7th Grade Summer Reading 2018
Choose two of these awesome books to read over the summer!

_The Only Road_ by Alexandra Diaz (Fiction)

Everyone in Jaime’s small town in Guatemala knows someone who has been killed by the Alphas, a powerful gang that’s known for violence and drug trafficking. Anyone who refuses to work for them is hurt or killed—like Jaime’s cousin and best friend Miguel. With Miguel gone, Jaime fears that he is next. There’s only one choice: accompanied by his cousin Ángela, Jaime must flee his home to live with his older brother in New Mexico.

_Unbroken (Young Adult Adaptation)_ by Laura Hillenbrand (Nonfiction)

A biography of Olympic runner and World War II bombardier, Louis Zamperini, who had been rambunctious in childhood before succeeding in track and eventually serving in the military, which led to a trial in which he was forced to find a way to survive in the open ocean after being shot down.

_Found: The Missing Series_ by Margaret Peterson Haddix (Fiction)

When 13-year-olds Jonah and Chip, who are both adopted, learn they were discovered on a plane that appeared out of nowhere, full of babies with no adults on board, they realize that they have uncovered a mystery involving time travel and two opposing forces, each trying to repair the fabric of time.

_Roller Girl_ by Victoria Jamieson (Graphic Novel)

When Astrid signs up for roller derby camp, her best friend Nicole decides to go to dance camp instead. Over the summer, Astrid struggles to keep up with the older girls at camp, hang on to the friend she feels slipping away, and cautiously embark on a new friendship. As the end of summer nears and her first roller derby bout draws closer, Astrid realizes that maybe she is strong enough to handle the bout, a lost friendship, and middle school.

_Dogs of War_ by Sheila Keenan & Nathan Fox (Graphic Novel)

Inspired by the real-life roles of military dogs that served as Red Cross rescuers, messengers, scouts, search-and-rescue teams, sentries, and mascots, this graphic novel tells the stories of the canine military heroes of World War I, World War II, and the Vietnam War. This collection of three fictional stories was inspired by historic battles and real military practice, and tells of the remarkable adventures of a soldier and his service dog.
**Turning 15 On The Road to Freedom by Lynda Blackmon Lowery**  
(Nonfiction)

As the youngest marcher in the 1965 voting rights march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, Lynda Blackmon Lowery proved that young adults can be heroes. Jailed nine times before her fifteenth birthday, Lowery fought alongside Martin Luther King, Jr. for the rights of African-Americans. In this memoir, she shows today's young readers what it means to fight nonviolently (even when the police are using violence, as in the Bloody Sunday protest) and how it felt to be part of changing American history.

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**Ghost by Jason Reynolds**  
(Fiction)

Running. That's all that Ghost (real name Castle Cranshaw) has ever known. But never for a track team. Nope, his game has always been ball. But when Ghost impulsively challenges an elite sprinter to a race -- and wins -- the Olympic medalist track coach sees he has something: crazy natural talent. Thing is, Ghost has something else: a lot of anger, and a past that he is trying to outrun. Can Ghost harness his raw talent for speed and meld with the team, or will his past finally catch up to him?

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(Nonfiction)

Explores the previously uncelebrated but pivotal contributions of NASA's African-American women mathematicians to America's space program, describing how Jim Crow laws segregated them from their white counterparts despite their groundbreaking successes.

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**Racing in the Rain: My Life as a Dog by Garth Stein**  
(Fiction)

Enzo knows he is different from other dogs: most dogs love to chase cars, but Enzo longs to race them. He learns about racing and the world around him by watching TV and by listening to the words of his best friend, Denny, a race car driver, and his daughter, Zoë, his constant companion. Enzo finds that life is just like being on the racetrack—it isn't simply about going fast. And, applying the rules of racing to his world, Enzo takes on his family's challenges and emerges a hero.

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**How I Became a Ghost by Tim Tingle**  
(Fiction)

Isaac is a Choctaw boy who does not survive the Trail of Tears. Isaac leads a remarkable foursome of Choctaw comrades: a tough-minded teenage girl, a shape-shifting panther boy, a lovable five-year-old ghost who only wants her mom and dad to be happy, and Isaac's talking dog, Jumper. *How I Became A Ghost* is a tale of innocence and resilience in the face of tragedy.