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**2020 Summer Reading Requirements
For Students Entering Grade 8**



Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

Summer is here and many students are looking forward to a break from schoolwork, but summer is not a time to take a break from reading! **Research tells us that when students don't read for two months their skills regress.** Research done at Harvard University by James Kim has shown that even reading 4 or 5 books over the summer helps to prevent the summer slide. Reading is a skill which requires practice, just like baseball or playing an instrument. Summer reading helps students of all ages keep their skills sharp so they are ready when school begins again in the fall.

All students are expected to read a minimum of **AT LEAST TWO BOOKS** over the summer, **ONE OF WHICH IS A REQUIRED TITLE FROM THE GRADE LEVEL LIST ON PAGE 4.** The required read for is tied to the theme of overcoming obstacles. This minimum requirement of two books will count as a homework grade. In addition, during the first full week of school, all ELA classes will have a graded assignment based on the required summer reading book.

However, we are encouraging all students to read **beyond the minimum requirement and double their efforts by reading four books or more!** Any student who doubles his or her effort will have their name entered into a raffle to win \$50 in free books during the first Scholastic Book Fair of the year which will be held in November. One student from each grade level will be selected to win.

Wherever your summer days take you, bring along a good book and read, read, read!

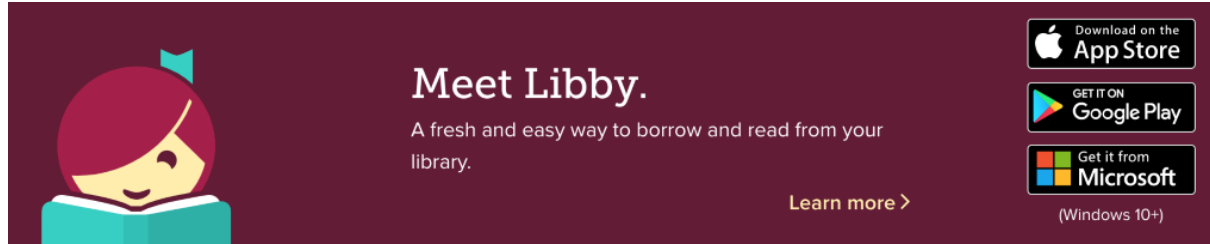


Requirements

1. **Students entering grade 8 in September are required to at least one book from the grade 8 list on page 5.**
2. After reading **one of the titles from the grade 8 list,** students are to complete the response page in their reading log.
3. Next, using the suggested summer reading list as a guide, students select at least one other book to read during the summer. (Feel free to select books that may not appear on the list).
4. For each book read, students will record the title and author, as well as a brief response. Their response can take any **one** of the following forms:
 - ❖ Write a brief summary of the book.
 - ❖ Write a book recommendation/critique, describing why someone may or may not be interested in reading that book.
 - ❖ Share your thoughts, a reaction, or a connection you made to a character or event in the story, or to the information you may have learned.
 - ❖ Draw or sketch a favorite or interesting part of the book.
5. Parents will sign on the line provided in the reading log for each book your child completes.
6. During the first week of school in the September, students will hand their reading logs in to their homeroom teachers.
7. Students who read a minimum of two books will receive credit for the first homework assignment. Students who read four or more books will be entered into a drawing to win \$50 in free books at the first Scholastic Book Fair to be held in November.

Digital Resources

Although schools and libraries might be closed, students do not have to miss out on new and exciting Summer Reading titles! Click on any of the following links to access a wealth of materials. Happy reading!



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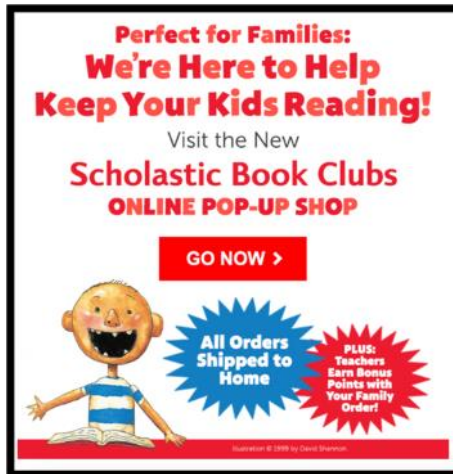
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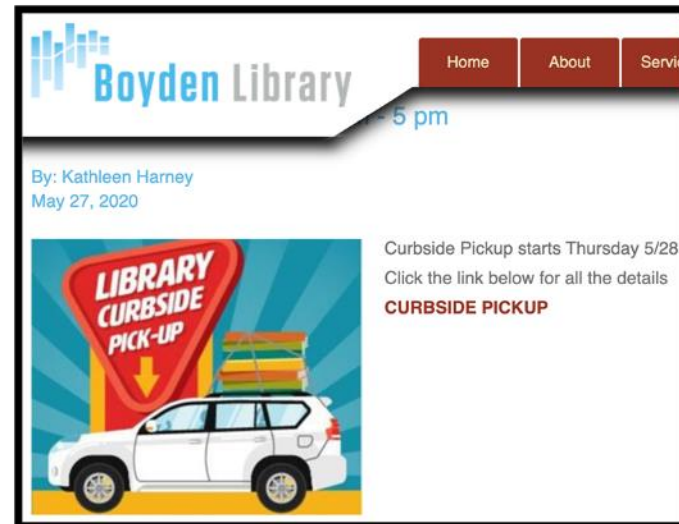
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Required Reading Title List for Entering Grade 8 Students

