	Dorothy Hoobler	740	Historical Fiction
<i>Girl in a Cage</i>	Jane Yolen and Robert J. Harris	690	Historical Fiction
<i>Girl, Stolen</i>	April Henry	700	Realistic Fiction
<i>Glory Field, The</i>	Walter Dean Myers	800	Fiction

Goodbye, Vietnam	Gloria Whelan	810	Fiction
Great and Glorious Game, A	A. Bartlett Giamatti	not available	Nonfiction
Guinea Pig Scientists: Bold Self-Experimenters in Science and Medicine	Mel Boring and Leslie Dendy	1100	Nonfiction
Harlem Renaissance, The	Veronica Chambers	not available	Nonfiction
Heir Apparent	Vivian Vande Velde	820	Science Fiction
Hiroshima	John Hersey	1190	Nonfiction
Hitler Youth: Growing Up in Hitler's Shadow	Susan Campbell	1050	Nonfiction
Homeless Bird	Gloria Whelan	800	Realistic Fiction
I Am David	Abbe Holm	910	Nonfiction
I Beat the Odds from Homelessness to the Blind Side and Beyond	Michael Oher	1130	Autobiography/ Memoir
Ice Drift	Theodore Taylor	890	Fiction
Immigrant Kids	Russell Freedman	1050	Nonfiction
In the Eyes of the Cat	Demi	not available	Poetry
Island of Hope: The Story of Ellis Island and the Journey to America	Martin Sandler	not available	Nonfiction
Itch	Simon Mayo	810	Science Fiction
Johnny Tremain	Esther Forbes	840	Historical Fiction
Journey Home	Yoshiko Uchida	890	Fiction
Juvie Three	Gordon Korman	730	Realistic Fiction
Kim	Rudyard Kipling	940	Fiction
King of Shadows	Susan Cooper	910	Science Fiction
Kit's Wilderness	David Almond	470	Fiction
Life as We Knew It	Susan Beth Pfeffer	770	Science Fiction
Lives of the Musicians	Kathleen Krull	1010	Nonfiction
Lyddie	Katherine Paterson	860	Historical Fiction
Martian, The	Andy Weir	680	Science Fiction
Masters of Horror and Suspense	Saki, Guy de Maupassant, Edgar Allen Poe	not available	Suspense
Maze, The	Will Hobbs	720	Fiction
Midnight Magic	Avi	660	Mystery
Midwife's Apprentice	Karen Cushman	1150	Historical Fiction
Miracle Worker	William Gibson	1080	Fiction
My Antonia	Willa Cather	1010	Fiction
My Brother Sam is Dead	James Lincoln Collier, Christopher Collier	770	Historical fiction
No More Dead Dogs	Gordan Korman	610	Fiction
North by Night: A Story of the Underground Railroad	Katherine Ayres	750	Fiction
Numbering All the Bones	Ann Rinaldi	670	Historical fiction
Other Wes Moore, The	Wes Moore	990	Memoir

<i>Out of the Dust</i>	Karen Hesse	930	Historical Fiction
<i>Parallel Journeys</i>	Eleanor H. Ayer	1050	Biography
<i>Parvana's Journey</i>	Deborah Ellis	700	Historical Fiction
<i>Peak</i>	Roland Smith	760	Realistic Fiction
<i>Prisoner B-3087</i>	Alan Gratz	760	Historical Fiction
<i>Projekt 1065</i>	Alan Gratz	780	Historical Fiction
<i>Red Badge of Courage</i>	Stephen Crane	900	Historical Fiction
<i>Red Kayak</i>	Priscilla Cummings	800	Realistic Fiction
<i>Rescue: The Story of How Gentiles Saved Jews in the Holocaust</i>	Milton Meltzer	1020	Nonfiction
<i>Rewind</i>	William Sleator	620	Fiction
<i>Rifles for Watie</i>	Harold Keith	910	Historical Fiction
<i>River Rats</i>	Caroline Stevermer	690	Fiction
<i>Sacajawea</i>	Joseph Bruchac	840	Nonfiction
<i>Same Sky: A Collection of Poems from Around the World, The</i>	Naomi Shihab Nye	not available	Poetry
<i>Samurai</i>	Caroline Leavitt	780	Nonfiction
<i>Savion: My Life in Tap</i>	Savion Glover and Bruce Werea	1010	Nonfiction
<i>Scat</i>	Carl Hiaasen	810	Realistic Fiction
<i>Seedfolks</i>	Paul Fleischman	710	Realistic Fiction
<i>Skin I'm In, The</i>	Sharon Flake	670	Realistic Fiction
<i>Solitary Blue</i>	Cynthia Voigt	770	Fiction
<i>Son</i>	Lois Lowry	720	Science Fiction
<i>Stargirl</i>	Jerry Spinelli	590	Realistic Fiction
<i>Strays Like Us</i>	Richard Peck	650	Fiction
<i>Summer of My German Soldier</i>	Bette Greene	800	Historical Fiction
<i>Super Human</i>	Michael Carroll	690	Science Fiction
<i>There Comes a Time: The Struggle for Civil Rights</i>	Milton Meltzer	1090	Nonfiction
<i>To Be a Slave</i>	Julius Lester	1040	Nonfiction
<i>Travels with Charley</i>	John Steinbeck	1010	Nonfiction
<i>Tunes for Bears to Dance To</i>	Robert Cormier	840	Fiction
<i>Uglies</i>	Scott Westerfield	770	Science Fiction
<i>Upstairs Room and The Journey Back, The</i>	Johanna Reiss	380	Nonfiction
<i>Walk Two Moons</i>	Sharon Creech	770	Realistic Fiction
<i>Where the Lilies Bloom</i>	Vera and Bill Cleaver	920	Fiction
<i>Witness</i>	Karen Hesse	not available	Historical Fiction
<i>Wizards of the Game</i>	David Lubar	800	Fiction
<i>Woodsong</i>	Gary Paulsen	1030	Autobiography
<i>You Come Too</i>	Robert Frost	not available	Poetry

Z for Zachariah	Robert O'Brien	820	Science Fiction
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COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS - EXEMPLAR TEXTS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL			
Book Title	Author	Lexile	Text Type
<i>Black Ships Before Troy: The Story of the Iliad</i>	Sutcliff, Rosemary	1240	Fiction
<i>Dark is Rising, The</i>	Cooper, Susan	920	Fiction
<i>Dragonwings</i>	Yep, Lawrence	870	Fiction
<i>Harriet Tubman: Conductor on the Underground Railroad</i>	Petry, Ann	1000	Informational
<i>Little Women</i>	Alcott, Louisa May	790	Fiction
<i>Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass an American Slave, Written by Himself</i>	Douglass, Frederick	1040	Informational
<i>People Could Fly, The</i>	Hamilton, Virginia	669	Fiction
<i>Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry</i>	Taylor, Mildred	920	Fiction
<i>Sorry, Wrong Number</i>	Fletcher, Louise	not available	Drama
<i>Tale of the Mandarin Ducks, The</i>	Patterson, Katherine	930	Fiction

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