

## HP Middle School: Summer Reading 2020

Dear Middle School Readers (and Parents),

This spring, COVID 19 changed the landscape of education. Teachers and students had to recalibrate the ways in which they learned. I was never the type of person who tethered myself to technological devices. And yet I had to if I wanted to stay connected to my students. Now I find myself feeling a digital weariness...and maybe you do, too. I am anxious to step away from my Chromebook and collapse inside books that I can hold in my hand. Books are my "comfort food." And so I feel the pull of summer reading...and maybe you do, too.

Here are a few suggestions to help with planning a summer reading life.

★ **Decide what books you want to begin summer with...** Do you have a favorite author, genre, or series? I often love to start-finish a series over the summer because summer gives us the gift of time. You also might want to return to a beloved series and reread it again.

★ **Determine how you will gather the books...** Do you have a bedroom bookshelf bursting with books? How about a Barnes & Noble gift card that you have been saving for just the right moment? Can you borrow books from a bestie? Or even better: use a library card. Certainly reading digitally may still be an important option for summer.

★ **Study your summer calendar.** Summer can be a busy time. Figure out the best time to read in your day. Everyone needs downtime. But too often downtime means video games and phones. Can you balance that time for both?

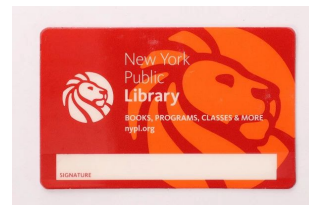
★ **Reading is social.** Form a book club or partnership. Even if you can't meet in person, set up a time once a week to FaceTime, Zoom, or Google meets. Having a summer book club can help you stay motivated and committed to summer reading.

● **Books travel.** Remember books can travel. To appointments. To camp. On airplanes and in cars. You can pack them or access them digitally.

Good luck. I wish you a happy, healthy summer- filled with books that comfort, inspire, and make you laugh.

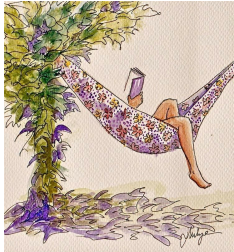
Yours in Reading,

Gina Richard Grade 6 ELA Teacher/Summer Reading Coordinator



## Jumpstart Summer Reading:

**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.



Realistic Fiction	Historical Fiction	Science Fiction	Fantasy	Mystery	Graphic Novel	Non-Fiction
<p><b>Gary Paulsen:</b> Hatchet</p> <p><b>Tim Green:</b> Football Genius, Baseball Great</p> <p><b>Jason Reynolds:</b> Track Series</p> <p><b>Lisa Greenwald:</b> Friendship List; My Life in Pink &amp; Green</p> <p><b>Janet Tashjian</b> My Life as a Book</p> <p><b>James Patterson:</b> Middle School</p>	<p><b>Lauren Tashires:</b> I Survived...</p>	<p><b>Suzanne Collins:</b> Hunger Games</p> <p><b>James Dashner:</b> The Maze Runner &amp; Eyes of Mind</p> <p><b>Veronica Roth:</b> Divergent, Carve the Mark</p> <p><b>Lauren Oliver:</b> Delirium</p> <p><b>Marie Lu:</b> Legend, The Young Elites, Warcross</p>	<p><b>J.K. Rowlings:</b> Harry Potter</p> <p><b>Erin Hunter:</b> Warriors</p> <p><b>Margaret Peterson Haddix:</b> The Missing</p> <p><b>Dan Gutman:</b> A Baseball Card Adventure</p> <p><b>Rick Riordan:</b> Percy Jackson, Heroes of Olympus, The Kane Chronicles, &amp; Magnus Chase and the God of Asgard</p>	<p><b>Ally Carter:</b> The Gallagher Girls The Heist Society, &amp; Embassy Row</p> <p><b>Anthony Horowitz:</b> Alex Rider</p> <p><b>Wendelin Van Draanen:</b> Sammy Keyes</p> <p><b>John Grisham:</b> Theodore Boone</p> <p><b>Marcia Wells</b> Eddie Red Undercover</p>	<p><b>Dav Pilkey:</b> Captain Underpants; Dogman</p> <p><b>Jeff Kinney:</b> Diary of a Wimpy Kid</p> <p><b>Raina Telgemeier:</b> Smile</p> <p><b>Kazu Kibuishi:</b> Amulet</p> <p><b>Booki Vivat:</b> Frazzled</p> <p><b>Masashi Kishimoto:</b> Naruto</p>	<p><b>Authors vary</b> You wouldn't want to be...series</p> <p><b>Ken Jennings</b> Junior Genius Guides</p> <p><b>Kathleen Krull &amp; Kathryn Hewitt:</b> Lives of the...series</p>

**Beloved Authors:** Any books by these authors are a gift

Katherine Applegate  
Kate DiCamillo

Andrew Clements  
Alan Gratz

Ruta Sepetys  
Jennifer Nielsen

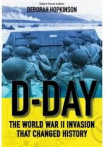
Carl Hiasen  
Mike Lupica

**New releases (or soon to be released books by our beloved authors)**



## Books that Inspire:

- 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- Carli Lloyd with Wayne Coffey
- Taking Flight: From War Orphan to Star Ballerina-Michaela DePrince with Elaine DePrince
- Flags of Our Fathers- James Bradley
- 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 Arsonson
- Let Me Play: The Story of Title IX- The Law That Changed The Future of Girls in America- Karen Blumenthal



## Extra Resources:

Graphic Novels: [https://padlet.com/eric\\_hand/GNbands](https://padlet.com/eric_hand/GNbands)

Fantasy: [https://padlet.com/shana\\_frazin/FantasySeriesByBand](https://padlet.com/shana_frazin/FantasySeriesByBand)

Strong female characters: [https://padlet.com/shana\\_frazin/OV\\_MG\\_AuthorsToKnow](https://padlet.com/shana_frazin/OV_MG_AuthorsToKnow)

## 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 2020 Holland Patent Middle School Summer Reading Program.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

ELA Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Digital version

Paperback

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Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

