

(MORE) EPS MIDDLE SCHOOL FUN SUMMER READING!

If you are looking for more great books
to help occupy your time this summer, your hunt is over!

Eastside Prep students and teachers recommended these books!

Hatchet

By Gary Paulsen

Favorite Part: Hatchet is a great book for young readers. It gets really interesting after a couple chapters in!

Recommended for: 5th

Maximum Ride (the first book in the series)

By James Patterson

Favorite Part: All of it!

Recommended for: 5th

Counting by 7s

By Holly Goldberg Sloan

Favorite Part: The whole book.

Recommended for: 5th

The Girl Who Drank the Moon

By Kelly Barnhill

Favorite Part: When the baby drinks the moon on accident- it's very funny.

Recommended for: 5th-6th

Jinxed

By Amy McCulloch

Favorite Part: When Lacey does her first Baku battle at Profectus Academy.

Recommended for: 5th-6th

Children of Eden

By Joey Graceffa

Favorite Part: The whole thing.

Recommended for: 5th-6th

Wonder

By R. J. Palacio

Favorite Part: How people stick up for Auggie.

Recommended for: 5th-6th

The 13-Story Treehouse

By Andy Griffiths

Favorite Part: All of it!

Recommended for: 5th-6th

The 39 Clues (series)

By Rick Riordan

Favorite Part: Book 10- *Into the Gauntlet*, when Dan finds the serum.

Recommended for: 5th-7th

Keeper of the Lost Cities (series)

By Shannon Messenger

Favorite Part: I like the whole series!

Recommended for: 5th-7th

The Land of Stories: The Wishing Spell

By Chris Colfer

Favorite Part: The climax of the story.

Recommended for: 5th-7th

Ranger's Apprentice (Book 1)

By John Flanagan

Favorite Part: When Tug (the horse) bucks-off Will (the main character), but then they become a very good pair.

Recommended for: 5th-7th

The Book Thief

By Markus Zusak

Favorite Part: When the air raid alarm goes off and everyone rushes into government-approved air raid shelters (someone's basement) and everyone is frightened and nervous. At the time, Liesel (the main character) just learned to read and didn't yet know how to read in her head, so she read out loud and everyone started quietly listening to her read during the air raid.

Recommended for: 6th-7th

Graphic Science

By Darryl Cunningham

Favorite Part: The fun graphics in the book.

Recommended for: 5th-8th

Moo

By Sharon Creech

Favorite Part: When they move to Maine.

Recommended for: 5th-8th

The Outsiders

By S.E. Hinton

Favorite Part: I liked the time frame, how that affected the characters' interactions/speech, and how the book's ending connected to the beginning.

Recommended for: 5th-8th

The Summer I Turned Pretty

By Jenny Han

Favorite Part: When Belly goes to her first Bonfire.

Recommended for: 5th-8th

The Lost Years of Merlin

By T.A. Barron

Favorite Part: I love that this novel is rich with magic.

Recommended for: 5th-8th

The Voyages of Dr. Dolittle

By Hugh Lofting

Favorite Part: All parts of the book!

Recommended for: 5th-8th

Blended

By Sharon M. Draper

Favorite Part: When her family comes together as she is in the hospital. (I also think this is a really good example of a book for the theme of identity).

Recommended for: 5th-8th

Eragon

By Christopher Paolini

Favorite Part: Saphira hatching.

Recommended for: 5th-8th

An Ember in the Ashes

By Sabaa Tahir

Favorite Part: When they escape at the very end.

Recommended for: 5th-8th

Sting

By Jude Watson

Favorite Part: When they steal a gem.

Recommended for: 5th-8th

Sophia's War: A Tale of the Revolution

By Avi

Favorite Part: How they take pieces of detail that could or might not happen and make them seem so real.

Recommended for: 5th-8th

Five Kingdoms

By Brandon Mull

Favorite Part: When Cole meets Mira.

Recommended for: 5th-8th

Summer of the Monkeys

By Wilson Rawls

Favorite Part: When he catches the monkeys by helping them.

Recommended for: 5th-8th

Chess Tactics for Kids

By Murray Chandler

Favorite Part: All the good ideas!

Recommended for: 5th-8th

Radio Silence

By Alice Oseman

Favorite Part: In this book, one of the characters hosts a story podcast and I just think the world that he creates for Universe City (the podcast) is so special. The friendship between the two characters is so nice, and I think the fact that they don't end up together, while still acknowledging that everybody expects that to happen, is also really special. In addition, the discussion of bisexuality is fantastic. It's really hard for me to say more about that without spoiling, but you should definitely read this book.

Recommended for: 6th-8th

I Wish You All the Best

By Mason Deaver

Favorite Part: Wow, there's so much I love about this book! The main character is non-binary and I think my favorite thing about this book was how much it opened my eyes to this unique experience/the struggle of non-binary people. Also, Ben is such a great character, I absolutely love the way that they use art as an outlet, and I love the way we see their relationship with their sister progress as they open-up to her about their identity.

Recommended for: 6th-8th

On a Sunbeam

By Tillie Walden

Favorite Part: EVERYTHING! This is a graphic novel and the ART is just so good, the coloring and the line art are both so, so amazing. I also just love the universe that the author created and the relationships within them.

