



## G.W. Carver Middle School's Required Reading, 2025-2026

### Grade 6

Summer of 2025 Reading: *City Spies* (book 1) by James Ponti

2025-2026 School Year

- *Freak the Mighty* by Rodman Philbrick
- *Novio Boy* by Gary Soto
- *The Devil's Arithmetic* by Jane Yolen
- *The Shakespeare Stealer* by Gary Blackwood
- *A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park
- *Black Ships Before Troy* by Rosemary Sutcliff
- *Harriet Tubman: Conductor on the Underground Railroad* by Ann Petry

### Grade 7

Summer of 2025 Reading: choose **two** from the list

- *Maybe He Just Likes You* by Barbara Dee
- *I am Malala* (young readers edition) by Malala Yousafzai and Patricia McCormick
- *Peak* by Roland Smith
- *Ghost* by Jason Reynolds

2025-2026 School Year

- *The Pearl* by John Steinbeck
- *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee
- *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton

Choose one

- *The Red Umbrella* by Christina Diaz Gonzalez OR
- *It's Trevor Noah: Born a Crime* (young readers edition) by Trevor Noah

### Grade 8

Summer of 2025 Reading: *The Hobbit* by J. R. R. Tolkien (ESOL levels 1 and 2 may read the graphic novel)

2025-2026 School Year

- *We Have Always Lived in the Castle* by Shirley Jackson
- *Macbeth* by William Shakespeare (Folger Edition only)
- *The Other Wes Moore* by Wes Moore
- *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck