

**Hackensack Middle School
Incoming 8th Grade Summer Reading List
2014-2015**

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Title	Author	Description	Genre
<i>Does My Head Look Big In This</i>	Randa Abdel-Fattah	Year Eleven at an exclusive prep school in the suburb of Melbourne, Australia, would be tough enough, but is further complicated for Amal when she decides to wear the hijab, the Muslim head scarf as a badge of her faith--without losing her identity or sense of style.	Fiction / Realistic
<i>I'd Tell You I Love You But Then I'd Have to Kill You</i>	Ally Carter	As a sophomore at a secret spy school and the daughter of a former CIA operative, Cammie is sheltered from "normal teenage life" until she meets a local boy while on a class surveillance mission.	Fiction / Realistic
<i>Life As We Knew It</i>	Susan Beth Pfeffer	Through journal entries sixteen-year-old Miranda describes her family's struggle to survive after a meteor hits the moon, causing worldwide tsunamis, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions.	Fiction / Science Fiction
<i>Legend</i>	Marie Lu	In a dark future, when North America has split into two warring nations, fifteen-year-olds Day, a famous criminal, and prodigy June, the brilliant soldier hired to capture him, discover that they have a common enemy.	Fiction / Science Fiction
<i>Drums, Girls and Dangerous Pie</i>	Jordan Sonnenblick	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.	Fiction / Realistic
<i>The Skin I'm In</i>	Sharon Flake	Thirteen-year-old Maleeka, uncomfortable because her skin is extremely dark, meets a new teacher with a birthmark on her face and makes some discoveries about how to love who she is and what she looks like.	Fiction / Realistic

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<i>TimeRiders</i>	Alex Scarrow	Rescued from imminent death, teens Maddy, Liam, and Sal join forces in 2001 Manhattan to correct changes in history made by other time travelers, using a "time bubble" surrounding the attack on the Twin Towers to hide their journeys.	Fiction / Science Fiction
<i>Lockdown</i>	Walter Dean Myers	Teenage Reese, serving time at a juvenile detention facility, gets a lesson in making it through hard times from an unlikely friend with a harrowing past.	Fiction / Realistic
<i>Lockdown: Escape from Furnace</i>	Alexander Gordon Smith	When fourteen-year-old Alex is framed for murder, he becomes an inmate in the Furnace Penitentiary, where brutal inmates and guards reign, boys who disappear in the middle of the night sometimes return weirdly altered and escape might just be possible.	Fiction / Science Fiction
<i>The Final Four</i>	Paul Volponi	Four players at the Final Four of the NCAA basketball tournament struggle with the pressures of tournament play and the expectations of society at large.	Fiction / Sports
<i>Tankborn</i>	Karen Sandler	Kayla and Mishalla, two genetically engineered non-human slaves (GENs), fall in love with higher-status boys, discover deep secrets about the creation of GENs, and in the process find out what it means to be human.	Fiction / Science Fiction
<i>The Demon King</i>	Cinda Williams Chima	Relates the intertwining fates of former street gang leader Han Alister and headstrong Princess Raisa, as Han takes possession of an amulet that once belonged to an evil wizard and Raisa uncovers a conspiracy in the Grey Wolf Court.	Fiction / Fantasy
<i>Eon</i>	Alison Goodman	Sixteen-year-old Eon hopes to become an apprentice to one of the twelve energy dragons of good fortune	Fiction / Fantasy

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<i>So Hard to Say</i>	Alex Sanchez	Thirteen-year-old Xio, a Mexican American girl, and Frederick, who has just moved to town, quickly become close friends, but when Xio starts thinking of Frederick as her boyfriend, he must confront his feelings of confusion and face the fear that he might be gay.	Fiction / Realistic