

HP Middle School: Summer Reading 2024

Dear Middle School Readers (and Parents),

The call to summer is upon us. Summer is a time for learning and growing outside the classroom- a time for family “adventuring”. As a kid, this meant family road trips- usually with our pop-up camper in tow to a state park. Let’s just say my dad missed a few Boy Scout meetings in his youth. Something about campfires and my father were not a good mix. There was the time my dad built a campfire with damp wood that smoked even Smokey the Bear out of hiding. He also learned a valuable lesson that shale **SHOULD** never be used around a campfire. Not unless you want rocks hissing and popping like popcorn through your friend’s camper. And who can forget the time he forgot to put the cooler in the car. Our family (and *probably the entire campground*) woke to my sister screaming, “Dad, a raccoon is eating the hotdogs.” (And the goulash, I might add.) Through all the family adventuring-fingers coated in the stickiness of a smore, the endless scratching of bug bites, diving off the high dive at Green Lakes State Park, there was also always laughter and love. But as you know, family in confined spaces can get on one’s nerves...especially if rain rolls in. Sometimes you just need to escape into a story that is not the one you are writing with your family.

That’s why you will always find a stowaway in my backpack: A book (or two or three).

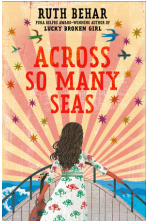
Here are a few suggestions to help plan for summer adventuring.

- ★ **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
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 Dakota Sunrise	Lauren Tashires: I Survived... Andy Marino: Escape from East Berlin; Escape from Chernobyl, Nathan Hale: Hazardous Tales	Suzanne Collins: Hunger Games James Dashner: The Maze Runner & Eyes of Mind Veronica Roth: Divergent, Carve the Mark Lauren Oliver: Delirium Marie Lu: Legend, The Young Elites, Warcross	J.K. Rowlings: Harry Potter Erin Hunter: Warriors Margaret Peterson Haddix: The Missing Dan Gutman: A Baseball Card Adventure Rick Riordan: Percy Jackson, Heroes of Olympus, The Kane Chronicles, & Magnus Chase and the God of Asgard J.C. Cervantes: The Stormrunner Novel	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	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:	Authors vary You wouldn't want to be...series Ken Jennings Junior Genius Guides Kathleen Krull & Kathryn Hewitt: Lives of the...series Kate Messner History Smashers

Beloved Authors: Any books by these authors are a gift

Katherine Applegate
Kate DiCamillo

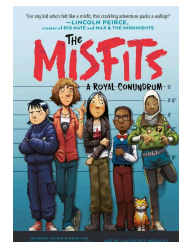
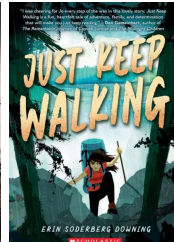
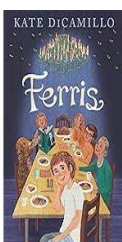
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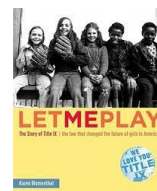
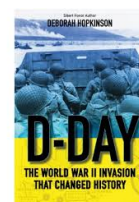
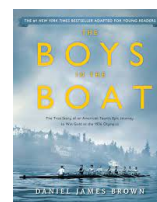
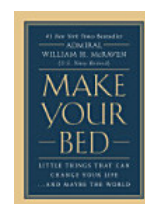
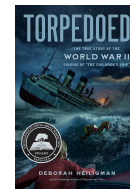
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New releases



Books that Inspire:

- Torpedoed: The True Story of the Sinking of the "Children's Ship"-DeborahHeiligman
- 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-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
- 42 Is Not Just a Number: The Odyssey of Jackie Robinson, American Hero-Doreen Rappaport



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

Graphic Novels:

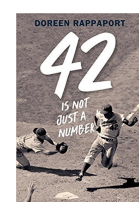
[Graphic novels by reading level](#)

Fantasy:

[Fantasy series by reading level](#)

Strong female characters:

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



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 2024 Holland Patent Middle School Summer Reading Program.

Name: _____

Grade: _____

ELA Teacher: _____

Title: _____

Author: _____

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____ Paperback

Title: _____

Author: _____

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Title: _____

Author: _____

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Title: _____

Author: _____

____ Digital version

____ Paperback

Parent Signature: _____

