



Readington Township Public Schools Summer Reading Lists

Ideas for Summer Reading

One of the many things to love about summer vacation is that we have time to relax and read. Everyone in the family can enjoy reading together. Here are a few ideas to make summer reading fun and enjoyable for everyone!

- Keep books in the car, the beach bag and your camper's backpack.
- Get your child his/her own library card.
- Have plenty of books, books on tape, and children's magazines around for your kids to read.
- Actions speak louder than words, so let your child see you reading the newspaper or curling up with a good book. For younger readers, go ahead and read together with you reading a page and them reading the next.
- Asking good questions shows interest and helps the child read for meaning. Instead of "did you like the book?" use open ended questions like "which character did you like the best and why?"
"How would you describe the book to someone who didn't read it?"

- Send them a book anonymously once a month. Kids love getting mail and will see it as a present instead of a chore. This is a great way for grandparents to get involved.
- Connect reading to your other activities. Read books about the places you'll go over the summer or the things you will be doing.
- Cutting down on TV time will create more time for your child to tune into reading.
- Use the excitement of an upcoming movie to get them to read the book. Then see the movie and discuss the differences between the two versions. They'll quickly learn that books are better. This can be done with videos as well.
- Get a group of kids and adults to read a book of their choice and then get together and have everyone share their book and what they liked about it. Then swap books so everyone goes home with a different book.
- Have the child write the author of a book they liked. This makes them feel special and more involved with books. Many authors will write back which really adds excitement to books.
- Read about it, and then do it! If your child wants to learn something new, like learning to juggle or do magic tricks, have him/her read the instructions and then give it a try!
- If your child has taken the NWEA, his or her Lexile score is listed. Go to www.lexile.com/findabook/ for an extensive list of books at an appropriate level. It can also be referenced for help finding books for younger children.

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Tip: How will parents know if the book their child selects is “just right” for independent reading?

Listen to your child read a page or two of the book. As a rule of thumb, if your child can read 95% of the words with ease, it is a “just right” book. Another way to know if a book is too hard is the “Rule of 5.” Hold up one finger for every error as your child reads aloud. If 5 fingers go up before you have finished a page or two, that book is probably too hard at this time.



Young Adult Reading: Grades 6 – 8

Don't let your reading skills slide over the summer! Join the **READINGTON READS** challenge! Every book read this summer helps to earn spirit points for the grade you will enter in the fall. The following titles are just to get you started; you can read anything you wish just as long as it is over 100 pages and you have never read it before.

To earn your points log onto the Media Center Page on the school web site via this link <http://www.readington.k12.nj.us/7716510417504/site/default.asp>

Pick your grade level (the one you are entering) and blog away! If you have any problems with the blogging, hand write or type your entries and submit the entry log during the first week of school to Mrs. Hoesly, the Library Media Specialist. Remember, for your grade to earn spirit points you must "blog or log" in order to be counted!

Enjoy the summer and read!

Fever 1793, by Laurie Halse Anderson

The Princess Plot by Kirsten Boie

3 Willows: The Sisterhood Grows by Ann Brashares

Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis

Behind Enemy Lines by Bill Doyle

The Final Four Mysteries (series) by John Feinstein

The Whipping Boy by Sid Fleischman

The Brooklyn Nine by Alan Gratz
Summer of My German Soldier by Bette Greene
Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse
Hoot by Carl Hiassen
Scat by Carl Hiassen
Soldier Boy by Dean Hughes
Kira-Kira by Cynthia Kadohata
The Eyes of the Dragon, by Stephen King
A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle
The Call of the Wild by Jack London
Rules by Cynthia Lord
The Big Field by Mike Lupica
Heat by Mike Lupica
Heroes Don't Run: A Novel of the Pacific War by Harry Mazer
Gone With the Wind by Margaret Mitchell
Ties That Bind, Ties That Break, by Lensey Namioka
Greetings from Nowhere by Barbara O'Connor
Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell
A Long Way from Chicago: A Novel in Stories by Richard Peck
The Wee Free Men by Terry Pratchett
The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin
Song of the Sparrow by Lisa Ann Sandell
The Book of One Hundred Truths by Julie Schumacher
The Schwa Was Here and *Antsy Does Time* by Neal Shusterman
Taking Sides by Gary Soto
Crash by Jerry Spinelli
Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli
I So Don't Do Mysteries by Barrie Summy
Killer Pizza by Greg Taylor
Casey at the Bat by Ernest L. Thayer
Flipped by Wendelin Van Draanen
So B. It by Sarah Weeks
Uglies by Scott Westerfield
The Rainbow People by Lauren Yep

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak



Surf's Up

Great Sites to surf this summer!

www.bookadventure.org (K-8)

www.bookpals.net/storyline

http://pbskids.org/cyberchase/how_started.html

www.dositey.com (K-8)

www.funology.com

www.gigglepoetry.com

www.hclibrary.us/

www.hclibrary.us/branches/branchpage.htm

www.magickeys.com/books

www.myhero.com/home.asp

www.lexile.com/findabook/ This site helps you find the “just right “ book! (K-8)

www.sesameworkshop.org (Pre-K – 1)

www.starfall.com (Pre-K – 1)

www.googlelittrips.com (K- 8 and up)

<http://www.ala.org/greatsites>