

The Wednesday Wars by Gary Schmidt  
JF SCHMID G

During the 1967 school year, on Wednesday afternoons when all his classmates go to either Catechism or Hebrew school, seventh-grader Holling Hoodhood stays in Mrs. Baker's classroom where they read the plays of William Shakespeare and Holling learns much of value about the world he lives in.

Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie by Jordan Sonnenblick  
YA FIC SONNEN B

When his younger brother is diagnosed with leukemia, thirteen-year-old Steven tries to deal with his complicated emotions, his school life, and his desire to support his family.

The Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth George Speare  
JF SPEARE E

Kit Tyler must leave behind shimmering Caribbean islands to join the stern Puritan community of her relatives. She soon feels caged, until she meets the old woman known as the Witch of Blackbird Pond. But when their friendship is discovered, Kit herself is accused of witchcraft.

Fallout by Todd Strasser  
JF STRASS T

When an unthinkable nuclear attack occurs in an alternate-reality 1962, Scott is forced into his father's bomb shelter with his family and neighbors, where they rapidly consume limited supplies and fear the worst about the fate of the world outside.

Drama by Raina Telgemeir  
GN JF TELGEM R

Callie rides an emotional roller coaster while serving on the stage crew for a middle school production of Moon over Mississippi as various relationships start and end, and others never quite get going.

The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien  
YA FIC TOLKIE J

Bilbo Baggins, a respectable, well-to-do hobbit, lives comfortably in his hobbit-hole until the day the wandering wizard Gandalf chooses him to take part in an adventure from which he may never return.

Well, That Was Awkward by Rachel Vail  
JF VAIL R

There are unexpected consequences when thirteen-year-old Gracie sends texts pretending to be her bashful best friend Sienna, and their friend Emmett starts texting back pretending to be shy.

Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson  
JB WOODSO JACQUE WOODSO

The author shares her childhood memories and reveals the first sparks that ignited her writing career in free-verse poems about growing up in the North and South.



*More than books*

595 Granite Run Dr.  
Lancaster, PA 17601  
717-560-6441  
[www.mtpl.info](http://www.mtpl.info)

## RECOMMENDED READS FOR SEVENTH GRADE



Booked by Kwame Alexander  
JF ALEXAN K

Nick loves soccer and hates books, but soon learns the power of words as he wrestles with problems at home, stands up to a bully, and tries to impress the girl of his dreams.

Chains by Laurie Halse Anderson  
YA FIC ANDERS L

After being sold to a cruel couple in New York City, a slave named Isabel spies for the rebels during the Revolutionary War.

Fever, 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson  
JF ANDERS L

In 1793 Philadelphia, sixteen-year-old Matilda Cook, separated from her sick mother, learns about perseverance and self-reliance when she is forced to cope with the horrors of a yellow fever epidemic.

Doll Bones by Holly Black  
JF BLACK H

Zach, Alice, and Poppy, friends who have long enjoyed acting out imaginary adventures with dolls and action figures, embark on a real-life quest to Ohio to bury a doll made from the ashes of a dead girl.

Shackles from the Deep by Michael Cottman  
J 382.4 409 COT

Introduces readers to the wonders of diving, detective work, and discovery, while shedding light on the history of slavery.

The Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion, & the Fall of Imperial Russia by Candace Fleming  
YA 947.083 FLE

The story of the dramatic decline and fall of the House of Romanov, the last imperial family of Russia.

Refugee by Alan Gratz  
JF GRATZ A

Although separated by continents and decades, three children embark on harrowing journeys in search of refuge, discovering shocking connections that tie their stories together.

When Friendship Followed Me Home by Paul Griffin  
JF GRIFFI P

Seventh-grader Ben, always an outsider, is led into a deep friendship with Halley, who is being treated for cancer, by the special dog he and his adoptive mother take in.

Redwood & Ponytail by K.A. Holt  
JF HOLT K

Told in verse in two voices, with a chorus of fellow students, this is a story of two girls, opposites in many ways, who are drawn to each other.

One for the Murphys by Linda Mullaly Hunt  
JF HUNT L

After heartbreaking betrayal, Carley is sent to live with a foster family and struggles with opening herself up to their love.

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind by William Kamkwamba & Bryan Mealer  
J 621.3121092 KAM

The author describes the drought that struck his tiny village in Malawi, his subsequent interest in science, and his idea to build a windmill. Made out of scrap metal and old bicycle parts, William's windmill brought electricity to his home and helped his family pump the water they needed to farm the land.

Masterminds by Gordon Korman  
JF KORMAN G

A group of kids discovers they were cloned from the DNA of some of the greatest criminal masterminds in history for a sociological experiment.

The Lions of Little Rock by Kristin Levine  
YA FIC LEVINE K

In 1958 Little Rock, Arkansas, painfully shy Marlee sees her city and family divided over school integration, but her friendship with Liz, a new student, helps her find her voice and fight against racism.

Queen of the Sea by Dylan Meconis  
GN JF MECONI D

When her sister seizes the throne, Queen Eleanor of Albion is banished to a tiny island off the coast of her kingdom, where the nuns of the convent spend their days peacefully praying, sewing, and gardening. But the island is also home to Margaret, a mysterious young orphan girl whose life is upturned when the cold, regal stranger arrives.

The False Prince by Jennifer Nielsen  
JF NIELSE J

In the country of Carthya, a devious nobleman engages four orphans in a brutal competition to be selected to impersonate the king's long-missing son in an effort to avoid a civil war.

Jacob Have I Loved by Katherine Paterson  
JF PATERS K

Feeling deprived all her life of schooling, friends, mother, and even her name by her twin sister, Louise finally begins to find her identity.

Captain Superlative by J.S. Puller  
JF PULLER J

Janey, a quiet outsider, is inspired by the eccentric and enigmatic Captain Superlative, a masked superhero who runs through the halls of their middle school, performing radical acts of kindness.