

2023 Summer Reading



W.A. Perry Middle School

Summer reading is critical for students to retain knowledge and skills learned in the previous school year. Students who don't read are at risk of falling behind their classmates. Summer reading for students at both the middle and high school levels assists with developing the life-long habit of reading. Summer reading encourages the enjoyment of reading and develops students' abilities to choose books for themselves. By allowing students to practice choosing books, self-regulating when and where they read, and sustaining reading over the summer months, our hope is that students' identities as readers will continue to grow. The students' choice of reading will also foster a vibrant and diverse community of readers upon their return to school. Their summer reading experience will stimulate exciting conversations about books both with their peers, parents/guardians, and with their teachers, as well as expand their perspectives and stimulate their understanding of the world around them.

Summer reading will begin **Monday, May 29th** and will end **Friday, September 29th** with a culminating project in their upcoming ELA class.

Students will:

- read at least **three** books, one for each month starting with June;
- complete an in-class project on their grade level's selected book (see last pg.);
- begin project on **August 28th** and submit it by **September 29th**.

Teachers will:

- give students project options;
- give students a scoring rubric to guide successful completion of project;
- score projects and return to students for final grade or redo opportunity.

Parents will:

- discuss the book your child is reading before, during, and after;
- set reading times of 25 to 30 minutes each day in a special and quiet place;
- reward your child when each book is completed.



How To Access Books via eBook



If students have access to a computer, they may use the free electronic services to find e-books from Richland County's Public Library, through the Discus program, or from W.A. Perry's Media Center (Destiny Discover).

Visit the school's web page; Select the eLearning tab; Scroll down and select Library Media Center; Click on the appropriate link for more information.

- The public library is open for circulation during the summer months. Students may physically borrow books on their last prescribed reading level from the library.
- Books from Richland One's summer reading book bundle may be used for reading.
- Books from student's personal home library that mirror the student's current reading level are acceptable.
- Books may be purchased from outlets such as Barnes and Noble, Books-A-Million, Amazon, etc.
- If students have an iPhone or any iDevice, the **Books** app may be used to download free books.



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South Carolina Junior Book Award Nominees



All He Knew by Helen Frost

Alone by Megan Freeman

Amari and the Night Brothers by B.B. Alston

City Spies by James Ponti

Cleo Porter and the Body Electric by Jake Burt

Closer to Nowhere by Ellen Hopkins

Dress Coded by Carrie Firestone

Fast Pitch by Nic Stone

Fighting Words by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

Ground Zero by Alan Gratz

Measuring Up by Lily Lamotte

Santiago's Road Home by Alexandra Diaz

Starfish by Lisa Fipps

The Brave by James Bird

The Canyon's Edge by Dusti Bowling

The In-Between by Rebecca K.S. Ansari

The Shape of Thunder by Jasmine Warga

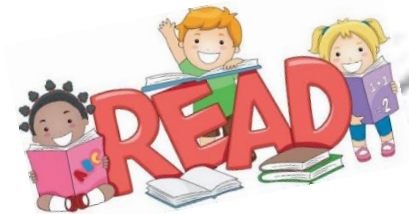
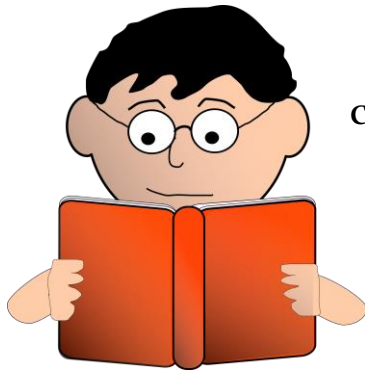
The Stitches by Lorien Lawrence

Tune It Out by Jmaie Sumner

Turtle Boy by M.Evan Wolkenstein

Twins by Varian Johnson

and SO MANY MORE!!!



RECOMMENDED READS

from
Mrs. C. Shell,
Your Library Media Specialist

These books and more are
available in eBook format
on Destiny Discover!



Richland One ~ Scholastic Titles)

~Grade 6~

- ~A Long Line of Cakes, An Aurora County Novel~
- ~Aesop's Fables~
- ~Bud, Not Buddy~
- ~Demigods & Magicians, Percy and Annabeth Meet the Kanes~
- ~Esperanza Rising~
- ~Garvey's Choice~
- ~Liar, Liar, The Theory, Practice and Destructive Properties of Deception~
- ~Like Vanessa~
- ~My Life as a Book~
- ~My Life as a Gamer~
- ~Ninth Ward~
- ~Outside Shot~
- ~Rebel Voices, The Global Fight For Women's Equality and the Right to Vote~
- ~Serafina and the Black Cloak~
- ~Sleeping Beauty, The One Who Took the Really Long Nap~
- ~Snowman, The True Story of a Champion~
- ~Storm Horse~
- ~The Exact Location of Home~
- ~The Friendship Code~
- ~The Witches~

This has been Richland One's sixth consecutive year providing free books to students. The Scholastic Summer Reading Books are provided to reduce summer slide and to promote a joy for reading.

Students were able to self-select three books from a list provided by Scholastic and funded by the District's General Fund. Richland One believes that students should have access to high quality books to enhance their home libraries.

Read 1...
Read ALL!!!

~Grade 8~

- ~CITY OF GHOSTS~
- ~Clayton Byrd Goes Underground~
- ~Dreidels on the Brain~
- ~Dust of Eden~
- ~Fast Break~
- ~FORGET ME NOT~
- ~Nazi Saboteurs~
- ~Harriet Tubman: Secret Agent, How Daring Slaves and Free Blacks Spied For the Union During the Civil War~
- ~Hidden Figures, Young Reader's Edition~
- ~Jack and the Geniuses at the Bottom of the World~
- ~Lost in Outer Space, The Incredible Journey of Apollo 13~
- ~Seven Wonders of the Ancient World~
- ~The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora~
- ~The Incredible Magic of Being~
- ~The Last Battle~
- ~The Secret of Nightingale Wood~
- ~This Side of Wild~
- ~Ungifted~

~Grade 7~

- ~Elijah of Buxton~
- ~Focused~
- ~Freak the Mighty~
- ~Home of the Brave~
- ~How I Became a Ghost~
- ~Immortal Guardians~
- ~Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus~
- ~Knockout~
- ~Loser~
- ~Moon Rising~
- ~Out of My Shell~
- ~Pay it Forward, Young Readers Edition~
- ~Rise of the Isle of the Lost~
- ~Stargirl~
- ~The Burning Maze~
- ~The Gauntlet~
- ~The Girl in the Locked Room, A Ghost Story~
- ~The Player King~
- ~The Race to Space, Countdown to Liftoff~
- ~War Horse~

Reading your selected 3 books OR any of these other books may be used to earn extra credit in your ELA class at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year!!! Remember to keep track each day on your reading log!!! *Keep Reading!*

W.A. Perry's Summer Reading Project book selection. You will begin reading these titles in August during your ELA class.

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What's To Come in Fall '23!
6th Grade
Tight by Torrey Madonado

7th Grade

Each of Us a Universe by Jeanne Zulick & Ndengo Gladys Mwilelo

8th Grade

In Honor of Broken Things by Paul Acampora