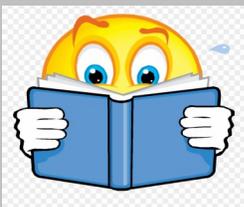


Why summer reading?

It's finally summer! The kids have worked hard all year in school, so why are we asking them to do even more reading? During the school year, students are required to do reading continuously as part of their academic program. However, there is a difference between academic reading and pleasure reading. Our goal during summer reading is to allow students the opportunity to have free choice in what they decide to read.



~“Fill your house
with stacks of books,
in all the crannies
and all the nooks.”

Dr. Seuss



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Benefits of Summer Reading

According to *The Reading Agency*, research has shown that reading for pleasure regularly is beneficial to overall well-being, **AND** the benefits of reading are more likely felt when reading takes place through free choice!

Specifically, research shows that reading for pleasure can result in:

- ◆ Improved relationships with others
- ◆ Reductions in the symptoms of stress and depression, and lower incidence of dementia later in life
- ◆ Increased empathy
- ◆ Improved sense of connectedness with the wider community
- ◆ Increased understanding of one's own identity
- ◆ Increased insight into the world view of others

Information was obtained from:

The Reading Agency
Free Word Centre
60 Farringdon Road
London EC1R 3GA

<https://readingagency.org.uk/>



This summer's reading goal is for students to spend time independently reading.

We encourage students to select ANY works they enjoy reading-informational articles, novels, biographies, magazines, comic books, graphic novels, e-books, audiobooks, etc.

Reading Recommendations

The following authors are very popular with middle school readers:

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| * Rick Riordan | *Cornelia Funke |
| * Raina Teglemeier | *Tim Green |
| * Jeff Kinney | *Jacqueline Woodson |
| * Suzanne Collins | *Mike Lupica |
| * Chris Colfer | *Gary Paulsen |
| * Rachel Russell | *Cassandra Claire |
| * Shannon Hale | *Joseph Bruchac |
| * Stephen King | *Avi |
| * James Patterson | *Melissa De La Cruz |
| * Ridley Pearson | *Stephanie Meyer |
| * Veronica Roth | *J.K. Rowling |
| * Margaret Peterson Haddix | *Jerry Spinelli |
| * Mary Downing Hahn | *Erin Hunter |
| * James Dashner | *Tom Angleberger |
| * Michael Vey | *Jeff Smith |
| * Scott Westerfeld | *Markus Zusak |
| * Carl Hiassen | *Meg Cabot |
| * Laurie Halse Anderson | *R.J. Palacio |
| * Sharon Creech | *Orson Scott Card |



Want to borrow books for summer reading?

Head over to Raymond Hill Library

<http://raymond-verso.auto-graphics.com>.

If you don't have a library card you can sign up for one at the library if you provide a document with your local Montville address.

With a public library card, you can access other libraries in Connecticut just by registering your local library card.

Back to School Follow-Up

Our goal for the summer is to encourage students to read and enjoy it, so there is not a reading log to fill in or a project to complete.

However, upon their return to school, students will be asked to briefly write about one item they read. This writing will not be graded, but it will serve as a way to gather information about student reading preferences. If we know what materials students enjoy reading we can develop both our library collection and future summer reading programs.

"Once you have read a book you care about, some part of it is always with you." - Louis L'Amour