

HP Middle School: Summer Reading 2025

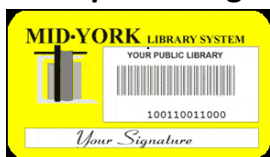
Dear Middle School Readers (and Parents),

Summer is a great time to relax and recharge, but it's also important to keep our minds active. Reading is one of the best ways to do that! Research shows that students who don't read over the summer can lose up to two months of reading progress, a phenomenon known as the "summer slide." To help you stay sharp, we have compiled some book recommendations and reading challenges. Students who read at least **four books** will earn a prize in the Fall, and students who complete any of the challenges will get entries into a raffle for a different prize in September. I encourage everyone to take part—not just for the rewards, but for the joy of discovering new stories and strengthening important skills that will help when we return to school (and the rest of your life!) I'm available by email all summer if you need help with accessing digital or print books, need recommendations, or just want to chat books!

Happy reading,

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Some places to get books:



- Mid-York Public Library System (43 libraries, only one free card needed to borrow!)
- Mid-York Library Book Sales, booktiques, and free book-bins

- Sora: online digital library for ebooks and audiobooks for FREE
- Treehouse Reading and Arts Center in New York Mills (summer reading camps, too!)
- Little Free Library in Holland Patent (on the green) or all over our communities
- HPMS Library's Booktique (1 free book to each student)
- Barnes and Noble. If you travel, check out a library or local bookshop everywhere you go!

Other reading programs: If you are going to read anyway, you may as well collect rewards!

- Barnes & Noble: Read 8 books this summer and get a free book
- Pizza Hut: Earn up to 3 free personal pan pizzas this summer by reading!
- Mid-York libraries usually have their own reading programs, too! There are even adult reading challenges, so get your parents involved, too!

HPMS SUMMER READERS CONNECT:

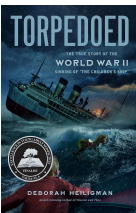
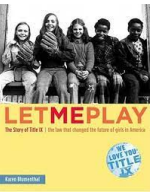
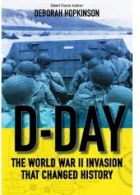
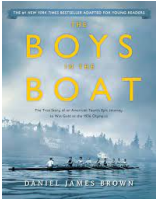
Join our Google Classroom and keep in touch all summer! (But definitely spend as much time off screen and outside as possible!) Code: **g3mhdfsf**

If you plan on participating in summer reading, find lists of recommendations, share ideas and progress on the bingo challenge, and more!



Mrs. Richard's list of books that inspire

- Torpedoed: The True Story of the Sinking of the "Children's Ship"
- Muzoon: A Syrian Refugee Speaks Out-Wendy Pearlman and Muzoon Almellehan
- Make your Bed: Little Things that Change Your Life And Maybe the World-Admiral William H. McRaven
- Running for My Life: One Lost Boy's Journey from the Killing Fields of Sudan to the Olympic Games – Lopez Lomond with Mark Tabb
- Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans & Their Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics - Daniel James Brown
- I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up For Education and Was Shot By the Taliban- Malala Yousafzai with Christina Lamb
- Unbroken - Laura Hillenbrand (Middle School Edition)
- No Summit out of Sight: The True Story of the Youngest Person to Climb the Seven Summits -Jordan Romero
- All Heart: My Dedication & Determination To Become One of Soccer's Best
- Taking Flight: From War Orphan to Star Ballerina-Michaela DePrince with Elaine DePrince
- D-Day: The World War 2 Invasion That Changed History- Deborah Hopkinson
- Trapped: How The World Rescued 33 Miners From 2000 Feet Below The Chilean Desert- Marc Aronson
- Let Me Play: The Story of Title IX- The Law That Changed The Future of Girls in America- Karen Blumenthal
- 42 Is Not Just a Number: The Odyssey of Jackie Robinson, American Hero



More recommendations: (The digital version of the this form is posted on the middle school website)

Graphic Novels:

[Graphic novels by reading level](#)

Fantasy:

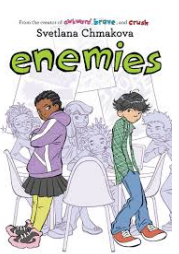
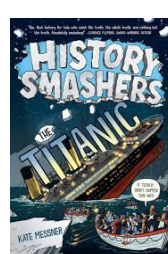
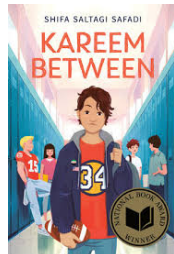
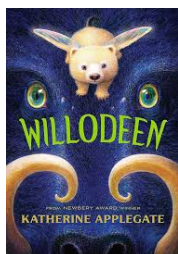
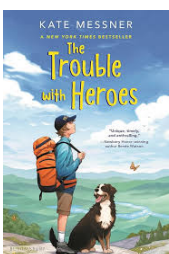
[Fantasy series by reading level](#)

Strong female characters:

[Middle grade authors with strong female characters](#)

Novelist reading recommendation tool:

Look up any book, series, or author you have enjoyed to find recommendations based on what you liked about it. Go to the MS Library OPALS catalog, click on SEARCH 24/7 Databases, and scroll down to N for Novelist. Password is "search" (no quotation marks). Enjoy!



