

Summer Reading for students entering Grade 7 in September, 2009.

The Higgins PTO/Library will sell summer reading selections at the Grade 6 Spring Concert on June 2, 2009 and at the Cullen Library's Book Fair, June 4-12. Summer reading books are also available through the Peabody Institute Library and local booksellers. *Cash only please!*



All incoming seventh grade students will be required to read either *Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli or *High Heat* by Carl Deuker; students will be tested on the mandatory title in September. All students will select a second book from the optional book list below. Students will participate in a book discussion group in September led by school and community members.

[GRAPHIC ORGANIZER for Grade 7 \(PDF\)](http://www.peabody.k12.ma.us) (<http://www.peabody.k12.ma.us>)

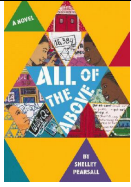



[NON-FICTION GRAPHIC ORGANIZER](http://www.peabody.k12.ma.us) (<http://www.peabody.k12.ma.us>)

These documents are also available for students at the Peabody Institute Library and the main office at the Higgins Middle School.

All students entering grade seven must read one of the following two titles:

 <p>Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli In this story about the perils of popularity, the courage of nonconformity and the thrill of first love, an eccentric student named Stargirl changes Mica High School forever. (Realistic Fiction) \$9.00</p>	 <p>High Heat by Carl Deuker When sophomore Shane Hunter's father is arrested for money laundering at his Lexus dealership, the star pitcher's life of affluence and private school begins to fall apart. (Realistic Fiction) \$7.00</p>
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Pick from one of the following book discussion options.

 <p>All of the Above by Shelley Pearsall Five urban middle school students, their teacher, and other community members relate how a school project to build the world's largest tetrahedron affects the lives of everyone involved. (Realistic Fiction) \$6.00</p>	 <p>Airborn by Kenneth Oppel Matt, a young cabin boy aboard an airship, and Kate, a wealthy young girl traveling with her chaperone, team up to search for the existence of mysterious winged creatures reportedly living hundreds of feet above the Earth's surface. (Fantasy) \$8.00</p>
 <p>The Misfits by James Howe Four students who do not fit in at their small-town middle school decide to create a third party for the student council elections to represent all students who have ever been called names. (Realistic Fiction) \$6.00</p>	 <p>The Greatest: Muhammad Ali by Walter Dean Myers An illustrated biography of boxing great Muhammad Ali that addresses his politics, his fight against Parkinson's disease, and boxing's dangers. (Non-fiction, Biography) \$7.00</p>

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The Lightning Thief

by Rick Riordan

After learning that he is the son of a mortal woman and Poseidon, god of the sea, twelve-year-old Percy is sent to a summer camp for demigods like himself, and joins his new friends on a quest to prevent a war between the gods. (Fantasy, Adventure) \$8.00



Rachel Carson: A 20th Century Life

by Ellen Levine

Discusses author and marine biologist Rachel Carson's efforts to protect the environment from her childhood nature outings through the impact of her 1962 book *Silent Spring*. (Non-fiction, Biography) \$7.00



Goose Girl by Shannon Hale

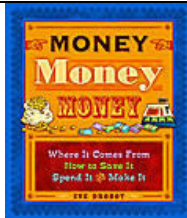
On her way to marry a prince she's never met, Princess Anidori is betrayed by her guards and her lady-in-waiting and must become a goose girl to survive until she can reveal her true identity and reclaim the crown that is rightfully hers. (Fantasy) \$9.00



Letters from Wolfie

by Patti Sherlock

Certain that he is doing the right thing by donating his dog, Wolfie, to the Army's scout program in Vietnam, 13-year-old Mark begins to have second thoughts when the Army refuses to say when and if Wolfie will ever return. (Historical Fiction) \$7.00



Money, Money, Money: Where It Comes From and How to Save It

by Eve Drobot

From the historic to the modern and around the globe, every aspect of money a student could need is covered in this unique, attractive volume that is rich with trivia, money references in mythology, color illustrations, diagrams and terms. (Non-fiction) \$13.00



Code Talker: A Novel About the Navajo Marines of World War II

by Joseph Bruchac

After being taught in a boarding school run by whites that Navajo is a useless language, Ned Begay and other Navajo men are recruited by the Marines to become Code Talkers, sending messages during World War II in their native tongue. (Historical Fiction) \$8.00



Among the Hidden

by Margaret Peterson Haddix

In a future where the Population Police enforce the law limiting a family to only two children, Luke has lived all his twelve years in isolation and fear on his family's farm until another "third" convinces him that the government is wrong. (Science Fiction) \$7.00



Blue is for Nightmares

by Laurie Faria Stolarz

Sixteen-year-old hereditary witch Stacey Brown has nightmares of her roommate being murdered and hopes that her magic will be enough to protect Drea – unlike the last person whose death Stacey dreamed. (Mystery) \$10.00

