



HRMS Grades 6-8 Summer Reading

Visit our Library Web Site:

<http://www.danvers.mec.edu/hrmslibrary/SummerReading2009.htm>

- for tips on presenting your poem.
- for tips on writing your letters.
- to print the Summer Reading Connections Form.
- to download the Summer Reading List and requirements (this form).

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 and recommended several titles.

Several copies of the poetry anthologies will be available for checkout at the public library. Barnes & Noble will also stock these titles. Both Borders and B&N will stock books from

the rest of the list, and copies will be available at the public library.

1. Required Book #1:

- Choose one (1) of your three books from the list of anthologies in the Poetry for Young People series below.
- As you read, think about which poems you like best and why.
- Choose 1 poem from your chosen anthology to memorize or read aloud. You will have the opportunity to share your poem within a small group or in front of the class when we return to school in the fall.
- From the Summer Reading Connections form, choose Option #1 or Option #2 under "Book One."

Poetry for Young People series:

Maya Angelou
Animal Poems
Lewis Carroll
Emily Dickinson
Robert Frost
Langston Hughes
Rudyard Kipling
Henry W. Longfellow
Edgar Allan Poe
Carl Sandburg
William Shakespeare
Walt Whitman

2. Required Books #2 and #3:

- Choose at least two (2) other books to read from the rest of the categories in the summer reading list below.
- Write a letter responding to each of these two additional books, following the instructions on the Summer Reading Connections form.

Explore More Poetry

Bingham, *Shark Girl*
Frost, *Diamond Willow*
Herrick, *Wolf++*
Sandell, *Song of the Sparrow++*
Schroeder, *Far From You++*
Weston, *Zorgamazoo*

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*
Ferraiolo, *The Big Splash*
Hale, *Farewell, My Lunchbag**
Kimmel, *Lily B. on the Brink of Cool*
Paulsen, *The Amazing Life of Birds (The Twenty-Day Puberty Journal of Duane Homer Leech)*
Sanderson, *Alcatraz Versus the Evil Librarians*

Adventure Books

Balliett, *Chasing Vermeer; The Wright 3*
Cabot, *Avalon High*
Carter, *I'd Tell You I Love You, But Then I'd Have to Kill You; Cross My Heart and Hope to Spy*
Hobbs, *Bearstone; Ghost Canoe*
Kehret, *Abduction!*
Korman, *Island Trilogy**
Korman, *Swindle**
Naylor, *The Fear Place**
Horowitz, Any in the Alex Rider series; Any in the Raven's Gate series
Hussey, *The Valley of Secrets*
Mowll, *Operation Red Jericho and Operation Typhoon Shore*
Selznick, *The Invention of Hugo Cabret: A Novel in Words and Pictures*
Smith, *Peak*
Somper, Any in the Vampirates series

Van Draanen, *Sammy Keyes and the Wild Things** and *Sammy Keyes and the Cold Hard Cash*

Meet New Friends – Realistic Fiction

Brashares, *3 Willows: The Sisterhood Grows*
Choldenko, *If a Tree Falls at Lunch Period*
Codell, *Sahara Special**
Cummings, *Red Kayak**
Fogelin, *Anna Casey's Place in the World**
Harper, *The Secret Life of Sparrow Delaney*
Hiaasen, *Scat*
Lipsyte, *The Brave; The Chief; The Contender*
Mass, *Every Soul a Star*
Myers, *A Handbook for Boys*
Nye, *Going, Going*
Park, *Project Mulberry**
Paterson, *The Same Stuff as Stars*
Perkins, *All Alone in the Universe**
Perkins, *Criss Cross*
Ritter, *Choosing Up Sides**
Winerip, *Adam Canfield of the Slash*
Withers, *Camp Wild**
Wolfson, *Home, and Other Big, Fat Lies*

Read About Real People & Events – Nonfiction

Blumberg, *Shipwrecked!: The True Adventures of a Japanese Boy*
Crowe, *Getting Away With Murder: The True Story of the Emmett Till Case++*
Deem, *Bodies from the Ice: Melting Glaciers and the Rediscovery of the Past*
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*
Swanson, *Chasing Lincoln's Killer*

Visit The Past – Historical Fiction

Blackwood, *Second Sight; The Year of the Hangman*
Brittney, *Nathan Fox: Dangerous Times*
Bruchac, *The Arrow Over the Door; Hidden Roots**
Crowe, *Mississippi Trial, 1955*
Ghent, *No Small Thing*
Hesse, *Brooklyn Bridge*
Holm, *Penny From Heaven**
Larson, *Hattie Big Sky*
MacLean, *The Season*
Meyer, Any in the Bloody Jack series
Meyer, *The True Adventures of Charlie Darwin*
Park, *The Kite Fighters; A Single Shard*
Schlitz, *A Drowned Maiden's Hair*
Springer, Any of the Enola Holmes Mystery series
Whelan, *Listening for Lions*
Whelan, *Parade of Shadows*

Visit The Future – Science Fiction

Cle, *The Marvelous Effect* and sequel
Haddix, *Found*
Heath, *The Lab*
Lowry, *The Giver; Gathering Blue; Messenger*
Lubar, *Flip*
Marsden, *Tomorrow, When the World Began* and any others in the series
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*
DuPrau, Any in the Books of Ember series
George, *Sun and Moon, Ice and Snow*
Haddix, *Palace of Mirrors*
Hale, *Goose Girl; Princess Academy; Enna Burning*
Hunter, Any of the Warriors, New Prophecy, or Power of Three series
Law, *Savvy*
Lewis, Any of the Chronicles of Narnia
Nimmo, Any in the Children of the Red King series (Charlie Bone)
Nix, Any in the Keys to the Kingdom Series
Owen, Any in the Imaginarium Geographica series
Paolini, *Eragon; Eldest, Brisingr*
Riordan, *The Last Olympian*
Rowling, Any in the Harry Potter series
Turner, *The Thief*

Recommended Especially for 8th Grade

Bloor, *London Calling++*
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++*
Tashjian, *The Gospel According to Larry; Vote for Larry++*
Titles in the Explore More Poetry list with ++ after them

*Indicates an easier read

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