

# Summer Reading 2020 Franklin Public Schools



The Franklin Public Schools' and Franklin Public Library's summer reading programs are designed to foster a joy of reading and serve as an opportunity to explore different literary genres.

Participation is highly recommended but is optional this year due to the unusual circumstances in which we find ourselves. We know that the summer slide is inevitable, but it doesn't have to be.

Reading will make a huge difference for students when they return to school in the fall after such an extended period of school closure.

The common-sense notion that students who read for pleasure are more apt to demonstrate a positive attitude towards reading and increase their reading habit is upheld in both qualitative and quantitative research. Students who don't read lose an average of 2-3 months proficiency; over time, those lost months add up to years. By high school, two-thirds of the reading achievement gap can be attributed to summer learning loss during the elementary and middle school years.

**Our single greatest responsibility is to grow readers.** Reading increases background knowledge, vocabulary, writing skills, fluency, comprehension, and social-emotional skills such as empathy. We seek to both **inform students** of the value of reading and **support parents** in making reading a family expectation. Check out our **book recommendations** to help your student select books they will enjoy!

## *Middle School Summer Reading Recommendations*

- ★ Acclaimed author **Jordan Sonnenblick** is scheduled to visit us in the fall!
  - We hope that all students will read (or listen to) at least one of his [books](#) this summer.
- ★ We hope you will read at least one other book of your choice. There are some great recommendations below.
- ★ Sharing a favorite book you read is a great way to connect with new teachers and peers in the fall.
- ★ For students that would like to share a book, we recommend that you take brief notes to keep your memory fresh.
- ★ For students that read lots of books and would like to share that, feel free to record them on this [Summer Reading Log](#).

## *How adults can help reinforce these recommendations*

- ★ Franklin Public Library is offering curbside pickup and stores are accepting online orders! Employees are skilled in matching your child with a book they will enjoy.
  - [Franklin Public Library](#)
  - [An Unlikely Story](#)
  - [Barnes and Noble](#)
- ★ Explore sites such as [Amazon](#), [YALSA](#), [Goodreads](#), and [Common Sense Media](#) for lists and recommendations.
- ★ Utilize personal devices with apps such as [Libby](#), [OverDrive](#), and [Hoopla](#) (public library card is required)
- ★ Try audiobooks as a family. [Audible](#) continues to be free to stream this summer!
- ★ Review book choices for suitability for your reader (young adult literature can encompass mature topics)
- ★ Read TO and WITH children of ALL ages! Read the same book as your child and engage in discussion.
- ★ Encourage your child to select books of high interest. Allow them to try something different if they aren't enjoying a book.
- ★ Encourage children to explore different genres including poetry, nonfiction, and graphic novels.
- ★ **Again, Jordan Sonnenblick will be visiting all three Franklin middle schools in November. Why not read one as a family?**

# Student-to-Student Recommendations

Young Adult literature can encompass mature topics. Parents should review selections for suitability.

