

To Middle and High School Students:

Summer is fun for lots of reasons, but chiefly for the leisure time it brings to pursue favorite pastimes. We hope you'll count reading among your summer pleasures. We know the best way to keep reading skills sharp is to read year-round, choosing books and magazines that match your interests. Students who don't read during the summer tend to lose the gains they've made during the school year.

Your school has compiled a list of books to tempt your summer reading tastes and will inform you of their expectations in a letter or brochure. You can also follow the link on this page to access your school's reading program. Reading widely is a large part of reading well. We hope you'll sample lots of the suggested titles, as well as books you've chosen for yourself. It's important to read at least six books to maintain your reading achievement, and reading even more titles should result in reading gains. On your return to school, you'll have ample chance to share your reading and hear from classmates about other good reads.

We invite you to share your reading with your family. Talk about what you're reading and ask them to read some of your choices.

You can get help choosing titles from public librarians, as well as teachers, family, and friends. Online reviews are available at [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) and [barnesandnoble.com](https://www.barnesandnoble.com).

So make space for personal reading pleasure this summer and head back to school ready to move on to new learning.

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