

Ansonia Public Schools

Summer Reading 2026

Grades 6-8



Dear APS Families,

Summer is quickly approaching and we are thrilled to help our students find just-right texts that engage them and encourage them to dive into reading! Our students need to read over the summer in order to:

- Maintain and grow their reading skills (students who do not consistently read over the summer can lose some of the progress they made during the year)
- Explore their identity, the world around them, and learn about experiences and cultures that are different from their own life.
- Foster a life-long love of reading and learning!

We are excited to support our students in continuing to grow as readers over the summer! Each grade-level team has thoughtfully developed a Summer Reading Assignment. Please review the expectations below to understand what your student is asked to complete.

Teachers have already introduced **these assignments in class**, and all students have **received hard copies**. Summer work will be collected in **early September** and will count as students' **first quiz grade** of the school year.

We encourage all Grade 6 students to stay engaged with reading throughout the summer:

Grade 6: [Summer Reading Directions and Assignment](#)

- **Independent Reading:**
Students are asked to read *at least two books* of their choice. A reading log has been provided for students to track their reading. We have included a list of suggested middle school titles, but these are optional. Students are welcome to select books they already have at home or borrow from the library. The completed reading log should be submitted to their ELA teacher at the start of the school year.
- **Short Story Assignments: (hard copies were handed out and an electronic copy can be found in the Summer Reading Directions and Assignment link above)**—Students will also read two short passages, a myth and a folktale, and answer questions on vocabulary and theme. These assignments align with our first Grade 6 unit on World Mythology and help students develop skills in analyzing themes.

Grade 7: [Summer Reading Directions and Assignment](#)

Grade 8: [Summer Reading Directions and Assignment](#)

We truly appreciate your support in helping students stay connected to reading over the summer. Encouraging consistent reading habits will set a strong foundation for a successful start to the school year.

Wishing you and your family a restful and enjoyable summer!

Want more resources? Visit our district website, click on “menu”, the teaching and learning tab and then select Summer Reading 2026. Happy Reading!

Authors to Explore!	Recommended Series Books (This is a great way to help your child fall in love with reading!)
Jerry Craft Barbara Dee Jason Reynolds Kelly Yang Jasmine Warga Alan Gratz Raina Telgemeier Jewell Parker Rhodes Stuart Gibbs	Theodore Boone Series by John Grisham Tristan Strong Series by Kwame Alexander The Last Kids on Earth Series by Max Brallier Hilo Series by Judd Winnick The Forgotten Five Series by Lisa McMann Merci Suárez Series by Meg Medina The Inheritance Games by Jennifer Lynn Barnes Kingdom of the Wicked by Kerri Maniscalco Shadow and Bone Series by Leigh Bardugo Governor’s Summer Learning Challenge Suggested Reading Lists

Other Resources-Ansonia Public Library

Apply for an Ansonia Public Library library card using this link. Once you have a library card, your family can borrow books from the library and request books from any library in Connecticut to be sent to Ansonia Public Library for free.

The library is organized by the Independent Reading Level Assessment (IRLA) levels used in Ansonia Public Schools. If you know your child's IRLA level, it is easy to find "just right" books that match their reading level.

Families are also encouraged to read digitally. The library offers three platforms for borrowing audiobooks and ebooks: [Libby](#), the [Palace Project](#) and Hoopla. [Hoopla](#) is a streaming platform that has books (audio, ebook, graphics), music, movies, binge-passes and magazines— all free with your library card.

The Ansonia Public Library will also host a [Summer Reading Program](#) with fun prizes and giveaways. Children and families are also encouraged to [create a piece of the perfect community](#) to help celebrate the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States.

Adults can join the Adult Summer Reading Challenge to read alongside their child and model strong reading habits at home. Here is the [flyer](#) and sign-up form: [Adult Summer Reading Registration Form](#)

Be sure to check out Ansonia Public Library's [monthly newsletter](#) and [sign up](#) to receive updates about events and programs happening throughout the summer.

Popular Authors at Ansonia Public Library	Ansonia Public Library's Suggested Book Series for Middle School
Applegate, Katherine Korman, Gordan Green, Tim (sports) Gutman, Dan (sports) Lipica, Mike (sports) Patterson, James Riordan, Rick Telgemier, Raina	The Baby-Sitters Club series by Telgemier, Raina Dear America- (historical fiction) assorted authors Five Kingdoms (fantasy) by Mull, Brandon Geronimo Stilton series by Stilton, Geronimo House of Robots series by Patterson, James Kingdom Keepers by Peterson, Ridley Middle School series by Patterson, James Total Mayhem series (graphic novel) by Lazar, Ralph Rick Riordan Presents Series