**Step #1:** Choose one of the paired options below. Each option includes a Fiction and a Non-Fiction text to read on similar subjects. Paired texts can found on the Northbrook Website under the “Summer Reading” tab.

**Step #2:** Complete the “Reading Celebration” form by August 31st

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| **Option 1:**  Fiction Text: *Fantasy League*- by Mike Lupica (490 L) Sports  12-year-old Charlie is a fantasy football guru. He may be just a bench warmer for his school's football team, but when it comes to knowing and loving the game, he's first-string. He even becomes a celebrity when his podcast gets noticed by a sports radio host, who plays Charlie's fantasy picks for all of Los Angeles to hear. Soon Charlie befriends the elderly owner of the L.A. Bulldogs -- a fictional NFL team -- and convinces him to take a chance on an aging quarterback. After that, watch out . . . it's press conferences and national fame as Charlie becomes a media curiosity and source of conflict for the Bulldogs general manager, whose job Charlie seems to have taken. It's all a bit much for a kid just trying to stay on top of his grades and maintain his friendship with his verbal sparring partner, Anna.  Non-Fiction Text: “The Oldest Starting Quarterback” available on the Northbrook Middle School Summer Reading website |
| **Option 2:**  Fiction Text: *Terror at Bottle Creek*- by Watt Key (650 L) Adventure  In this gritty, realistic wilderness adventure, thirteen-year-old Cort is caught in a battle against a Gulf Coast hurricane. Cort's father is a local expert on hunting and swamp lore in lower Alabama who has been teaching his son everything he knows. But when a deadly Category 3 storm makes landfall, Cort must unexpectedly put his all skills-and bravery-to the test. One catastrophe seems to lead to another, leaving Cort and two neighbor girls to face the storm as best they can. Amid miles of storm-thrashed wetlands filled with dangerous, desperate wild animals, it's up to Cort to win-or lose-the fight for their lives  Non-Fiction Text: “Worst Hurricane in Almost a Decade” available on the Northbrook Middle School Summer Reading website |
| **Option 3:**  Fiction Text: *Icebreaker*- by Lian Tanner (720 L) Adventure  Twelve-year-old Petrel is an outcast, living on an ancient icebreaker that has been following the same ocean course for three hundred years. The ship’s crew has forgotten its original purpose and has broken into three warring tribes. Everyone has a tribe except Petrel, whose parents were thrown overboard for alleged crimes. She has survived by living in the dark corners of the ship, and speaking to no one except two large rats, Mister Smoke and Mrs. Slink. When a boy is discovered on a frozen iceberg, the crew is immediately on alert. Petrel hides him on board, hoping he’ll be her friend. What she doesn’t know is that the ship guards a secret, and the boy has been sent to destroy it.  Non-Fiction Text: “Frozen Home” available on the Northbrook Middle School Summer Reading website |
| **Option 4:**  \*Non-Fiction Text: *Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom*- by Lynda Blackmon Lowery (780 L) Biography  As the youngest marcher in the 1965 voting rights march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, Lynda Blackmon Lowery proved that young adults can be heroes. Jailed eleven times before her fifteenth birthday, Lowery fought alongside Martin Luther King, Jr. for the rights of African-Americans. In this memoir, she shows today’s young readers what it means to fight nonviolently and how it felt to be part of the changing American History.  Fiction Text: “Hughes and DuBois” available on the Northbrook Middle School Summer Reading website |
| **Option 5:**  Fiction Text: *Full Cicada Moon*- by Marilyn Hilton (790 L) Historical Fiction  It's 1969, and the Apollo 11 mission is getting ready to go to the moon. But for half-black, half-Japanese Mimi, moving to a predominantly white Vermont town is enough to make her feel alien. Suddenly, Mimi's appearance is all anyone notices. She struggles to fit in with her classmates, even as she fights for her right to stand out by entering science competitions and joining Shop Class instead of Home Ec. And even though teachers and neighbors balk at her mixed-race family and her refusals to conform, Mimi’s dreams of becoming an astronaut never fade—no matter how many times she’s told no.  Non-Fiction Text: “JFK Goes to the Moon” available on the Northbrook Middle School Summer Reading website |
