

# Young Adult (YA) and Middle School Readers

## Find What They are Interested in Reading

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Because the middle school spans 5th -8th grade, there needs to be a variety of titles appropriate for those grades. As a measure, students always like to read “up,” meaning they read about students who are a few years older than they are as a way to see what lies ahead for them or pitfalls to avoid. There are many titles approved for Middle School Readers (gr. 5 and 6) in the library.

For readers who are interested in Young Adult novels (gr. 7 and 8), we have novels with a YA (young adult) sticker indicating that they appeal to older readers. They have older characters that are usually in high school, and they may address more mature topics such as violence, language, mature content or mature situations. Of course, parents always have the final say in what their child reads. To ensure that students and parents are informed and comfortable with book choices, we ask that you sign a permission slip allowing your student access to the entire library collection.

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I give my permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to read young adult novels. I understand that these book may have older characters and may address more mature topics such as violence, language, mature content or mature situations.

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(Parent or Guardian Signature)

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(date)

