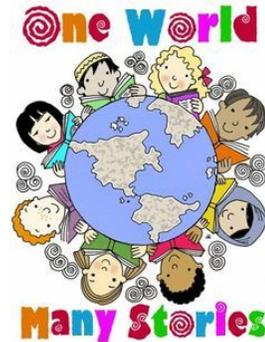


"When I look back, I am so impressed again with the life-giving power of literature. If I were a young person today, **trying to gain a sense of myself in the world**, I would do that again by reading, just as I did when I was young."
~ **Maya Angelou**

"There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all."
~ **Jacqueline Kennedy**

"If you are going to get anywhere in life, you have to read a lot of books."
~ **Roald Dahl**

Galvin Middle School
Summer Reading Program
Fall 2019 "One World, Many Stories"



Dear Families,

Research tells us that the more children read, the better they read, and the more children read *outside* of school, the better they perform *in* school. The Galvin Middle School believes that learning is a year-round endeavor and that summer vacation presents unique opportunities for learning.

For the many reasons that summer reading benefits us, including improved reading skills, an increased desire to read, and improved self esteem, all students are asked to read at least **two books** from their grade level summer reading lists during the summer - **one title from our fiction list, and one title from our nonfiction list.** This year, our whole school is reading books that relate to the theme, "One World, Many Stories."

In addition, students who read **four (4) or more books** will qualify as **advanced summer readers** and participate in a recognition celebration in the fall.

When we return to school in the fall, all Galvin students will participate in learning activities that reinforce this year's theme.

We are confident that this list of recommended books contains selections that each student will find interesting, and that make summer reading enjoyable. Please e-mail any questions regarding summer reading to Lisa Kaminski, ELA/Reading Department Advisor, at KaminskiL@cantonma.org.

Enjoy your summer and happy reading!

ELA/Reading Department
Galvin Middle School

GALVIN MIDDLE SCHOOL
Summer Reading - Entering 8th Graders
Fall 2019

All entering 8th grade students are **required to read one fiction title, and one non-fiction title** from the following list.

FICTION



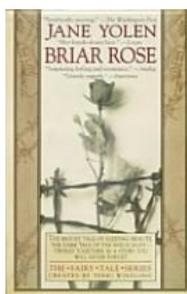
The Contender by Robert Lipsyte

Alfred Brooks is scared. He's a high school dropout and his grocery store job is leading nowhere. His best friend is sinking further and further into drug addiction. Some street kids are after him for something he didn't even do. So Alfred begins going to Donatelli's Gym, a boxing club in Harlem that has trained champions. There he learns it's the effort, not the win, that makes the man -- that last desperate struggle to get back on your feet when you thought you were down for the count.



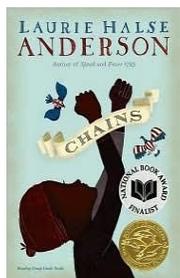
Divergent (series) by Veronica Roth (*Student Favorite!*)

In Beatrice Prior's dystopian Chicago world, society is divided into five factions, each dedicated to the cultivation of a particular virtue—Candor (the honest), Abnegation (the selfless), Dauntless (the brave), Amity (the peaceful), and Erudite (the intelligent). On an appointed day of every year, all sixteen-year-olds must select the faction to which they will devote the rest of their lives. For Beatrice, the decision is between staying with her family and being who she really is—she can't have both. So she makes a choice that surprises everyone, including herself.



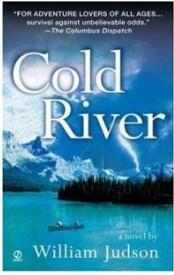
Briar Rose by Jane Yolen

Ever since she was a child, Rebecca has been enchanted by her grandmother Gemma's stories about Briar Rose. But a promise Rebecca makes to her dying grandmother will lead her on a remarkable journey to uncover the truth of Gemma's astonishing claim: *I am Briar Rose*. It's a journey that will lead her to unspeakable brutality and horror, but also to redemption and hope. A modern classic by critically-acclaimed author Jane Yolen.



