



# Westland Middle School Summer Reading List 2011 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

*Students will read 3 books for the summer reading assignment*

1. *Peak: A Novel* by Roland Smith (all Westland students will read *Peak* as part of the MYP assignment)
2. One fiction book (student choice)

**Choose and read one work of fiction of your choice.** Below are some titles that students your age have enjoyed. If nothing on this list interests you, visit your local library for other titles and choices. (Lexile levels are in parentheses.)

**The Golden Compass** Philip Pullman (930) Lyra Belacqua is a precocious orphan growing up within the precincts of Oxford University. But in Lyra's world, people each have a personal *daemon*, the manifestation of their souls in animal form. In her world science, theology, and magic are closely allied.

**Jurassic Park** Michael Crichton (710). Bioengineers clone 15 species of dinosaurs and establish an island preserve where tourists can view the large reptiles; chaos ensues when a rival genetics firm attempts to steal frozen dinosaur embryos.

**Matched** Ally Condie (680). On her seventeenth birthday, Cassia meets her Match. Society dictates he is her perfect partner for life. Except he's not. In Cassia's society, Officials decide who people love. How many children they have. Where they work. When they die. But, as Cassia finds herself falling in love with another boy, she is determined to make some choices of her own.

**The Secret Life of Bees** by Sue Monk Kid (840). Lily Owens' life has been shaped around the blurred memory of the afternoon her mother was killed. When Lily's fierce-hearted black "stand-in-mother", Rosaleen, insults three of the deepest racists in town, Lily decides to spring them both free from jail. They escape to Tiburon, South Carolina, a town that holds the secret to her mother's past.

**My Sister's Keeper: A Novel** Jodi Picoult (840) .Kate Fitzgerald has a rare form of leukemia. Her sister, Anna, was conceived to provide a donor match for procedures that become increasingly invasive. This is a real page-turner and frighteningly thought-provoking..

\*You may also consider a book from the following series: Artemis Fowl, The Bluford Series, Dear America Books, Harry Potter, The Hunger Games and The Royal Diaries.\*

**\*Choose and read one non-fiction book choice.\***

**Choose and read a book** from the list of subjects below. The list includes topics you will study in world studies and science classes in the coming year. You may chose any type of non-fiction book, including, but not limited to, a biography or autobiography.

**World Studies**  
Citizenship  
American Revolution  
Slavery  
The Civil War  
World Trade

**Science**  
Earthquakes  
Volcanoes  
Weather  
Astronomy  
Disease

