

Charles County Public Schools Middle School Summer Reading



This summer's reading challenge is for incoming 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. The purpose is to continue students' joy of reading and thinking throughout the entire year. There are two different ways to complete summer reading. Be sure to see the next page for additional information about the beginning of the year's assignment.

1. Complete the **Charles County Public Library** summer reading challenge.

For more information, go to the [CCPL website](#) or visit your local Charles County Public Library. Students are eligible to win prizes with this challenge.

2. Read one middle school appropriate book.

Read any book you find interesting (graphic novels and audiobooks count!). Pick something you will enjoy reading and make you think.

Book Suggestions

Are you looking for a good book to read, here are some websites to help you look:

- [2026-2027 Black-eyed Susan Nominees](#)
- [Books Lists for Middle School Books](#)
- [Coretta Scott King Book Award Winners](#)
- [100+ Best Books for Tween Boys](#)

Preparing for the Future

Task: One of the first assignments students will complete in September is an assignment called “One-Pager.” Once school starts, students will learn exactly what is needed to complete this assignment from their Language Arts teacher. The first step of the assignment is to read a book. The book students read in the summer can be used for students to create their one-pager. Below are ways to prepare for the upcoming assignment. Get ahead of the class by taking a few notes about your reading. Consider taking notes on the following areas.

<p style="text-align: center;">Theme</p> <p>What image would you use to capture the theme?</p> <p>Create a list of 3-4 words or phrases that are important to the story</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Movie</p> <p>If the book was a movie, what actor/actress would play the main characters? If the book is already a movie, redo the casting by picking new actors.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Changing Characters</p> <p>3 ways the main character changes throughout the book</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Quotes</p> <p>3 VERY important sentences from the book</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Setting</p> <p>2-3 images that show the story’s setting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Song List</p> <p>2-3 songs that match well with the story</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Important scenes</p> <p>List the three most important events in the book</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Your Reaction</p> <p>4-5 words or phrases describing your reactions to the book</p>