

2025 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 for students will begin Monday, June 2 and will end Tuesday, September 30th 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 **September 1st** and submit it by **September 30th**.

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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2024-2025 South Carolina

Junior Book Award Nominees

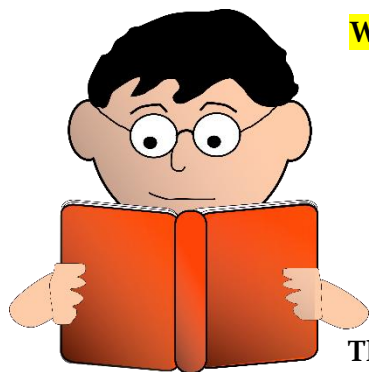


Camp Famous by Jennifer Blecher

Dream, Annie, Dream by Waka T. Brown

Rain Rising by Courtne Comrie

Where the Sky Lives by Margaret Dilloway



Meet Me Halfway by Anika Fajardo

Sweet and Sour by Debbi Florence

A Duet for Home by Karina Glaser



The Bluest Sky by Christina Diaz Gonzalez

The Whispering Fog by Landra Jennings

Those Kids from Fawn Creek by Entrada Kelly

Attack of the Black Rectangles by Amy Sarig King

Playing Through the Turnaround by Mylisa Larsen

Hummingbird by Natalie Lloyd

We Were The Fire by Sheila Moses

Black Bird, Blue Road by Sofiya Pasternack

Ellen Outside the Lines by A.J. Sass

The Last Mapmaker by Christina Soontornvat

Yonder by Ali Standish

What Happened to Rachel Riley by Claire Swinarski

A Song Called Home by Sara Zarr



RECOMMENDED READS

from
Mrs. C. Shell & Ms. Sims,
Your Library Media Specialists

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

And Many More!!!

Summer Reading Log

*Keep a log of all the books that you read over the summer. Your new ELA teacher will reward you with extra credit if you record that you have read at least **4 books** before school begins! Attach additional pages if needed.*

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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~

Reading any of these books may be used to earn extra credit in your ELA class at the beginning of the 2025-2026 school year!!! Remember to keep track each day on the attached reading log!!!

Keep Reading!

~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~

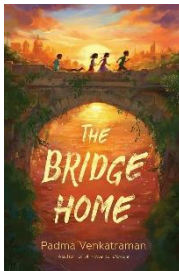
~Grade 7~

- ~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 Girl in the Locked Room, A Ghost Story~
- ~The Gauntlet~ ~The Player King~
- ~The Race to Space, Countdown to Liftoff~
- ~War Horse~

Read 1...
Read ALL!!!

What's To Come in Fall 2025?

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



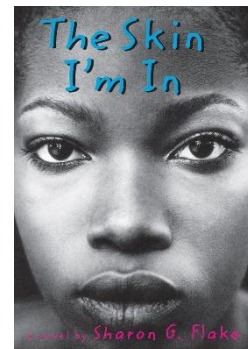
6th Grade

The Bridge Home by Padma Venkatraman

7th Grade



The Skin I'm In by Sharon G. Flake



8th Grade

White Smoke by Tiffany Jackson