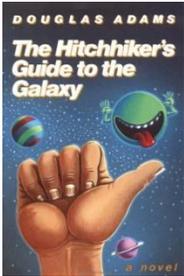
Chains by Laurie Halse Anderson

As the Revolutionary War begins, thirteen-year-old Isabel wages her own fight...for freedom. Promised freedom upon the death of their owner, she and her sister, Ruth, in a cruel twist of fate become the property of a malicious New York City couple, the Locktons, who have no sympathy for the American Revolution and even less for Ruth and Isabel. When Isabel meets Curzon, a slave with ties to the Patriots, he encourages her to spy on her owners, who know details of British plans for invasion. She is reluctant at first, but when the unthinkable happens to Ruth, Isabel realizes her loyalty is available to the bidder who can provide her with freedom. From acclaimed author Laurie Halse Anderson comes this compelling, impeccably researched novel that shows the lengths we can go to cast off our chains, both physical and spiritual. * **Winner of the Margaret A. Edwards Award 2009.**



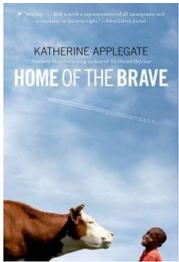
Cold River by William Judson

Fourteen-year-old Lizzy Allison and her younger brother Timothy are stranded in the frozen Adirondacks during one of the worst snowstorms of the century. Battling the untamed perils of nature, they embark on a heart-stopping journey of courage, strength, and endurance against all odds.



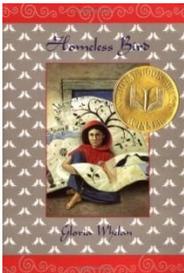
The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams (series)

Seconds before the Earth is demolished for a galactic freeway, Arthur Dent is saved by Ford Prefect, a researcher for the revised *Guide*. Together they stick out their thumbs to the stars and begin a wild journey through time and space.



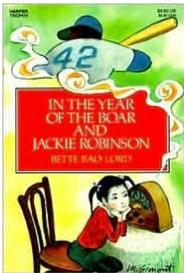
Home of the Brave by Katherine Applegate (novel in verse)

Kek comes from Africa where he lived with his mother, father, and brother. But only he and his mother have survived. Now she's missing, and Kek has been sent to a new home. In America, he sees snow for the first time, and feels its sting. He wonders if the people in this new place will be like the winter—cold and unkind. But slowly he makes friends: a girl in foster care, an old woman with a rundown farm, and a sweet, sad cow that reminds Kek of home.



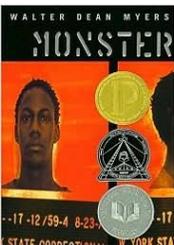
Homeless Bird by Gloria Whelan

Like many girls her age in India, thirteen-year-old Koly faces her arranged marriage with hope and courage. But Koly's story takes a terrible turn when in the wake of the ceremony, she discovers she's been horribly misled; her life has been sold for a dowry. In prose both graceful and unflinching, this powerful novel relays the story of a rare young woman, who even when cast out into a brutal current of time-worn tradition, sets out to forge her own remarkable future.



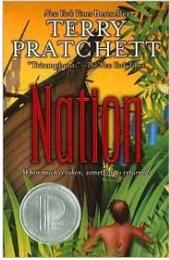
In The Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson by Bette Bao Lord

Shirley Temple Wong sails from China to America with a heart full of dreams. Her new home is Brooklyn, New York. America is indeed a land full of wonders, but Shirley doesn't know any English, so it's hard to make friends. Then a miracle (baseball) happens. It is 1947, and Jackie Robinson, star of the Brooklyn Dodgers, is everyone's hero. Jackie Robinson is proving that a black man, the grandson of a slave, can make a difference in America and for Shirley as well, on the ball field and off, America becomes the land of opportunity.



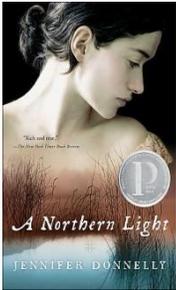
Monster by Walter Dean-Myers (*Student Favorite!*)

Accused as an accomplice in a Harlem, Steve Harmon, an amateur filmmaker, transcribes his trial into a movie script. Walter Dean-Myers is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Monster*, winner of the first Michael L. Printz award, and *Harlem*, a Caldecott Honor and Coretta Scott King Honor Book. The inaugural recipient of the Coretta Scott King-Virginia Hamilton Award for Lifetime Achievement, he is considered one of the preeminent writers for children.



