

Summer Reading Information

Students are required to read a minimum of **four books** over the summer.

Please maintain a reading log of all books read (on reverse) and return to your teacher in September.

◆ Non-Fiction

7th Grade Summer Reading List 2020

(For students entering Grade 7 in September 2020)

Author	Title
Armstrong, Jennifer ...	◆ Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World
Appelt, Kathi	The Underneath
Avi.....	Nothing But the Truth Something Upstairs and other titles
Bartoletti, Susan.....	◆ Hitler Youth: Growing Up in Hitler's Shadow Kids on Strike and other titles
Bloor, Edward	Tangerine
Bruchac, Joseph	Code Talker: A Novel about the Navajo Marines... The Warriors
Cooney, Caroline	Code Orange Flash Fire Flight #116 is Down The Ransom of Mercy Carter
Crew, Linda	Children of the River
Doyle, Arthur Conan	Any Sherlock Holmes
Ellis, Deborah.....	Breadwinner ◆ Kids of Kabul and other titles
Farmer, Nancy.....	The Ear, The Eye, and the Arm A Girl Named Disaster and other titles

Fleischman, Paul	Seedfolks Whirligig and other titles
Han, Jenny.....	Shug
Hobbs, Will.....	Never Say Die Crossing the Wire Jackie's Wild Seattle and other titles
Jackson, Livia Bitton....	◆ I Have Lived a Thousand Years
Lester, Julius.....	Day of Tears ◆ To Be a Slave
London, Jack.....	Call of the Wild To Build a Fire White Fang and other titles (students must read 3)
Mah, Adeline Yen	◆ Chinese Cinderella: The True Story of an Unwanted...
Morpurgo, Michael....	War Horse
Myers, Walter Dean ...	◆ Bad Boy Hoops
Myracle, Lauren	Eleven Twelve Thirteen Thirteen and Up
O'Dell, Scott	Black Star, Bright Dawn The King's Fifth Sing Down the Moon Streams to the River, River to the Sea
Paulsen, Gary.....	Canyons Dogsong Hatchet and other titles
Philbrick, Rodman	Freak the Mighty and other titles
Preller, James	Bystander Six Innings
Shusterman, Neal.....	Eyes of Kid Midas Dark Side of Nowhere and other titles
Warren, Andrea	◆ Surviving Hitler: A Boy in the Nazi Death Camps
Yep, Laurence	Dragon's Gate Dragonwings

Suggested Activities for Children and Parents

These activities are **optional** for you and your child to enjoy together after reading the book. Read four books this summer and for each book do one of the following activities. You can do the same activities for more than one book. Try to do at least two different activities.

1. Be A Movie Director

Write up a plan for how to make a book you read into a movie. The plan should include:

- Three actors to be in the movie – explain who they will play and why.
- What type of movie it will be (comedy, drama, adventure, etc.)
- Think about the setting of the book. Where would be the right place to film the movie? Explain the reason for your choice.
- Three songs for your movie and where you would use them in the movie. Explain why you chose the songs.

2. Character Journal

Pick a character from one of the books and create a diary for them. The diary should include a cover with your character's name and should fit the character. Write four entries for you character based on the events of the story. Describe how the character is feeling and what his/hers next steps might be. On the back cover include your name, the title and author of the book, and why you choose the character. Each entry should be at least half a page.

3. Non-fiction Book Report

Each paragraph should include at least four sentences. Your report may be handwritten or typed.

First paragraph: Include the title, author and the genre of the book. Include also why you picked this book.

Second and third paragraphs: Write about six facts you learned from the book.

Fourth Paragraph: State your opinion about the book. It is okay if you didn't like the book. Remember to include reasons for your opinion.

4. Fictional Book Report

Put your name on the top right corner of the page. Make the title and author your heading.

Write an essay following that includes the following:

1. One or two sentences describing the setting of the book.
2. 3-4 characters with a description of each character.
3. A summary paragraph of the plot and tone of the book that is at least eight sentences long.
4. A paragraph of 3-4 sentences describing a favorite or least favorite part
5. What rating would give this book and why?

Online Books/Resources

For supplemental Summer Reading resources, visit www.yonkerspublicschools.org and click on the "Summer Reading List" icon.

Many books are available in audio or for download at the Yonkers Public Library's website: <http://www.ypl.org>

Summer Reading Link:

<https://www.yonkerspublicschools.org/summerreading>

Digital Literacy:

<http://bit.ly/YPSFollett>

Yonkers Public Libraries - 337-1500

Riverfront Library

1 Larkin Center, Yonkers, NY 10701

Grinton I. Will Library

1500 Central Park Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10710

Crestwood Branch

16 Thompson Street, Yonkers, NY 10707