[Select a minimum of ONE title]

Themes of Overcoming Obstacles

Fiction:

Stand Tall by Jane Bauer
Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai
Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson
The Crossover by Kwame Alexander
Watson's Go to Birmingham by Christopher Paul Curtis
Counting By 7's by Holly Goldberg Sloan
Stitches by Glen Huser
Ungifted by Gordon Korman
El Deafo by Cece Bell
Lions of Little Rock by Kristin Levine
The Benefits of Being an Octopus by Ann Braden
Maybe He Just Likes You by Barbara Dee
New Kid by Jerry Craft
A Good Kind of Trouble by Lisa Ramée Moore
And We Stay by Jenny Hubbard
Lost Girl Found by Leah Bassoff and Laura Deluca
Everything, Everything by Nicola Yoon
Untwine by Edwidge Danticat
Ask the Passengers by A.S. King
The House You Pass on the Way by Jacqueline Woodson

Nonfiction:

Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice by Phillip Hoose
Boy on the Wooden Box: How the Impossible Became Possible on Schindler's List by Leon Leyson and Marilyn J. Harran
Witches! Absolutely True Tale of Disaster in Salem by Rosalyn Schanzer
Lincoln's Grave Robbers by Steve Sheinkin
I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World by Malala Yousafzai and Patricia McCormick
Ten Days a Madwoman: Daring Life and Turbulent Times of the Original "girl" Reporter, Nellie Bly by Deborah Noyes
Out of Order: Young Adult Manual of Mental Illness and Recovery by Dale Bick Carlson
The Courage to Compete: Living With Cerebral Palsy and Following My Dreams by Abbey Curran
The Reason I Jump: The Inner Voice of A Thirteen-year-old Boy With Autism by Naoki Higashida
Turning Fifteen on the Road to Freedom: My Story of the Selma Voting Rights March by Lynda Blackmon Lowery
The Stonewall Riots: Coming Out in The Streets by Gayle E. Pitman
Chasing King's Killer by James L. Swanson

Additional Suggested Titles for Students Entering Grade 8

Fiction:

Kira, Kira by Cynthia Kadohata
Things Not Seen by Andrew Clements
Freak the Mighty by Rodman Philbrick
Point Blank, Skeleton Key, Eagle Strike, Scorpia or Ark Angle from the Alex Rider Series
Ruby Holler by Sharon Creech
Witness by Karen Hesse
The Devil's Arithmetic by Jane Yolen
Let the Circle Be Unbroken, The Land, or The Road to Memphis by Mildred D. Taylor
Stargirl, Milkweed, or Love by Jerry Spinelli
The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams
Farewell to Manzanar by Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston
Amal Unbound by Aisha Saeed
Rules of the Road by Joan Bauer
First Test (Protector of the Small Series) by Tamora Pierce
Gathering Blue or Giver by Lois Lowry
The Golden Compass or sequels: *Amber Spyglass* or *Subtle Knife* by Philip Pullman

Non-Fiction:

Guts: The True Story behind Hatchet and the Brian Books by Gary Paulsen
The Teammates: A Portrait of Friendship by David Halberstam
Brazen: Rebel Ladies Who Rocked the World by Pénélope Bagieu
The Best We Could Do by Thi Bui
Hey, Kiddo by Jarrett J. Krosoczka

Last Shot: A Final Four Mystery, Vanishing Act or Cover Up by John Feinstein
Letters in the Attic by Bonnie Shimko
Penny from Heaven by Jennifer L. Holm
Ghost Boys by Jewell Parker Rhoads
Surviving the Applewhites by Stephanie S. Tolan
Totally Joe by James Howe
The Stars Beneath Our Feet by David Barclay Moore
Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants (or sequel novels) by Ann Brashares
Call of the Wild or White Fang by Jack London
Marcus Vega Doesn't Speak Spanish by Pablo Cartaya
Canyons, The Island, Winter Room, Tracker, Voyage the Frog or Foxman by Gary Paulsen
A Break with Charity, Fifth of March, Secret of Sarah Reeve or Hang a Thousand Trees with Ribbons by Ann Rinaldi
Quarterback Walk-on, Infield Hit, Game Plan, Halfback Tough or Rookie Arrives by Thomas J. Dygard
The Thief Lord or Inkheart by Cornelia Funke
The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas
See You in the Cosmos by Jack Cheng

Proud: Living My American Dream by Ibtihaj Muhammed
Grand Theft Horse by Greg Neri
Light Filters in: Poems by Caroline Kaufman
Mary's Monster: Love Madness and How Mary Shelley Created Frankenstein by Lita Judge
Ginger Kid: Mostly True Tales From a Former Nerd by Steve Hofstetter

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