



HRMS Grades 6-8 Summer Reading

Read this list and download copies of the Reading Contract on our Library Web Site: <http://www.danvers.mec.edu/hrmslibrary>

Also, check our library site for a [summer reading blog](#) on our summer titles. You can read and post comments during the summer.

Students are required to choose 3 books to read for summer reading.

- We encourage you to read as many as you like, but you will need to read *at least* three. We suggest that parents be involved in helping their children select books according to children's interest and age level.
- Please do not hesitate to ask the librarians at the public library. Many of them will have read several titles from the list, and many of the recommendations for the list come from them.
- *Before you read*, look over the list, read the brief summaries and decide which one you think will interest you most.
- *As you read*, think about the many ways we can think about caring for our world

and how your chosen book relates to the theme.

- *After you read*, **complete a separate Summer Reading Contract for each title that you read**. Be sure to have **all three contracts** signed by a parent/guardian.

1. Choose at least 1 from the following list of 12 titles related to the theme of Caring for Our World. You may choose all 3 of your titles from this short list, but you must choose at least 1.

Bertagna, *Exodus*
Collard, *Flash Point*
Curtis, *Elijah of Buxton*
Gore, *An Inconvenient Truth: The Crisis of Global Warming* (YA version)
Hiaasen, *Flush*
Hobbs, *Jackie's Wild Seattle*
Hoose, *It's Our World, Too!: Young People Who Are Making a Difference: How They Do It – How YOU Can, Too!*
Lord, *Rules*
Preller, *Six Innings**
Rorby, *Hurt Go Happy*
Schmidt, *The Wednesday Wars*
Taylor, *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*

2. You may read 2 books from the rest of the following categories if you haven't chosen all 3 of your books from the theme-related list above.

Explore More Caring for Our World

DuPrau, Any in the Books of Ember series
Fogelin, *Anna Casey's Place in the World*
Giff, *Pictures of Hollis Woods*
Hale, *Goose Girl; Princess Academy; Enna Burning*
Hussey, *The Valley of Secrets*

Nye, *Going, Going*
Pfeffer, *Life As We Knew It*
Van Draanen, *Sammy Keyes and the Wild Things**
Whelan, *Parade of Shadows*
Wolfson, *Home, and Other Big, Fat Lies*

Laugh Out Loud – Funny Books

Avi, *Never Mind; Romeo & Juliet Together (And Alive!) At Last**
Choldenko, *Notes From a Liar and Her Dog*
Cooney, *The Beloved Dearly*
Hale, *Farewell, My Lunchbag**
Jacobsen, *In Ned's Head**
Kimmel, *Lily B. on the Brink of Cool*
Kinney, *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Greg Heffley's Journal*
Paulsen, *The Amazing Life of Birds (The Twenty-Day Puberty Journal of Duane Homer Leech)*
Rallison, *It's a Mall World After All*
Sanderson, *Alcatraz Versus the Evil Librarians*

Adventure Books

Balliett, *Chasing Vermeer; The Wright 3*
Barry, Any in the Starcatchers series
Cabot, *Avalon High*
Carter, *I'd Tell You I Love You, But Then I'd Have to Kill You*
Hobbs, *Bearstone; Ghost Canoe*
Kehret, *Abduction!*
Korman, *Island Trilogy**
Naylor, *The Fear Place**
Horowitz, Any in the Alex Rider series; Any in the Raven's Gate series
Selznick, *The Invention of Hugo Cabret: A Novel in Words and Pictures*
Smith, *Peak*
Somper, Any in the Vampirates series
Wyss, *The Swiss Family Robinson*

Meet New Friends – Realistic Fiction

Bauer, *Rules of the Road*
Brouwer, *Wired**
Choldenko, *If a Tree Falls at Lunch Period*
Codell, *Sahara Special**
Cummings, *Red Kayak**
Harper, *The Secret Life of Sparrow Delaney*
Hockensmith, *Holmes on the Range*
Horvath, *Everything on a Waffle*
Johnson, *Devilish*
Lipsyte, *The Brave; The Chief; The Contender*
Lupica, *Heat; Travel Team; Miracle on 49th Street; Summer Ball; The Big Field; Hot Hand**; *Two-Minute Drill**
Martin, *A Corner of the Universe*
Myers, *A Handbook for Boys*
Park, *Project Mulberry**
Paterson, *The Same Stuff as Stars*
Perkins, *All Alone in the Universe**
Perkins, *Criss Cross*
Philbrick, *Freak the Mighty; Max the Mighty*
Ritter, *Choosing Up Sides**
Spinelli, *Stargirl; Love, Stargirl*
Tashjian, *The Gospel According to Larry; Vote for Larry*
Voigt, *Homecoming*
Winerip, *Adam Canfield of the Slash*
Withers, *Camp Wild**