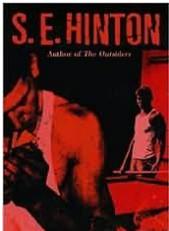
Nation by Terry Pratchett

When a giant wave destroys his village, Mau is the only one left. Daphne a traveler from the other side of the globe is the sole survivor of a shipwreck. Separated by language and customs, the two are united by catastrophe. Slowly, they are joined by other refugees. And as they struggle to protect the small band, Mau and Daphne defy ancestral spirits, challenge death himself, and uncover a long-hidden secret that literally turns the world upside down.



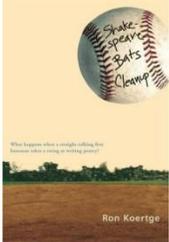
A Northern Light by Jennifer Donnelly

Sixteen-year-old Mattie Gokey has a word for everything, and big dreams but little hope of seeing them come true. She collects words, stores them up as a way of fending off the hard truths of her life, the truths that she can't write down in stories. The fresh pain of her mother's death. The burden of raising her sisters while her father struggles over his brokeback farm. The mad welter of feelings Mattie has for handsome but dull Royal Loomis, who says he wants to marry her. And the secret dreams that keep her going—visions of finishing high school, going to college in New York City, becoming a writer.



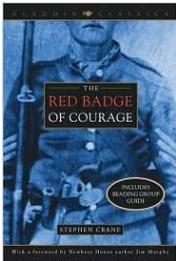
Rumble Fish by S.E. Hinton

Rusty-James knows he is a tough teen, but he wants to be even tougher, just like his older brother, the Motorcycle Boy. He wants to stay calm and laugh when things get dangerous, to be the strongest street fighter and the most respected guy this side of the river. *An ALA Best Books for Young Adults*



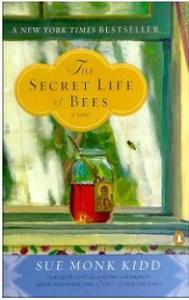
Shakespeare Bats Cleanup by Ron Koertge (novel in verse)

When MVP Kevin Boland gets the news that he has mono and won't be seeing a baseball field for a while, he suddenly finds himself scrawling a poem down the middle of a page in his journal. To get some help, he cops a poetry book from his dad's den - and before Kevin knows it, he's writing in verse about stuff like, Will, his jock friends give up on him? What's the deal with girlfriends? Surprisingly enough, after his health improves, he keeps on writing, about the smart-talking Latina girl who thinks poets are cool, and even about his mother, whose death is a still-tender loss. Written in free verse with examples of several poetic forms slipped into the mix, including a sonnet, haiku, pastoral, and even a pantoum, this funny, poignant story by a master of dialogue is an English teacher's dream - sure to hook poetry lovers, baseball fanatics, mono recoverers, and everyone in between.



The Red Badge of Courage by Stephen Crane

Published thirty years after the Civil War, this "impressionistic" American classic tells a war story in a thoroughly modern way - without a trace of romanticizing. Through the eyes of ordinary soldier Henry Fleming, we follow his psychological turmoil, from the excitement of patriotism to the bloody realities of battle and his flight from it. In the end, he overcomes his fear and disillusionment, and fights with courage.



The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Kid Monk (*Student Favorite!*)

Living on a peach farm in South Carolina with her harsh, unyielding father, Lily Owens has shaped her entire life around one devastating, blurred memory - the afternoon her mother was killed, when Lily was four. Since then, her only real companion has been the fierce-hearted, and sometimes just fierce, black woman Rosaleen, who acts as her "stand-in mother." When Rosaleen insults three of the deepest racists in town, Lily knows it's time to spring them both free. They take off in the only direction Lily can think of, toward a town called Tiburon, South Carolina - a name she found on the back of a picture amid the few possessions left by her mother.



