



SUMMER READING

MIDDLE
SCHOOL

Grades 5 – 8 Grades

2022-2023

EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF READING!

This summer, Middle School English/Language Arts teachers and our Wellington librarians invite you to experience the joy of reading! Reading should be an enjoyable, enriching experience. We love it and want you to love it too. Sharing what we read is rewarding, which is why we are giving you the opportunity to read that book you have been wanting to read or to discover what kind of books you enjoy. Then we invite you to bring your experience back to share with our community in the fall.

This summer, please choose at least one book to read, fiction or nonfiction, that truly interests you. You may choose something from our “Recommended Titles” list or choose something on your own. Once you have finished the book, write a letter and email it to your new English/Language Arts teacher and/or the librarians. In your letter, include the following:

- Title and author
- Why you chose that book
- Brief summary of the book
- Description of characters and setting
- Your reaction to the book (was it funny, sad, thoughtful?)
- Information about your reading preferences, such as:
 - How much you read
 - What types of titles/authors you like to read
 - How you like to read (print, digital, audio), etc.

Take the opportunity to talk with family, friends, teachers, and librarians to get book suggestions and to find out what books they are enjoying right now.

Happy reading!

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RECOMMENDED TITLES (BY GRADE LEVEL):

5th Grade

Fiction:

- *Once Upon an Eid* edited by S.K. Ali and Aisha Saeed
- *The One and Only Ivan* series by Katherine Applegate
- *Maya and the Rising Dark* series by Rena Barron
- *New Kid* by Jerry Craft
- *Out of My Mind* series by Sharon M. Draper
- *Sal and Gabi Break the Universe* series by Carlos Hernandez
- *Show Me a Sign* by Ann Clare LeZotte
- *Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky* series by Kwame Mbalia
- *Merci Suárez Changes Gears* series by Meg Medina
- *Becoming Muhammad Ali* by James Patterson and Kwame Alexander
- *I, Funny: A Middle School Story* by James Patterson
- *Any Day with You* by Mae Respicio
- *The Cardboard Kingdom* series by Chad Sell
- *Clean Getaway* by Nic Stone
- *Harbor Me* by Jacqueline Woodson

Non-Fiction:

- *A Sporting Change: How Ludwig Guttman Created the Paralympic Games* by Lori Alexander
- *Monstrous: The Lore, Gore, and Science Behind Your Favorite Monsters* by Carlyn Beccia
- *Changing the Equation: 50+ US Black Women in STEM* by Tonya Bolden
- *Finish the Fight!: The Brave and Revolutionary Women Who Fought for the Right to Vote* by Veronica Chambers
- *Powwow: A Celebration Through Song and Dance* by Karen Pheasant-Neganigwane
- *How We Got to the Moon: The People, Technology, and Daring Feats of Science Behind Humanity's Greatest Adventure* by John Rocco
- *Beastly Bionics: Rad Robots, Brilliant Biomimicry, and Incredible Inventions Inspired by Nature* by Jennifer Swanson
- *Follow Your Stuff: Who Makes It, Where Does It Come From, How Does It Get to You?* by Kevin Sylvester
- *Nuestra América: 30 Inspiring Latinas/Latinos Who Have Shaped the United States* by Sabrina Vourvoulias

6th Grade

Fiction:

- *Small Spaces* series by Katherine Arden
- *The War that Saved my Life* series by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
- *A Thousand Questions* by Saadia Faruqi
- *Lupe Wong Won't Dance* by Donna Barba Higuera
- *Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
- *Dragon Pearl* series by Yoon Ha Lee
- *Bloom* by Kenneth Oppel
- *Best Nerds Forever* by James Patterson
- *Boy Bites Bug* by Rebecca Petruck
- *Look Both Ways* by Jason Reynolds
- *Omar Rising* by Aisha Saeed
- *A Wish in the Dark* by Christina Soontornvat

- *Other Words for Home* by Jasmine Warga
- *Before the Ever After* by Jacqueline Woodson

Nonfiction:

