

Talbot County Public Schools Middle School Summer Reading Suggestions

Summer reading is not required in Talbot County Public Schools, but it is a great way to help students expand their general knowledge and vocabulary, improve analytical thinking, enhance writing skills, boost memory and even reduce stress! Our teachers have developed these lists to help students and parents make choices. We hope that students will read at least three books this summer from their grade level list. Most of the books on these lists can be borrowed from school libraries or the Talbot County Free Library. Students may also ask guidance counselors for loaner copies and since some of these are personal favorites, they might also be borrowed from individual teachers!

Not all books will be appropriate for all readers in a particular grade or age group. Parents are encouraged to preview and monitor their children's reading.

Suggested for Students Entering Sixth Grade

Redwall (series) (Brian Jacques)
The Two Princesses of Bamarre (Gail Carson Levine)
Midnight for Charlie Bone (series) (Jenny Nimmo)
Free Baseball (Sue Corbett)
The Brooklyn Nine (Alan Gratz)
Fairest (Gail Carson Levine)
Becoming Naomi Leon (Pam Munoz Ryan)
Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (series) (J.K. Rowling)

A Boy at War (series) (Harry Mazer)
Ruby Holler (Sharon Creech)
Chasing Vermeer (series) (Blue Balliett)
Mary Poppins (series) P.L. Travers
The Circle of Magic (series) (Tamora Pierce)
The Cruisers (Walter Dean Myers)
Fablehaven (series) (Brandon Mull)
Hoot (Carl Hiaasen)

Suggested for Students Entering Seventh Grade

Among the Hidden (series) (Margaret Peterson Haddix)
Stormbreaker (Alex Rider series) (Anthony Horowitz)
Magyk (series) (Angie Sage)
The Lightning Thief – (Percy Jackson series) (Rick Riordan)
Ten Things I Hate About Me (Randa Abdel-Fattah)
The Sorta Sisters (Adrian Fogelin)
Al Capone Does My Shirts (Gennifer Choldenko)
Murder Alfoat (Jane Leslie Conly)

Theodore Boone, Kid Lawyer (John Grisham)
Scat (Carl Hiaasen)
Inkheart (series) (Cornelia Funke)
Seabiscuit (Laura Hillenbrand)
Double Dutch (Sharon Draper)
Cuba 15 (Nancy Osa)
Waiting for Normal (Leslie Connor)
Hoops (Walter Dean Myers)

Suggested for Students Entering Eighth Grade

Uglies (series) (Scott Westerfield)
The City of Ember (series) (Jeanne DuPrau)
The Angel Experiment (Maximum Ride series) (James Patterson)
Keeper Corner (Kashmira Sheth)
The Planet of Junior Brown (Virginia Hamilton)
Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café (Fannie Flagg)
Cold Sassy Tree (Olive Ann Burns)
Dreamhouse Kings (series) (Robert Liparulo)

Clone Codes (Patricia C. McKissack)
Black Duck (Janet Taylor Lisle)
Flush (Carl Hiaasen)
After the First Death (Robert Cormier)
Rudy's Memory Walk (Gloria Velasquez)
Breathing Underwater (Alex Flinn)
Kindred (Octavia E. Butler)
Along the River (Adeline Yen Mah)