Read About Real People & Events – Nonfiction

Armstrong, *You're Smarter Than You Think: A Kid's Guide to Multiple Intelligences*
Blais, *In These Girls, Hope is a Muscle*
Crowe, *Getting Away With Murder: The True Story of the Emmett Till Case*
Freedman, *The Voice that Challenged a Nation: Marian Anderson and the Struggle for Equal Rights*
Giblin, *Good Brother, Bad Brother: The Story of Edwin Booth and John Wilkes Booth*
Murphy, *Across America on an Emigrant Train*

Murphy, *Blizzard!*
Murphy, *The Boy's War: Confederate and Union Soldiers Talk About the Civil War*
Murphy, *The Great Fire*
Murphy, *The Long Road to Gettysburg*

Visit The Past – Historical Fiction

Blackwood, *Second Sight; The Year of the Hangman*
Bruchac, *The Arrow Over the Door; Hidden Roots**
Crowe, *Mississippi Trial, 1955*
Ghent, *No Small Thing*
Holm, *Penny From Heaven**
Larson, *Hattie Big Sky*
Martin, *Here Today*
Meyer, Any in the Bloody Jack series
Park, *The Kite Fighters; A Single Shard*
Schlitz, *A Drowned Maiden's Hair*
Springer, Any of the Enola Holmes Mystery series
Taylor, *Let the Circle Be Unbroken* (sequel to *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*); *The Land* (prequel to *Roll of Thunder*)
Whelan, *Listening for Lions*

Visit The Future – Science Fiction

Cle, *The Marvelous Effect* (first in the Marvelous World series)
Clements, *Things Not Seen*
Farmer, *The Ear, the Eye, and the Arm; The House of the Scorpion*
Lowry, *The Giver; Gathering Blue; Messenger*
Lubar, *Flip*
Marsden, *Tomorrow, When the World Began* and any others in the series
Nix, *Sabriel; Lirael; Abhorsen*
Reeve, *Larklight*, or, *The Revenge of the White Spiders!*, or, *To Saturn's Rings and Back! : a Rousing Tale of Dauntless Pluck in the Farthest Reaches of Space;*

Starcross, or, *The Coming of the Moobs*, or, *Our Adventures in the Fourth Dimension! : A Stirring Adventure of Spies, Time Travel and Curious Hats (just 2 titles by Reeve)*
Westerfeld, *Uglies; Pretties; Specials; Extras*

Visit the World of Make Believe - Fantasy

D'Lacey, Any in the Dragon Trilogy*
Farmer, *The Sea of Trolls; The Land of the Silver Apples*
Hunter, Any of the Warriors, New Prophecy, or Power of Three series
Lewis, Any of the Chronicles of Narnia
Meyer *Twilight; New Moon; Eclipse; Breaking Dawn* (due out in August)
Nimmo, Any in the Children of the Red King series (Charlie Bone)
Owen, *Here, There Be Dragons; The Search for the Red Dragon*
Paolini, *Eragon; Eldest*
Rowling, Any in the Harry Potter series

Recommended Especially for 8th Grade

Bloor, *London Calling*
Bray, Any in the Gemma Doyle Trilogy
Deuker, *Runner*
Easton, *White Magic*
Frank, *Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl*
Johnson, *13 Little Blue Envelopes*
Shinn, *General Winston's Daughter*
Sonnenblick, *Notes from the Midnight Driver*

***Indicates an easier read**

You should make two copies of the Reading Contract so that you complete a total of three - one for each of three books that you have read. Find brief summaries of the 12 primary Caring for Our World themed titles on the reverse of the Reading Contract.
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