

Fairfield Public Schools Summer Reading 2009 -- Grade 7



Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome to grade 7! Our summer reading list provides a list of popular authors as well as specific titles. **All students are expected to read at least two books during the summer.** In September, students will complete a Summer Reading project in their English classes.

A limited supply of these authors and titles are available at Fairfield Public Library at 1080 Old Post Road, the Fairfield Woods Branch Library at 1147 Fairfield Woods Road, or the Pequot Library at 720 Pequot Avenue in Southport. Most are also available in local bookstores. If the titles or authors are unavailable, please ask public librarians or bookstore staff to help you select titles that appeal to seventh graders.

Sincerely,
Your Middle School Teachers and Librarians

Nutmeg Nominees for 2010 -- Grades 7 and 8	
Bryant, Jen	Pieces of Georgia
Cooney, Caroline	Code Orange
Coy, John	Crackback
Kostick, Conor	Epic
Landy, Derek	Skulduggery Pleasant
Maas, Wendy	Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life
Pfeffer, Susan Beth	Life as We Knew It
Salisbury, Graham	Eyes of the Emperor
Sonnenblick, Jordan	Drums, Girls and Dangerous Pie
Soto, Gary	Accidental Love

Favorite Authors Grades 6, 7, and 8	
Avi	Korman, Gordon
Colfer, Eoin	Murphy, Jim
Cooney, Caroline	Paterson, Katherine
Farmer, Nancy	Paulsen, Gary
Freedman, Russell	Peck, Richard
Gutman, Dan	Spinelli, Jerry
Horowitz, Anthony	Woodson, Jacqueline

Forever Favorites for Grades 6, 7, and 8			
Alcott	Little Women	London	Call of the Wild
Burnett	The Secret Garden	Norton	The Borrowers
Doyle	The Hound of the Baskervilles	Rawls	Where the Red Fern Grows
Henry	Misty of Chincoteague	Sewell	Black Beauty
Herriot	All Creatures Great and Small	Spere	The Witch of Blackbird Pond
L'Engle	A Wrinkle in Time	Stevenson	Treasure Island

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Abrahams, Pater. Down the Rabbit Hole. Eighth grader Ingrid investigates a murder in her town of Echo Falls.

Capuzzo, Michael. Close to Shore: The Terrifying Shark Attacks of 1916. Nonfiction account of a rogue shark that terrorized the Jersey Shore.

Collins, Suzanne. Gregor the Overlander. When eleven-year-old Gregor and his two-year-old sister are pulled into a strange underground world, they trigger an epic battle involving men, bats, rats, cockroaches, and spiders while on a quest foretold by ancient prophecy. And other books in the "Underland Chronicles" series.

--**Creech, Sharon. The Wanderer.** Sophie and her family sail on *The Wanderer* on a transatlantic voyage to England.

Delaney, Joseph. Revenge of the Witch. Thomas Ward is the seventh son of a seventh son and possesses special abilities. He can hear the ghosts of hanged men on a hill near his home and can sense things that would frighten the bravest of hearts. This is a good thing because twelve year old Thomas is apprenticed to be a Spook. Can Thomas succeed where other apprentices have failed?

DuPrau, Jeanne. City of Ember. It's assignment day. When the jobs are announced, Lina receives the worst possible news, until her friend Doon asks to switch with her. But then she starts wondering why it is so important to Doon to work on the generators. Is the City of Ember running out of light? Can Lina and Doon really help save their people?

-- **Giff, Patricia Reilly. Lily's Crossing.** During her summer vacation, Lily befriends a young boy who has come to America to escape World War II.

Harlow, Joan Hiatt. Thunder from the Sea. It's 1929 and thirteen-year-old Tom Campbell has always wanted a real family with a real house and a dog of his very own. When he is sent to live and work with fisherman Enoch and his wife, Tom finally sees his dream within reach.

Hiaasen, Carl. Hoot. Roy, new to Florida, becomes involved in another boy's attempt to save a colony of burrowing owls from a proposed construction site. **Flush.** Noah investigates a floating casino that is polluting the Florida Keys.

Lupica, Mike. Travel Team. After he is cut from his travel basketball team, twelve-year-old Danny Walker forms his own team of cast-offs that might have a shot at victory. **Summer Ball** Danny, the basketball-obsessed basketball player of Travel Team goes to summer camp.

Myers, Walter Dean. The Greatest. A biography of Muhammad Ali.

Park, Linda Sue. When My Name was Keoko. Being Korean under Japanese rule is difficult for Sun-hee and her family as war looms. **A Single Shard.** A 12th-century Korean boy named Tree-ear must overcome a host of obstacles in order to attain his life's dream.

Paulsen, Gary. How Angel Peterson Got His Name. Humorous stories about 13th year-old boys trying to ride a waterfall in a barrel, break the world record for speed on skis, and perform other daredevil stunts. Based on Paulsen's own life.

Peck, Richard. The River Between Us. A tale of mystery and adventure set During the Civil War.

--**Rees, Douglas. Vampire High.** Cody is certainly not happy about the move from California. Vlad Dracul Magnet School is academically very easy, but the other students are a bit odd. Could it be? Is this a school for vampires? If so, what do they want with Cody?

++**Voight, Cynthia. Izzy, Willy-Nilly.** A car accident causes 15-year-old Izzy to lose one leg and face the need to start building a new life as an amputee.

Yang, Gene Luen. American Born Chinese. Graphic novel. Three seemingly unrelated stories blend into a memorable tale of growing up Chinese American.

--**Easier Reading**

++**More challenging reading. May contain more mature language or subject matter. Parents, please review these with your children.**