

# 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

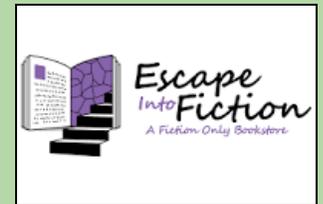


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The Franklin Public Schools' and Franklin Public Library's summer reading programs are designed to foster a joy of reading and serve as an opportunity to explore different literary genres. This summer we are partnering with families to convey the many 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)