Recommended for: 6th-8th

The Gravity of Us

By Phil Stamper

Favorite Part: This book is about space, growing up, and reality TV. I think the way that this book pairs them together is really creative and so fitting for the age of social media. As an overview, it's about the second space age and the different players within that. It is so special and has such a fantastic character arc for our protagonist.

Recommended for: 6th-8th

The Inexplicable Logic of My Life

By Benjamin Alire Sáenz

Favorite Part: This genuinely might be my favorite book (this and *Ari and Dante...* are closely contested) and I do not say that lightly. The CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT, the relationships between friends, and also the relationship that the main character has with his father all come together into a phenomenal book. I have no words, just the highest level of recommendation that there is.

Recommended for: 6th-8th

Nyxia

By Scott Reintgen

Favorite Part: When they finally understand how Nyxia works.

Recommended for: 6th-8th

Everything I Never Told You

By Celeste Ng

Favorite Part: I like the end!

Recommended for: 6th-8th

Jurassic Park

By Michael Crichton

Favorite Part: When they all get eaten!

Recommended for: 6th-8th

And Then There Were None

By Agatha Christie

Favorite Part: The ending, since everything is revealed, and the mystery comes to an end.

Recommended for: 6th-8th

Divergent

By Veronica Roth

Favorite Part: All of it is really good!

Recommended for: 6th-8th

Throne of Glass

By Sarah J. Maas

Favorite Part: King.

Recommended for: 6th-8th

The Book of Basketball

By Bill Simmons

Favorite Part: The whole book!

Recommended for: 7th-8th

Digital Fortress

By Dan Brown

Favorite Part: All parts!

Recommended for: 7th-8th

Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe

By Benjamin Alire Sáenz

Favorite Part: Oh my, everything about this book. The writing is poetry, the relationships are so well-developed, and the characters are real and touching.

Recommended for: 7th-8th

I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter

By Erika L. Sánchez

Favorite Part: The character development.

Recommended for: 7th-8th

We Are Okay

By Nina LaCour

Favorite Part: So much about this book is so beautiful. I think the way that it's written with flashbacks and a "now vs. then" narrative is really special.

Recommended for: 7th-8th

The Meaning of Birds

By Jaye Robin Brown

Favorite Part: The way we learn a lot about Vivi's character.

Recommended for: 7th-8th

Juliet Takes A Breath

By Gabby Rivera

Favorite Part: The story arc and character development! I think that this book discusses intersectionality in such an effective way, as well as the way that feminism hasn't always been and isn't always inclusive to women of color.

Recommended for: 7th-8th

I'll Give You the Sun

By Jandy Nelson

Favorite Part: This book- I love everything about it. The alternating perspectives between the two twins is so special, I love the way the author dissects the complexities of their relationship. Furthermore, the jump between the two times, so where one twin is telling a story from age thirteen and the other from age sixteen makes this a really great story to watch unfold. And the CHARACTERS, I just have to express my love for Noah.

Recommended for: 7th-8th

They Both Die at the End

By Adam Silvera

Favorite Part: There is no way I can describe this book that will do it justice. I love the way that it has this almost sci-fi-esque element, but the story doesn't deal with that. It's hard to explain, but it's basically magical realism but with sci-fi. Then at the same time, it's over the course of one day, but the story and the relationships progress so well. I absolutely love this book.

Recommended for: 7th-8th

The Land of Mehula

By Amish Tripathi

Favorite Part: When Shiva realizes he's the savior when he enters the land.

Recommended for: 7th-8th

Congo (the series)

By Michael Crichton

Favorite Part: The detail throughout the first book makes the story seem very real.

Recommended for: 7th-8th

The Starless Sea

By Erin Morgenstern

Favorite Part: I am not too sure what my favorite part of the book was- the whole time it was mysterious and whimsical, and I really enjoyed reading it.

Recommended for: 7th-8th

Refugee

By Alan Gratz

Favorite Part: Just the overall story!

Recommended for: 7th-8th

One of Us is Lying

By Karen M. McManus

Favorite Part: The climax scene when they find out the killer.

Recommended for: 8th

Like a Love Story

By Abid Nazemian

Favorite Part: Oh, this is such a hard question to answer. The characters are fantastic, and the friendships/relationships are so poignant. It takes place during the '80s, and surrounds HIV/AIDS during that time, and just the world that the author portrays is so real and special. This is such a great representation of the queer experience during that time, and also the experience of queer people of color (Reza is Iranian). This book is just such a fantastic story that I haven't really seen much like it in terms of YA LGBTQ+ literature. Honestly, this is one of my favorite books! I highly recommend it. I read it in seventh grade, but it's slightly more mature so I'd say do your research before you read.

Recommended for: 8th

The Miseducation of Cameron Post

By Emily M. Danforth

Favorite Part: There's a cathartic, more bitter than sweet ending which is so fitting for the story and I really appreciate that. I both love and hate this book because it's a fantastic book, but it can be really hard to read because it deals with some really intense issues (conversion "therapy," etc.) but in such important and touching ways.

Recommended for: 8th

The Wisdom of Crowds: Why the Many Are Smarter Than the Few and How Collective Wisdom Shapes Business, Economies, Societies and Nations

By James Surowiecki

Favorite Part: The good insights!

Recommended for: 8th

