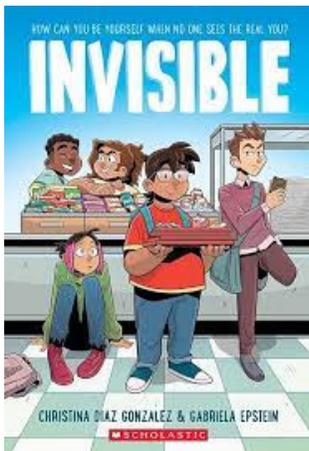


7th Grade Middle School Summer Reading Project



This year 7th grade at Suncoast Academy will use some of the titles from SUNSHINE STATE YOUNG READERS AWARD BOOKS 2022-2023 6-8 list for our Summer Reading Project. Because we believe it is important that our students don't fall back on the reading gains they have made over the school year, we encourage parents to support their student by providing reading opportunities throughout the summer break. Although each student will only be assessed on their project for one book, we highly recommend each student choose more books to read before the beginning of the school year.

Below are the titles of books (and a short summary) your student can pick from:



***Invisible* by Christina Diaz Gonzalez**

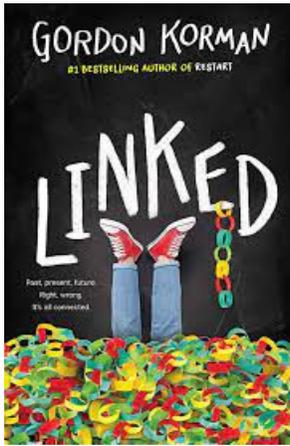
Can five overlooked kids make one big difference? There's George: the brain, Sara: the loner, Dayara: the tough kid, Nico: the rich kid and Miguel: the athlete. They're stuck together when they're forced to complete their school's community service hours. Although they're sure they have nothing in common with one another, some people see them as all the same, just five Spanish-speaking kids. Then they meet someone who truly needs their help, and they must decide whether they are each willing to expose their own secrets to help or if remaining invisible is the only way to survive

middle school.



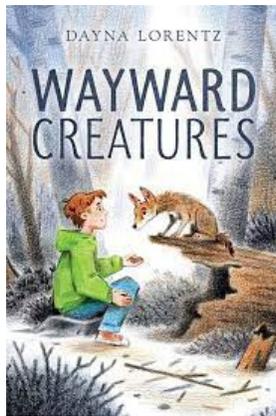
***A Duet for Home* by Karina Yan Glaser**

It's June's first day at Huey House, and as if losing her home weren't enough, she also can't bring her cherished viola inside. Before the accident last year, her dad saved tip money for a year to buy her viola, and she's not about to give it up now. Tyrell has been at Huey House for three years and gives June a good glimpse of the good things about living there; friendship, hot meals, and a classical musician next door. Can he and June work together to oppose the government, or will families be forced out of Huey House before they are ready?



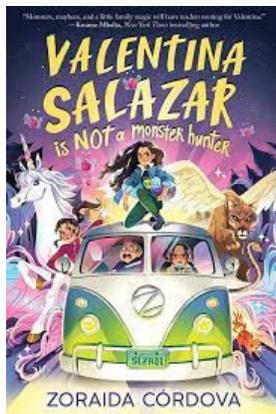
***Linked* by Gordon Korman**

Linked is set in Chokecherry, Colorado, a small town where everyone knows everyone and all the students have been together since Kindergarten. There are a few new kids, one of whom is Jewish, whose parents work as paleontologists digging for dinosaur fossils in town. The small town is thrown into an uproar when a swastika is painted in the school building. Dana, Michael and Caroline are dealing with the impact of the swastikas and working to create six million paper links to represent the Jews killed in the Holocaust. Read to find out who was responsible and why!



***Wayward Creatures* by Dayna Lorentz**

Twelve-year-old Gabe doesn't know where he belongs anymore. His family is caught up in their own lives and his friends barely have time for him now that they're stars on the soccer team. In a desperate plea for attention to impress his friends after school, Gabe sets off fireworks in the wood near his house and causes a small forest fire that destroys several acres of land. In the chaos of the destruction, a coyote named Rill, tired of her family and longing for adventure, finds herself far from home. Find out how Gabe and Rill cross paths to become friends and discover where you belong in the world.



***Valentina Salazar is NOT a Monster Hunter* by Zoraida Córdova**

It takes a special person to end up in detention on the last day of school. It takes a really special person to accidentally burn down the school yard while chasing a fire-breathing chipmunk. But nothing about Valentina has ever been normal. The Salazars are protectors, tasked with rescuing the magical creatures who sometimes wander into our world, from grumpy unicorns to chupacabras to the occasional fire-breathing chipmunk. Read this book to find out what Valentina is up to next!

Project Assignment

Students **pick one book** from the choices above. After reading the book, students then **pick one of the project choices** below as a way to share their reading experience. Choose a project based upon the student's strengths, interests, and learning preferences. Please include the project number, and name with the final work. Any typewritten work should be done in single-space, Times New Roman font 12.

Make sure to have the project ready for the teacher on the first day of the school year. The teacher will ask all students to turn in their written pieces or share their recorded files DURING THE FIRST WEEK of school. This project will be the first graded work for the school year, so it is very important it is done well and turned in on-time. The choices below are meant to make this experience a positive one rather than a chore, so help your student pick the one that appeals to him/her the most.

1. Using events from the novel, describe how a character changed during the book. (500 words minimum)
2. Create a poster for your book. Be sure to include a written explanation for your design. (must be on a piece of 8.5in x 11in paper NOT poster board)
3. Describe how a character changed during the book. (500 words minimum)
4. Tell what happened to a certain character and explain why he/she did/did not get what he/she deserved. (500 words minimum)