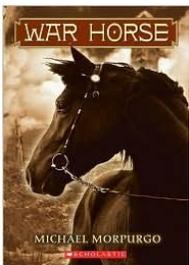
Travel Team – by Mike Lupica (*Student Favorite!*)

Twelve-year-old Danny Walker may be the smallest kid on the basketball court--but don't tell him that. Because no one plays with more heart or court sense. But none of that matters when he is cut from his local travel team, the very same team his father led to national prominence as a boy. Danny's father, still smarting from his own troubles, knows Danny isn't the only kid who was cut for the wrong reason, and together, this washed-up former player and a bunch of never-say-die kids prove that the heart simply cannot be measured.



20,000 Leagues Under the Sea by Jules Verne

French Professor Aronnax and his servant join the Abraham Lincoln, an American frigate, on a mission to find and destroy a "sea-unicorn of colossal dimensions, armed not with a halberd, but with a real spur, as the armored frigates." The undersea monster is thought to be responsible for the disappearance of over 200 ships. When they encounter the "gigantic cetacean" it disables the Abraham Lincoln and knocks Professor Aronnax, his servant, and the hot-tempered harpooner, Ned Land overboard. The three must cling to the beast or drown; soon they realize that it is really a man-made underwater vehicle.



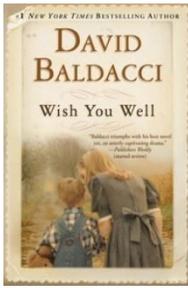
War Horse by Michael Morpurgo

In 1914, Joey, a beautiful bay-red foal with a distinctive cross on his nose, is sold to the army and thrust into the midst of the war on the Western Front. With his officer, he charges toward the enemy, witnessing the horror of the battles in France. But even in the desolation of the trenches, Joey's courage touches the soldiers around him and he is able to find warmth and hope. But his heart aches for Albert, the farmer's son he left behind. Will he ever see his true master again?



White Fang by Jack London (Mrs. Holland's Recommendation)

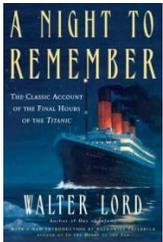
Raised by Native Americans, White Fang worked as a sled dog most of his life. He is a hybrid wolf-dog. When his mother is given away for payment he soon runs away. Although, his faithfulness to his master he goes back. When White Fang is sold for whiskey, he has to fight other dogs and wolves for his new owner and all for the greed of money. Later, he is known for never losing his footing or a fight. When an English bulldog becomes his next fight, will White Fang have finally met his match? Will he die or win another fight? This story of survival will leave you on the edge of your seat!



Wish You Well by David Baldacci

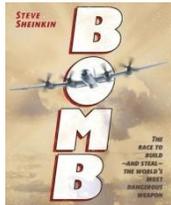
Precocious 12-year-old Louisa Mae Cardinal lives in the hectic New York City of 1940 with her family. Then tragedy strikes--and Lou and her younger brother, Oz, must go with their invalid mother to live on their great-grandmother's farm in the Virginia Mountains. Suddenly Lou finds herself coming of age in a new landscape, making her first true friend, and experiencing adventures tragic, comic, and audacious. But the forces of greed and justice are about to clash over her new home.

NON-FICTION



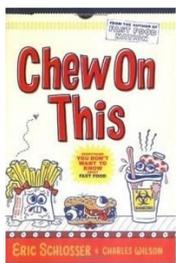
A Night to Remember by Walter Lord

First published in 1955, *A Night to Remember* remains a completely riveting account of the *Titanic's* fatal collision and the behavior of the passengers and crew, both noble and ignominious. Some sacrificed their lives, while others fought like animals for their own survival. Wives beseeched husbands to join them in lifeboats; gentlemen went taut-lipped to their deaths in full evening dress; and hundreds of steerage passengers, trapped below decks, sought help in vain.