Favorite Series: “Starting (or finishing) a series over the summer is a perfect choice because you have the luxury of time. I especially like series that are finished.” –Mrs. Richard



Realistic Fiction	Historical Fiction	Science Fiction	Fantasy	Mystery & Heists	Graphic Novel	Non-Fiction
Gary Paulsen: Hatchet Tim Green: -Football Genius -Baseball Great Jason Reynolds: Track Series Lisa Greenwald: -Friendship List -My Life in Pink & Green James Patterson: Middle School Trent Reedy McCall Mountain Kelly Yang Front Desk Dan Gemeinhart The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise Kate DiCamillo Raymie Nightingale	Lauren Tashires: I Survived... Andy Marino: Escape from East Berlin; Escape from Chernobyl, Nathan Hale: Hazardous Tales (graphic novel/history) Kimberly Brubaker Bradley: The War That Saved My Life Laurie Halse Anderson -Chains -Fever 1793	Suzanne Collins: Hunger Games James Dashner: -The Maze Runner -Eyes of Mind Veronica Roth: -Divergent (8th grade) Marie Lu: (8th grade) -Legend -The Young Elites -Warcross James Patterson: -Maximum Ride (The Angel Experiment) Richard Paul Evans: The Michael Vey series Margaret Peterson Haddix: -The Missing Series (starting with <i>Found</i>) -The Strangers Scott Westerfeld (7th & 8th grade) -Uglies -Leviathan Marissa Meyer -Cinder (The Lunar Chronicles) Joey Graceffa Children of Eden	J.K. Rowings: Harry Potter Erin Hunter: Warriors Dan Gutman: A Baseball Card Adventure Rick Riordan: -Percy Jackson, Heroes of Olympus -The Kane Chronicles, -Magnus Chase -many more mythic fantasy books! J.C. Cervantes: Stormrunner Suzanne Collins: Gregor the Overlander Katherine Applegate -The One and Only Ivan -Ending Brandon Mull: Fablehaven Chris Colfer Land of Stories Eion Colfer Artemis Fowl Soman Chainani The School of Good and Evil Robert Beatty: Serafina Angie Sage: Magyk (Septimus Heap)	Ally Carter: -The Gallagher Girls -The Heist Society -Embassy Row Anthony Horowitz: Alex Rider Wendelin Van Draanen: Sammy Keyes John Grisham: Theodore Boone Marcia Wells Eddie Red Undercover James Ponti City Spies Sharks Incorporated Randy Wayne White Nancy Springer -Enola Holmes Jennifer Lynn Barnes (8th grade) -The Inheritance Games Chris Granbenstein Escape from Lemencello's	Dav Pilkey: Captain Underpants; Dogman Jeff Kinney: Diary of a Wimpy Kid Raina Telgemeier: Smile Kazu Kibuishi: Amulet Booki Vivat: Frazzled Masashi Kishimoto: Naruto Svetlana Chmakova: Berrybrook Middle School Raina Telgemeier -Sisters, Smile... Shannon Hale: Real Friends Kristen Gudsnuik: Making Friends Jerry Kraft: -New Kid Terri Libenson -Emmie & Friends Molly Ostertag: Witch Boy Jennifer Holm: (7th grade and up) Sunny Side Up Anne M. Martin: Babysitter's Club	Authors vary You wouldn't want to ... series Ken Jennings Junior Genius Guides Kathleen Krull & Kathryn Hewitt: Lives of the...series Kate Messner History Smashers

Summer Reading Form

- 1) The goal is for each student to read **4 books** over the summer.
- 2) Books in all formats will be accepted: printed/digital.
- 3) Complete the form with your parent's signature. **Return to your ELA teacher in September.**
- 4) Students will receive a middle school backpack as a small token of "thank you" for choosing to be a reader.

I participated in the 2025 Holland Patent Middle School Summer Reading Program.

Name: _____

Grade: _____

ELA Teacher: _____

Title: _____

Author: _____

____ Digital version ____ Print book

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Parent Signature: _____