

Torrance Unified School District Middle School Summer Reading List

Incoming 8th Grade Reading List

- *Steve Jobs: The Man Who Thought Different* by Karen Blumenthal (non-fiction)
- *Chains* by Laurie Halse Anderson (historical thriller)
- *Forge* by Laurie Halse Anderson (historical thriller)
- *Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card (science fiction)
- *Breaking Stalin's Nose* by Eugene Yelchin (fiction)
- *The Prophecy Keepers* by Melanie Bryant (fantasy)
- *Phantoms In the Snow* by Kathleen Duple (historical fiction)
- *Cinder: Book One of the Lunar Chronicles* by Marissa Meyer
- *Weedflower* by Cynthia Kadohata (historical fiction)
- *Lincoln's Grave Robbers* by Steve Sheinkin (historical thriller)
- *The Voice That Challenged a Nation: Marian Anderson and The Struggle for Equal Rights* by Russell Freedman (non-fiction)
- *So B. It* by Sarah Weeks (realistic fiction)
- *The Black Pearl* by Scott O'Dell (historical fiction)
- *Son* by Lois Lowry (companion to *The Giver*, *Gathering Blue*, *Messenger*)
- *The Great Wide Sea* by M. H. Herlong
- **Books of you choice!**



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