Tried-and-True Titles		Realistic/Historical Fiction Favorites
<i>Ashes in the Snow</i> Sepetys <i>Holes</i> Sachar <i>Brown Girl Dreaming</i> Woodson <i>Monster</i> Myers <i>Long Way Down</i> Reynolds <i>Boy 21</i> Quick <i>Shoeless Joe and Me</i> Gutman <i>Amal Unbound</i> Saaed <i>The Honest Truth</i> Gemeinhart <i>Curveball</i> Sonnenblick <i>So Far From the Bamboo Grove</i> Watkins <i>All American Boys</i> Reynolds, Kiely <i>Drums Girls &amp; Dangerous Pie</i> Sonnenblick	<i>Hatchet</i> Paulsen <i>Freak the Mighty</i> Philbrick <i>Among the Hidden</i> Haddix <i>One for the Murphys</i> Hunt <i>The Red Pencil</i> Pinkney <i>Twerp</i> Goldblatt <i>The War that Saved My Life</i> Bradley <i>Artemis Fowl</i> series Colfer <i>The Hunger Games</i> series Collins <i>Harry Potter</i> series Rowling <i>Percy Jackson</i> series Riordan <i>The Last Survivors</i> series Pfeffer <i>Selection</i> series Cass <i>Matched</i> series Condie <i>Skeleton Creek</i> series Carman	<i>The Line Tender</i> Allen <i>To Night Owl From DogFish</i> Sloan/Wolitzer <i>Lily and Dunkin</i> Gephart <i>The Blackbird Girls</i> Blankman <i>Dear Martin</i> Stone <i>Show Me a Sign</i> LeZotte <i>Ghost</i> Reynolds <i>The List of Things That Will Not Change</i> Stead <i>From the Desk of Zoe Washington</i> Marks <i>Checked</i> Kadohata <i>Ghost Boys</i> Rhodes <i>Parked</i> Svetcov <i>The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle</i> Connor <i>Nation</i> Pratchett <i>Wolf Hollow</i> Wolk
Best Graphic Novels		Nonfiction Favorites
<i>White Bird</i> Palacio <i>When Stars Are Scattered</i> Jamieson, Mohamed <i>Cardboard</i> TenNapel <i>Pashmina</i> Chanani <i>Snapdragon</i> Leyh <i>Friends with Boys</i> Hicks <i>All Summer Long</i> Larson <i>The Graveyard Book</i> Gaiman <i>Marble Season</i> Hernandez <i>Sheets</i> Thummler	<i>Bad Island</i> TenNapel <i>March</i> Lewis, Ayden, Powell <i>Drama</i> Telgemeier <i>Awkward</i> Chmakova <i>American Born Chinese</i> Yang <i>Hey, Kiddo</i> Krosoczka <i>The New Kid</i> Craft <i>The Faithful Spy</i> Hendrix <i>Bloom</i> Panetta <i>The Life of Frederick Douglass</i> Walker, Smyth	<i>The Boys Who Challenged Hitler</i> Hoose <i>Just Mercy (YA edition)</i> Stevenson <i>A Light in the Darkness</i> Marrin <i>The 57 Bus</i> Slater <i>A High Five for Glenn Burke</i> Bildner <i>The Librarian of Auschwitz</i> Iturbe <i>One Goal</i> Bass <i>Unbroken (YA edition)</i> Hillenbrand <i>Free Lunch</i> Ogle <i>Bomb</i> Sheinkin <i>The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind</i> Kamkwamba
CAN'T-MISS AUTHORS		Fantasy/Mystery Favorites
<b>Renee Adieh</b> <b>Kwame Alexander</b> <b>Rob Buyea</b> <b>Leslie Connor</b> <b>Matt de la Pena</b> <b>Sarah Dessen</b> <b>Sharon Draper</b> <b>Dan Gemeinhart</b> <b>Alan Gratz</b> <b>M.P. Haddix</b> <b>April Henry</b> <b>Carl Hiaasen</b> <b>Anthony Horowitz</b>	<b>Cynthia Kadohata</b> <b>Brigid Kemmerer</b> <b>Gordon Korman</b> <b>Marie Lu</b> <b>Jason Reynolds</b> <b>Rick Riordan</b> <b>Ruta Sepetys</b> <b>Steve Sheinkin</b> <b>Jordan Sonnenblick*</b> <b>Renee Watson</b> <b>Jacqueline Woodson</b> <b>Nicola Yoon</b> <div>*Coming in November!</div>	<i>The Silence of Murder</i> Mackall <i>The Girl Who Drank the Moon</i> Barnhill <i>One of Us is Lying</i> McManus <i>A Curse So Dark and Lonely</i> Kemmerer <i>Scythe</i> Shusterman <i>The Leaving</i> Altebrando <i>The Girl I Used to Be</i> Henry <i>Bloom</i> Oppel <i>The Last Voyage of Poe Blythe</i> Condie <i>The List</i> Forde <i>They Both Die at the End</i> Silvera <i>When You Trap a Tiger</i> Keller