- *I Am Not a Label: 34 Disabled Artists, Thinkers, Athletes, and Activists from Past and Present* by Cerrie Burnell
- *Lifting As We Climb: Black Women’s Battle for the Ballot Box* by Evette Dionne
- *When Stars Are Scattered* by Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed
- *Proud: Living My American Dream* by Ibtihaj Muhammad
- *Free Lunch* by Rex Ogle
- *One Earth: People of Color Protecting Our Planet* by Anuradha S. Rao
- *All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys’ Soccer Team* by Christina Soontornvat
- *Sky Gazing: A Guide to the Moon, Sun, Planets, Stars, Eclipses, Constellations* by Meg Thacher
- *Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson

7th Grade

Fiction:

- *Pet* by Akwaeke Emezi
- *The Last Cuentista* by Donna Barba Higuera
- *Lalani of the Distant Sea* by Erin Entrada Kelly
- *We Dream of Space* by Erin Entrada Kelly
- *The Legend of Auntie Po* by Shing Yin Khor
- *Red, White, and Whole* by Rajani LaRocca
- *The Mysterious Disappearance of Aidan S.* by David Levithan
- *A Forgery of Roses* by Jessica S. Olson
- *Northwind* by Gary Paulsen
- *Black Brother, Black Brother* by Jewell Parker Rhodes
- *Kaleidoscope* by Brian Selznick
- *Fast Pitch* by Nic Stone
- *The Magic Fish* by Le Nguyen Trung
- *The Enigma Game* by Elizabeth Wein

Non-Fiction:

- *Awesome Asian Americans: 20 Stars Who Made America Amazing* by Philip Amara
- *13 Things Strong Kids Do: Think Big, Feel Good, Act Brave* by Amy Morin
- *Trouble Maker for Justice: The Story of Bayard Rustin, The Man Behind the March on Washington* by Jacqueline Houtman
- *We Are Displaced: My Journey and Stories from Refugee Girls Around the World* by Malala Yousafzai
- *Spooked!: How a Radio Broadcast and the War of the Worlds Sparked the 1938 Invasion of America* by Gail Jarrow
- *Black Hole Chasers: The Amazing True Story of an Astronomical Breakthrough* by Anna Crowley Redding
- *You Can’t Say That!: Writers for Young People Talk About Censorship, Free Expression, and the Stories They Have to Tell* edited by Leonard S. Marcus
- *Into the Deep: Science, Technology, and the Quest to Protect the Ocean* by Christy Peterson
- *Bad Boys of Fashion: Style Rebels and Renegades Through the Ages* by Jennifer Croll

8th Grade

Fiction:

- *The Inheritance Games* by Jennifer Barnes
- *We Are Not Free* by Traci Chee
- *Slider* by Pete Hautman
- *Darius the Great is Not Okay* by Adib Khorram
- *Borders* by Thomas King
- *The Things She's Seen* by Ambelin Kwaymullina
- *I'll Be the One* by Lyla Lee
- *Luck of the Titanic* by Stacey Lee
- *The Wide Starlight* by Nicole Lesperance
- *Elatsoe* by Darcie Little Badger
- *Everything Sad is Untrue* by Daniel Nayeri
- *The Way Back* by Gavriel Savit
- *Healer & Witch* by Nancy Werlin
- *Punching the Air* by Ibi Anau Zobo and Yusef Salaam

Nonfiction:

- *Poisoned Water: How the Citizens of Flint, Michigan, Fought for Their Lives and Warned the Nation* by Candy J. Cooper
- *Blacklisted!: Hollywood, The Cold War, and the First Amendment* by Larry Dane Brimner
- *Flowers in the Gutter: The True Story of the Edelweiss Pirates, Teenagers Who Resisted the Nazis* by K.R. Gaddy
- *The Story of More: How We Got to Climate Change and Where to Go From Here* (adapted for young adults) by Hope Jahren
- *The Poison Eaters: Fighting Danger and Fraud in our Food and Drugs* by Gail Jarrow
- *(Don't) Call Me Crazy: 33 Voices Start the Conversation About Mental Health* edited by Kelly Jensen
- *This is Your Brain on Stereotypes: How Science is Tackling Unconscious Bias* by Tanya Lloyd Kyi
- *Everything You Wanted to Know About Indians But Were Afraid to Ask* (young readers edition) by Anton Treuer
- *Disability Visibility: 17 First-Person Stories for Today* (adapted for young adults) by Alice Wong