

Summer Reading 2022 – Franklin Public Schools

Middle School Summer Reading Recommendations

- ★ Franklin Middle School students are required to read **at least two books** this summer.
 - [Use this log](#) to record the books you read and return to your ELA teacher in the fall.
- ★ Students will **share** one of their summer reading books in the fall.
 - This is a great way to connect with new teachers and peers.
 - We recommend that students take brief notes on their favorite title to keep their memory fresh.
- ★ Acclaimed author **Leslie Connor** is scheduled to visit us in October!
 - Students should read or listen to one of her books this summer.

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

Top Middle School Titles

House Arrest by Holt
When You Trap a Tiger by Keller
Starfish by Fipps
Ghost Boys by Rhodes
The Body in the Woods by Henry
Look Both Ways by Reynolds
The Line Tender by Allen
Fuzzy Mud by Sachar
Clean Getaway by Stone
From the Desk of Zoe Washington by Marks
When the World Was Ours by Kessler
The Honest Truth by Gemeinhart
The Secret Sheriff of Sixth Grade by Sonnenblick



REALISTIC/HISTORICAL FICTION FAVORITES

Pony by Palacio
Fighting Words by Bradley
Restart by Korman
Fast Break by Lupica
I Must Betray You by Sepetys
Ivy Aberdeen's Letter to the World by Blake
A High Five for Glenn Burke by Bildner
Mississippi Trial 1955 by Crowe
Falling Short by Cisneros
The Boys in the Back Row by Jung
Twerp by Goldblatt
Save Me a Seat by Varadarajan
The Berlin Boxing Club by Sharenow



BEST GRAPHIC NOVELS

White Bird by Palacio
Between Shades of Gray by Sepetys
New Kid by Craft
When Stars are Scattered by Jamieson/Mohamed
Monster by Myers
The Graveyard Book by Gaiman
Check, Please! #Hockey! by Ukazu
Legend by Lu
Bad Island by TenNapel



Nonfiction Favorites

Good Enough by Petro-Roy
Unbroken (YA edition) by Hillenbrand
Brown Girl Dreaming by Woodson
Bomb by Sheinkin
Born to Fly by Sheinkin
Code Talker by Bruchac
All Thirteen by Soontornvat
Lifeboat 12 by Hood
The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind by Kamkwamba



Visiting Author – Leslie Connor



This October, we will welcome acclaimed YA author Leslie Connor. She will spend a full day at each of our middle schools and join us for an evening event the whole family can enjoy. Ms. Connor is excited to return to Franklin and interact with our readers!

[Visit her website](#) for more about Ms. Connor and her titles.



Fantasy/Mystery Favorites

Alone by Freeman
Linked by Korman
The Leaving by Altebrando
Greystone Secrets: The Stranger by Haddix
The Goldfish Boy by Thompson
Small as an Elephant by Jacobson
House of Salt and Sorrows by Clarke

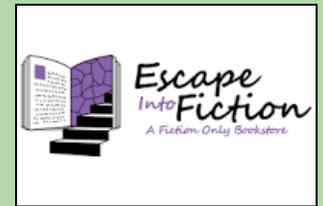


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The Franklin Public Schools' and Franklin Public Library's summer reading programs are designed to foster a joy of reading and serve as an opportunity to explore different literary genres. This summer we are partnering with families to convey the many benefits of reading and provide access to engaging, entertaining, and thought-provoking titles.

*Join us for a Summer Reading Kick Off at
Escape into Fiction
12 Main Street Franklin
Thursday, June 16 2-6pm*



- ★ End of year celebration! Students from all Franklin middle schools are invited - bring a friend or come meet new ones.
- ★ One-stop shopping! Many recommended titles will be in stock and available for purchase.
- ★ Need more help finding something you will enjoy? Get assistance from teachers, booksellers, and other middle school readers.
- ★ Save money and support a new business! **Bring in this flier for 10% off your purchase June 16**

How adults can help reinforce these recommendations

- ★ Don't forget to visit [Franklin Public Library](#)
 - Utilize personal devices with apps such as [Libby](#), [OverDrive](#), and [Hoopla](#) (public library card is required)
- ★ Explore sites such as [YALSA](#), [Goodreads](#), and [Common Sense Media](#) for lists and recommendations.
- ★ Try audiobooks as a family.
- ★ Implement a device-free time each day to allow the time and space for reading.
- ★ Read TO and WITH children of ALL ages! Read the same book as your child and engage in discussion.
- ★ 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.
- ★ **Leslie Connor will be visiting all three Franklin middle schools in October. Read one of her books together!**

Our single greatest responsibility is to grow readers.



Did You Know...

- Reading is 300% better at reducing stress than going for a walk and 700% more effective than playing video games. (Nat'l Library Trust)
- Reading comprehension skills and vocabulary development are directly tied to the work readers do during independent reading. (NCTE)
- Reading also increases background knowledge, writing skills, fluency, and social-emotional skills such as empathy. (NCTE)
- Reading for pleasure results in a positive attitude towards reading and increased reading habit. (Nat'l Library Trust)
- Independent reading is the activity that most strongly prevents summer learning loss. (ala.org)