

Brookline Public Schools

Entering Grade 7/8

Summer Reading

Dear parents,

School vacation has arrived, a time to reflect on the achievements, academic and personal growth, and special interests that have developed over the past year. During the year, we encouraged our students to become thoughtful readers, engaging them in reading and writing activities that promote word study, reading fluency, comprehension, and personal response to literature. Since research strongly supports reading outside of school, it is important for your child to continue reading this summer on a daily basis. This will allow for practice and extension of the reading skills and strategies learned during the school year.

Summer is a time to relax and enjoy reading. This list is a starting point to help you select books that match your child's grade level, reading level, and interests. You will find a variety of titles across many genres, levels, and lengths. Our goal is to develop readers who not only *can* read, but who *choose* to read as a pleasurable activity. Please explore these titles and others in Brookline's public libraries and bookstores. Enjoy your summer, and thank you for helping to create a partnership between home and school.

Sincerely,
The Summer Reading Committee

Hot Off the Presses: New and Notable

Kadohata, Cynthia	<u>Kira-Kira</u>
Kidd, Ronald	<u>Monkey Town: The Summer of the Scopes Trial</u>
Perkins, Lynn Rae	<u>Criss Cross</u>
Riordan, Rick.	<u>The Lightning Thief: Percy Jackson and the Olympians</u>
Scieszka, Jon,ed.	<u>Guys Write for Guys Read</u>
Staples, Suzanne	<u>Under the Persimmon Tree</u>
Turner, Megan W.	<u>The King of Attolia*</u>

Get Real! : Realistic Fiction

Bauer, Joan	<u>Best Foot Forward</u>
Brashares, Ann	<u>The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*</u>
Canales, Viola	<u>Tequila Worm</u>
Dhami, Narinder	<u>Bindi Babes</u>
Dessen, Sarah	<u>The Truth about Forever</u>
Johnson, Angela	<u>The First Part Last</u>
Johnson, M	<u>13 Little Blue Envelopes</u>
Koja, Kathe	<u>Buddha Boy</u>
Flake, Sharon	<u>Who Am I Without Him?</u>
Moriarity, Jaclyn	<u>Year of Secret Assignments</u>
Osa, Nancy	<u>Cuba 15</u>
Park, Linda Sue	<u>Project Mulberry</u>
Powell, Randy	<u>Three Clams and an Oyster</u>
Shusterman, Neil	<u>The Schwa Was Here</u>
Sones, Sonia	<u>One of Those Hideous Books Where the Mother Dies</u>
Sonnenblick, J	<u>Drums, Girls and Dangerous Pie</u>
Woodson, J	<u>If You Come Softly</u>

Page-turners: Mystery and Adventure

Allison, Jennifer	<u>Gilda Joyce: Psychic Investigator*</u>
Cooney, Caroline	<u>The Face on the Milk Carton*</u>
Cormier, Robert	<u>Rag and Bone Shop</u>
Haddix, Margaret	<u>Among the Hidden*</u>
Horowitz, Anthony	<u>Stormbreaker*</u>
King, Laurie	<u>The Game*</u>
Meyer, Stephanie	<u>Twilight</u>
Noyes, Deborah, ed.	<u>Gothic! Ten Original Dark Tales</u>
Oppel, Kenneth	<u>Airborn*</u>
Plum-Ucci, Carol	<u>The Body of Christopher Creed</u>
Schreiber, Ellen	<u>Vampire Kisses*</u>
Shan, Darren	<u>Cirque du Freak*</u>
Wooding, Chris	<u>Poison</u>

Out of This World: Fantasy and Science Fiction

Adlington, L.J.	<u>The Diary of Pelly D.</u>
Blackman, Marjorie	<u>Naughts and Crosses</u>
Bechard, Margaret	<u>Spacer and Rat</u>
Colfer, Eoin	<u>The Supernaturalist</u>
Crichton, Michael	<u>Prey</u>
	<u>Andromeda Strain</u>
Flanagan, John	<u>The Ranger's Apprentice*</u>
MacHale, D.J.	<u>The Merchant of Death*</u>
Nix, Garth	<u>Sabriel*</u>
Paolini, Christopher	<u>Eragon*</u>
Patterson, James	<u>Maximum Ride</u>
Stroud, Jonathan	<u>Bartimaeus Trilogy*</u>
Westerfeld, Scott	<u>Uglies*</u>
Zevin, Gabrielle	<u>Elsewhere</u>

Way Back When: Historical Fiction

Anderson, Laurie Fever 1793
Bruchac, Joseph Code Talker
Choldenko, Gail Al Capone Does My Shirts
Jinks, Catherine Pagan's Crusade*
Myers, Walter Dean Fallen Angels
Rees, Celia Witch Child*
Rinaldi, Ann The Color of Fire
Shaara, Michael The Killer Angels
Schmidt, Gary Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy
Spillebean, Geert Kipling's Choice
Stolz, Joel The Shadows of Ghadames
Winthrop, Elizabeth Counting on Grace

Just for Fun - Humor

Adams, Douglas Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*
Cabot, Meg All-American Girl*
Goldman, William The Princess Bride
Hiaasen, Carl Flush
Korman, Gordon Son of the Mob
Pratchett, Terry Johnny Maxwell Trilogy*
Rees, Douglas Vampire High
Rennison, Louise Angus, Thongs and Full Frontal Snogging
Sleator, William Oddballs
Yee, Lisa Stanford Wong Flunks Big-Time

Past Treasures: Classics

Austen, Jane Emma
Pride and Prejudice
Bradbury, Ray Fahrenheit 451
Dickens, Charles Tale of Two Cities
Doyle, Arthur Conan The Hound of the Baskervilles
Dumas, Alexandre Count of Monte Cristo
Golding, William Lord of the Flies
Smith, Dodie I Capture the Castle
Tolkien, J. R. R. The Hobbit, Lord of the Rings*
Taylor, Mildred The Land*

The World of Sports

Brooks, Bruce The Moves Make the Man
Crutcher, Chris Whale Talk
Escilsen, Erik Offsides: A Novel
Feinstein, John Last Shot: A Final Four Mystery
Fogelin, Adrian Crossing Jordan
Lipsyte, Robert The Contender
Lupica, Mike Heat
Sitomer, Alan L. The Hoopster

Take a Look: Picture Books and Graphic Novels

Miyazaki, Hayao Nausicaa of the Valley
Foreman, Michael War Game
Gonick, Larry Cartoon History of the Universe
Macaulay, David Mosque
Pomplun, Tom Horror Classics: Graphic Classics
Spiegelman, Art Maus: A Survivor's Tale

Life Stories: Biography and Autobiography

Akbar & Burton Come Back to Afghanistan
Cox, Lynn Swimming to Antarctica
Gantos, Jack Hole in My Life
Kuklin, Susan Iqbal Masih and the Crusaders Against Child Slavery
Morgan, David L. LeBron James: The Rise of a Star
Partridge, Elizabeth John Lennon: All I Want Is the Truth

Get Real: Nonfiction

Armstrong, J. Photo by Brady: A Picture of Civil War
Bartoletti, Susan Hitler Youth
Blumenthal, Karen Let Me Play: the Story of Title IX
Boring, Mel Guinea Pig Scientists
Nelson, Peter Left for Dead
Ken Silverstein The Radioactive Boy Scout

A Way with Words: Poetry

Koertge, Ron Shakespeare Bats Cleanup
Myers, Walter D. Here in Harlem
Nye, Naomi S. A Maze Me: Poems for Girls