

**RCPS Ninth Grade Summer Reading List  
Summer 2016**

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>AUTHOR</b>	<b>SUMMARY</b>	<b>LEXILE</b>	<b>GENRE</b>
<b><i>Boy: Tales of Childhood</i></b>	Roald Dohl	<i>Boy</i> is a funny, insightful and at times macabre glimpse into the early life of Roald Dahl, one of the world's favorite authors. We discover his experiences of the English public school system, the idyllic paradise of summer holidays in Norway, the pleasures (and pains) of the sweetshop, and how it is that he avoided being a Boozer. This is the unadulterated childhood - sad and funny, sinister and delightful - that inspired the much-loved children's writer.	1090L	Non-Fiction: Biography
<b><i>Outcasts United: The Story of a Refugee Soccer Team that Changed a Town</i></b>	Warren St. John	Just a few miles from Atlanta, Clarkston, Georgia became a settlement for families of refugees from war-torn countries. Soccer coach Luma Mufleh formed the Fugees, a soccer team consisting of boys from various countries and backgrounds. This inspiring book explores the array of challenges the team faced on and off the field and how determination prevailed	980L	Non-Fiction:
<b><i>Whale Talk</i></b>	Cris Crutcher	There's bad news and good news about the Cutter High School swim team. The bad news is that they don't have a pool. The good news is that only one of them can swim anyway. A group of misfits brought together by T. J. Jones (the J is redundant) to find their places in a school that has no place for them, the Cutter All Night Mermen struggle to carve out their own turf. T. J. is convinced that a varsity letter jacket--unattainable for most, exclusive, revered, the symbol (as far as T. J. is concerned) of all that is screwed up at Cutter High--will be an effective carving tool. He's right. He's also wrong. Still, it's always the quest that counts. And the bus on which the Mermen travel to swim meets--piloted by Icko, the permanent resident of All, Night Fitness--soon becomes the cocoon inside which they gradually allow themselves to talk, to fit, to bloom.	1000L	Fiction
<b><i>Monster</i></b>	Walter Dean Myers	FADE IN: INTERIOR: Early morning in CELL BLOCK D, MANHATTAN DETENTION CENTER. Steve (Voice-Over) Sometimes I feel like I have walked into the middle of a movie. Maybe I can make my own movie. The film will be the story of my life. No, not my life, but of this experience. I'll call it what the lady prosecutor called me ... Monster.	670L	Fiction: Realistic
<b><i>We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball</i></b>	Kadir Nelson	The story of Negro League baseball is the story of gifted athletes and determined owners; of racial discrimination and international sportsmanship; of fortunes won and lost; of triumphs and defeats on and off the field. It is a perfect mirror for the social and political history of black America in the first half of the twentieth century. But most of all, the story of the Negro Leagues is about hundreds of unsung heroes who overcame segregation, hatred, terrible conditions, and low pay to do the one thing they loved more than anything else in the world: play ball.	900L	Non-Fiction: History
<b><i>Navigating Early</i></b>	Clare Vanderpool	At the end of World War II, Jack Baker, a landlocked Kansas boy, is suddenly uprooted after his mother's death and placed in a boy's boarding school in Maine. There, Jack encounters Early Auden, the strangest of boys, who reads the number pi as a story and collects clippings about the sightings of a great black bear in the nearby mountains. Newcomer Jack feels lost yet can't help being drawn to Early, who won't believe what everyone accepts to be the truth about the Great Appalachian Bear, Timber Rattlesnakes, and the legendary school hero known as The Fish, who never returned from the war. When the boys find themselves unexpectedly alone at school, they embark on a quest on the Appalachian Trail in search of the great black bear. But what they are searching for is sometimes different from what they find. They will meet truly strange characters, each of whom figures into the pi story Early weaves as they travel, while discovering things they never realized about themselves and others in their lives	790L	Fiction: Historical/Disability
<b><i>Rich Dad, Poor Dad</i></b>	Robert Kiyosaki	<i>Rich Dad, Poor Dad</i> is the story of author Robert Kiyosaki's upbringing in Hawaii and his two fathers – one rich father (not biological) and one poor father (biological). Kiyosaki was forced to choose between following in the footsteps of his poor father – a highly educated government worker – or his rich father – an entrepreneur who never graduated high school. Ultimately, Kiyosaki decides to learn from his rich dad - who wouldn't? The book focuses mostly on the education and financial advice Kiyosaki learned from his rich dad. His rich father was able to create a multi-million dollar empire from virtually nothing, using his financial acumen and the power of his imagination	860L	Non-Fiction