| **Option 6:**  \*Non-Fiction Text: *I am Malala*- by Malala Yousafzai (830 L) Biography  *I come from a country that was created at midnight. When I almost died it was just after midday.* When the Taliban took control of the Swat Valley in Pakistan, one girl spoke out. Malala Yousafzai refused to be silenced and fought for her right to an education. On Tuesday, October 9, 2012, when she was fifteen, she almost paid the ultimate price. She was shot in the head at point-blank range while riding the bus home from school, and few expected her to survive.  Fiction Text: “Dickenson and Polly Sit Tight” available on the Northbrook Middle School Summer Reading website |
| **Option 7:**  Fiction Text: *Serafina and the Black Cloak*- by Robert Beatty (850 L) Mystery  Serafina has never had a reason to disobey her pa and venture beyond the grounds of Biltmore Estate. There’s plenty to explore in Mr. and Mrs. Vanderbilt’s vast and opulent home, but she must take care to never be seen. None of the rich folk upstairs know that Serafina exists; she and her pa have lived in the basement for as long as Serafina can remember. She has learned to prowl through the darkened corridors at night, to sneak and hide, using the mansion’s hidden doors and secret passageways. But when children at the estate start disappearing, only Serafina knows the clues to follow. A mysterious man in a black cloak stalks Biltmore’s corridors at night. Following her own harrowing escape, Serafina risks everything by joining forces with Braeden Vanderbilt, the young nephew of Biltmore’s owners. Braeden and Serafina must uncover the Man in the Black Cloak’s true identity before all of the children vanish one by one.  Non-Fiction Text: “People Who Built America: Vanderbilt” available on the Northbrook Middle School Summer Reading website |
| **Option 8:**  \*Non-Fiction Text: *Lost in the Pacific, 1942: Not a Drop to Drink*- by Tod Olson (880 L) Non-Fiction  World War II, October 21, 1942. A B-17 bomber drones high over the Pacific Ocean, sending a desperate SOS into the air. The crew is carrying America’s greatest living war hero on a secret mission deep into the battle zone. But the plane is lost, burning through its final gallons of fuel. Eight men. Three inflatable rafts. Sixty-eight million square miles of ocean. What will it take to make it back alive?  Fiction Text: “The Wonders of Flight” available on the Northbrook Middle School Summer Reading website |
| **Option 9:**  Fiction Text: *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas*- by John Boyne (1080 L)  Bored and lonely after his family moves from Berlin to a place called "Out-With" in 1942, Bruno, the son of a Nazi officer, befriends a boy instriped pajamas who lives behind a wire fence.  Non-Fiction Text: “Auschwitz 65 Years Later” available on the Northbrook Middle School Summer Reading website |
| **Option 10:**  Fiction Text: *Choosing Courage: Inspiring stories of what it means to be a hero*- by Paul Collier (1150 L)  What turns an ordinary person into a hero? What happens in the blink of an eye on a battlefield (or in any dangerous situation) to bring out true courage? The men and women who have been recognized by the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation know the answers to these questions deep in their hearts. We learn of Jack Lucas, a 13-year-old who kept his real age a secret so he could fight in World War II—where he deliberately fell on a grenade to save his buddies during the Iwo Jima invasion—and Clint Romesha, who almost single-handedly prevented a remote U.S. Army outpost in Afghanistan from being taken over by the Taliban. Also included are civilians who have been honored by the Foundation for outstanding acts of bravery in crisis situations: for example, Jencie Fagan, a gym teacher who put herself in danger to disarm a troubled eighth grader before he could turn a gun on his classmates.  Non-Fiction Text: “Massive Monument: The Crazy Horse Memorial” available on the Northbrook Middle School Summer Reading website |