



Summer Reading 2016

LOCAL SUMMER READING PROGRAMS

Fairfax County Public Libraries

- Program runs June 23 through September 4.
- Preschoolers through 3rd graders read 15 books. Children may be read to, and longer books may count as two.
- Students in grades 4-6 read 10 books, and students in grades 7-12 read 6 books.
- Turn in reading logs by September 4th to receive a coupon book for free and discounted prizes.

Loudoun County Public Libraries

- Program runs June 17 through August 30.
- Register at any branch and complete a challenge card for a chance to win prizes!
- Weekly programs at all branches.

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL REQUIRED READING

Rising 4th Graders: Please read *The Lemonade War* by Jacqueline Davies (or any other book in the series), and be prepared to complete activities related to your book the first week of school.

Rising 5th Graders: Please read *Book Scavenger* by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman, and be prepared to complete activities related to this title the first week of school.

Rising 6th Graders: Please read *When You Reach Me* by Rebecca Stead, and be prepared to complete activities related to this title the first week of school. For next school year, please have your own copy of *Tuck Everlasting* by Natalie Babbitt AND *The Hundred Dresses* by Eleanor Estes (both titles will be available at our fall book fair, prior to when you will need them).

Rising 7th Graders: Please choose ONE of these titles to read over the summer: *Rules* by Cynthia Lord, OR *Peak* by Roland Smith, OR *The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander and be prepared to complete activities related to the title you chose during the first week of school. Students may also elect to purchase *The Bronze Bow* by Elizabeth George Speare, *The Wednesday Wars* by Gary D. Schmidt, and *A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park in order to keep up with the reading at home (copies can also be found at your public library).

Rising 8th Graders: Please choose ONE of these titles to read over the summer: *Code Talker* by Joseph Bruchac, OR *Chasing Lincoln's Killer* by James L. Swanson, OR *Ashes of Roses* by Mary Jane Auch OR *Eyes of the Emperor* by Graham Salisbury. An assignment will be given the first week of school.

NOTE: You may choose to acquire digital copies of these books. However, use of eReader devices in school is not permitted. Please plan accordingly.

RECOMMENDED SUMMER READING FOR RISING 7th and 8th GRADERS*

The Fourteenth Goldfish - Holm
The Apothecary - Meloy
I Am Malala – Yousafzai
Navigating Early – Vanderpool

Okay for Now – Schmidt
The Seventh Most Important Thing - Pearsall
When the Whistle Blows - Slayton
Brown Girl Dreaming - Woods

RECOMMENDED SUMMER READING FOR RISING 5th and 6th GRADERS*

** *Book Scavenger* - Chambliss Bertman
** *A Handful of Stars* - Lord
** *Circus Mirandus* - Beasley
Blue Birds - Rose
Stella by Starlight - Draper
Greenglass House - Milford
El Deafo - Bell
Fish in a Tree - Hunt

A Snicker of Magic - Lloyd
Moving Target - Gonzalez
The Thief Lord - Funke
The Witch of Blackbird Pond - Speare
The BFG - Dahl
Any Small Goodness - Johnston
Marching for Freedom - Partridge

**Students interested in the “Battle of the Books” club next year are encouraged to read these three titles over the summer.

RECOMMENDED SUMMER READING FOR RISING 3rd and 4th GRADERS*

A Cricket in Times Square – Selden
Frindle and other titles - Clements
The Capital Mysteries series – Roy
The *Humphrey* series - Birney
Matilda and other titles - Dahl

The Time Warp Trio series - Scieszka
Wayside School series – Sachar
Who Was?/What Was? series – Penguin Books
The *Fudge* series - Blume
Beverly Cleary books

RECOMMENDED SUMMER READING FOR RISING 1st and 2nd GRADERS*

Amelia Bedelia series - Parish
The Black Lagoon series - Thaler
Flat Stanley series – Brown
Fly Guy series – Arnold
Geronimo Stilton series - Stilton
Keena Ford series - Thomson
Kylie Jean series - Peschke

The Magic Tree House series - Osborne
My Weird School series - Gutman
Nate the Great series - Sharmat
Arnold Lobel books
Cynthia Rylant books
Dr. Seuss books
Syd Hoff books

***PLEASE NOTE** that all titles listed may not suit all students in the recommended age group. Spend some time talking with your child about his or her preferences and abilities. It is important to find books that your child likes and that he or she can read easily so that summer reading will be enjoyable and fun! For the youngest students, make time to read aloud to them from a variety of books. The public library can also provide reading lists for ALL ages, including adults. Have a great summer of reading!

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