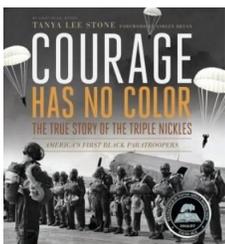
Bomb: The Race to Build--and Steal--the World's Most Dangerous Weapon by Steve Sheinkin

In December of 1938, a chemist in a German laboratory made a shocking discovery: When placed next to radioactive material, a Uranium atom split in two. That simple discovery launched a scientific race that spanned 3 continents. In Great Britain and the United States, Soviet spies worked their way into the scientific community; in Norway, a commando force slipped behind enemy lines to attack German heavy-water manufacturing; and deep in the desert, one brilliant group of scientists was hidden away at a remote site at Los Alamos. This is the story of the plotting, the risk-taking, the deceit, and genius that created the world's most formidable weapon. This is the story of the atomic bomb. * Winner of the 2013 Sibert Medal *Winner of the 2013 YALSA Award for Excellence in Nonfiction *A 2013 Newbery Honor Book * 2012 National Book Award Finalist for Young People's Literature



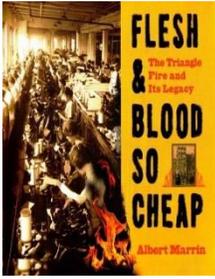
Chew On This by Eric Schlosser & Charles Wilson (Mr. Spillane's recommendation!)

In the New York Times bestseller *Chew on This*, Eric Schlosser and Charles Wilson unwrap the fast-food industry to bring you a behind-the-scenes look at a business that both feeds and feeds off the young. Find out what really goes on at your favorite restaurants—and what lurks between those sesame seed buns. Praised for being accessible, honest, humorous, fascinating, and alarming, *Chew On This* was also repeatedly referred to as a must-read for kids who regularly eat fast food. Having all the facts about fast food helps young people make healthy decisions about what they eat. *Chew On This* shows them that they can change the world by changing what they eat.



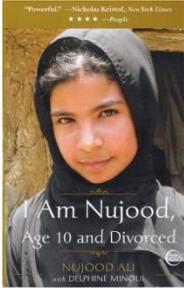
Courage Has No Color by Tanya Lee Stone

World War II is raging, and thousands of American soldiers are fighting overseas against the injustices brought on by Hitler. Back on the home front, discrimination against African Americans plays out as much on Main Street as in the military. Tanya Lee Stone examines the little-known history of the Triple Nickles, America's first black paratroopers, who fought in an attack on the American West by the Japanese. The 555th Parachute Infantry Battalion, in the words of First Sergeant Walter Morris, "proved that the color of a man had nothing to do with his ability."



Flesh & Blood so Cheap by Albert Marrin

On March 25, 1911, the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory in New York City burst into flames. The factory was crowded. The doors were locked to ensure workers stay inside. One hundred forty-six people—mostly women—perished; it was one of the most lethal workplace fires in American history until September 11, 2001.



I am Nujood: Age 10 and Divorced by Nujood Ali & Delphine

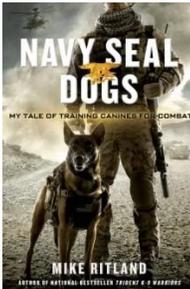
Minoui (Student Favorite!)

Honored alongside Hillary Clinton and Condoleezza Rice as one of *Glamour* magazine's women of the year, Nujood now tells her full story for the first time. As she guides us from the magical, fragrant streets of the Old City of Sana'a to the cement-block slums and rural villages of this ancient land, her unflinching look at an injustice suffered by all too many girls around the world is at once shocking, inspiring, and utterly unforgettable.



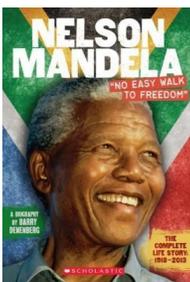
Into Thin Air by John Krakauer

A bank of clouds was assembling on the not-so-distant horizon, but journalist-mountaineer Jon Krakauer, standing on the summit of Mt. Everest, saw nothing that "suggested that a murderous storm was bearing down." He was wrong. The storm, which claimed five lives and left countless more—including Krakauer's—in guilt-ridden disarray, would also provide the impetus for **Into Thin Air**, Krakauer's epic account of the May 1996 disaster.



Navy Seal Dogs by Mike Ritland (Student Favorite!)

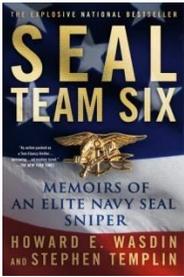
Trident K9 Warriors gave readers an inside look at the Navy SEAL teams' elite K9 warriors—who they are, how they are trained, and the extreme missions they undertake to save lives. From detecting explosives to eliminating the bad guys, these powerful dogs are also some of the smartest and highest skilled working animals on the planet. Mike Ritland's job is to train them.



