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**RECOMMENDED SUMMER READING BOOKLIST 2007
GRADE 8**

A Dream of Freedom: The Civil Rights Movement (AR),

Diane McWhorter

Al Capone Does My Shirts (AR), Gennifer Choldenko

Among the Free (AR), Margaret P. Haddix

Ashes of Roses (AR), Mary Jane Auch

A Swiftly Tilting Planet (AR), Madeleine L'Engle

Bad Boy (AR), Walter Dean Myers

Begging for Change (AR), Sharon Flake

Best Foot Forward (AR), Joan Bauer

Bird (AR), Angela Johnson

Breaking Through (AR), Francisco Jimenez

Chasing the Falconers (AR), Gordon Korman

Coraline (AR), Neil Gaiman

Criss Cross (AR), Lynne Rae Prekins

Dangerous Skies (AR), Suzanne Staples

Dragonwings (AR), Laurence Yep

Dark Sons (AR), Nikki Grimes

Dunk (AR), David Lubar

Eagle Strike (AR), Anthony Horowitz

Escape! The Story of the Great Houdini, Sid Fleischman

Farewell to Manzanar (AR), Jeanne Houston

The Fighting Ground (AR), Avi

The First Part Last (AR), Angela Johnson

Forbidden Schoolhouse (AR), Suzanne Jurmain

Forged by Fire (AR), Sharon M. Draper

Getting Near to Baby (AR), Audrey Coulombis

Going for the Record (AR), Julie A. Swanson

Habibi (AR), Naomi Shihab Nye

Heck, Superhero (AR), Martine Leavitt

Here Lies the Librarian (AR), Richard Peck

Homecoming (AR), Cynthia Voigt

I Am David (previous title: North to Freedom) (AR),

Anne Holm

I'm Not Who You Think I Am (AR), Peg Kehret

Keeper of the Night (AR), Kimberly Willis-Holl

The Last Universe (AR), William Sleator

Max the Mighty (AR), W. R. Philbrick

Messenger (AR), Lois Lowry

Mississippi Trial (AR), Chris Crowe

Mystery Stories: An Intriguing Collection, Helen

Cresswell

The River Between Us (AR), Richard Peck

The Ruby in the Smoke (AR), Philip Pullman

Sacajawea (AR), Joseph Bruchac

The Sea of Trolls (AR), Nancy Farmer

The Shadow in the North (AR), Philip Pullman

Small Steps (AR), Louis Sachar

Stargirl (AR), Jerry Spinelli

Sweetgrass Basket (AR), Marlene Carvell

Thura's Diary: My Life in Wartime in Iraq (AR), Thura

Al-Windawi

Touching Spirit Bear (AR), Ben Mikaelson

The Voice on the Radio (AR), Caroline B. Cooney

Whirligig (AR), Paul Fleischman

Wild Man Island (AR), Will Hobbs