Nelson Mandela "No Easy Walk to Freedom" a Biography

by Barry Denenberg

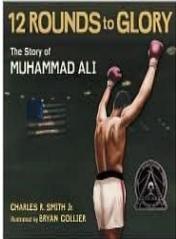
From his humble beginnings in rural South Africa to his tragic death at age 95 in 2013, Nelson Mandela's life is a tale of inspiration and courage. The most up-to-date biography of Nelson Mandela. This powerful biography provides an in-depth look at Nelson Mandela who grew up in a rural village in South Africa under racist apartheid rule--a regime he ultimately helped overthrow.



Seal Team Six by Howard E. Wasdin and Stephen Templin

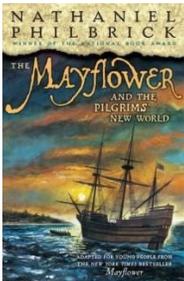
(*Student Favorite!*)

SEAL Team Six is a secret unit tasked with counterterrorism, hostage rescue, and counterinsurgency. In this dramatic, behind-the-scenes chronicle, Howard Wasdin takes readers deep inside the world of Navy SEALs and Special Forces snipers, beginning with the grueling selection process of Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL (BUD/S)—the toughest and longest military training in the world.



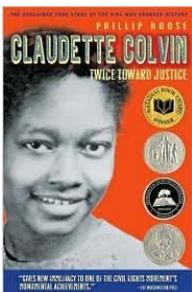
12 Rounds to Glory: The Story of Muhammad Ali by Charles Smith

From the moment a fired-up teenager won 1960 Olympic gold to the day when a retired legend, hands shaking from Parkinson's, returned to raise the Olympic torch, the boxer known as "The Greatest" waged many a fight. Some were in the ring, against opponents like Sonny Liston and Joe Frazier; others were against societal prejudice and a war he refused to support because of his Islamic faith. The rap-inspired verse weaves and bobs and jabs, while bold collage artwork matches every move—capturing the "Louisville loudmouth with the great gift of rhyme" who shed the name Cassius Clay to take on the world as Muhammad Ali. A **Coretta Scott King Honor Book** A **National Council for the Social Studies Notable Trade Book for Young People**.



The Mayflower and the Pilgrims' New World by Nathaniel Philbrick

After a dangerous journey across the Atlantic, the Mayflower's passengers were saved from certain destruction with the help of the Natives of the Plymouth region. For fifty years a fragile peace was maintained as Pilgrims and Native Americans learned to work together. But when that trust was broken by the next generation of leaders, a conflict erupted that nearly wiped out Pilgrims and Natives alike. Adapted from the *New York Times* bestseller *Mayflower* specifically for younger readers, this edition includes additional maps, artwork, and archival photos.



Twice Toward Justice by Claudette Colvin

In March 1955, nine months before Rosa Parks triggered the bus boycott in Montgomery, Ala., by refusing to surrender her seat to a white passenger, a 15-year-old Montgomery girl, Claudette Colvin, let herself be arrested and dragged off the bus for the same reason. Now available in paperback: her National Book Award–winning story, told by the incomparable Phillip Hoose. PHILLIP HOOSE's distinguished nonfiction includes the National Book Award Finalist *We Were There, Too!: Young People in U.S. History* and *The Race to Save the Lord God Bird*, winner of the *Boston Globe–Horn Book Award* for Nonfiction.



Witches: The Absolutely True Tale of Disaster in Salem

by Rosalyn Schanzer (*Student Favorite*)

In the little colonial town of Salem Village, Massachusetts, two girls began to twitch, mumble, and contort their bodies into strange shapes. The doctor tried every remedy, but nothing cured the young Puritans. He grimly announced the dire diagnosis: the girls were bewitched! And then the accusations began. The riveting, true story of the victims, accused witches, crooked officials, and mass hysteria that turned a mysterious illness affecting two children into a witch hunt that took over a dozen people's lives and ruined hundreds more unfolds in chilling detail in this young adult book by award-winning author and illustrator Rosalyn Schanzer. * A 2012 Sibert Medal Honor Book