

TIPS FOR SUMMER READING

1. Choose a story that interests you. Reading in the summer should be FUN!
2. Read at your own pace, don't feel rushed to finish a book.
3. Keep track of the books you read on the READING LOG.
4. Join a program at your local public library. There are lots of activities that take place in the summer.
5. For other book lists, check out www.summerreadingnys.org

ALSO CHOOSE FROM:

2006 Notable Children's Books: Middle Readers and Older Readers.

Best Books for Young Adults The Alex Awards: The Alex Awards were created to recognize that many teens enjoy and often prefer books written for adults.

The Batchelder Award: This award is a citation presented to an American publisher for a children's book considered to be the most outstanding of those books originally published in a foreign language in another country.

BIOGRAPHY

Enjoy of biography of a person who you admire. Maybe a scientist, sports person, celebrity or historical figure, you decide.



Canajoharie Middle School

Books: A Treasure!



Suggested Summer Reading List

2006

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TREASURE THESE RECOMMENED READS

Non-Fiction

Blumenthal, Karen. *Let Me Play: The Story of Title IX: The Law That Changed the Future of Girls in America.*

How girls' sports were impacted due to this federal law.

Fleming, Candace. *Our Eleanor: A Scrapbook Look at Eleanor Roosevelt's Remarkable Life.*

A remembrance of the first lady.

Nelson, Marilyn. *A Wreath for Emmett Till.*

In this chilling poetry book, the author reminds us of the boy whose fate sparked a movement.

Silverstein, Ken. *The Radioactive Boy Scout: The True Story of a Boy and His Backyard Nuclear Reactor.*

This teenager creates something in his backyard that can create an environmental disaster.

Unger, Zac. *Working Fire: The Making of an Accidental Fireman.*

A young rookie provides a look behind the firehouse doors.

Fiction

Almond, David. *The Fire Eaters.*

During the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962, Bobby fights his own battles at school and home.

Bass, L.G. *Sign of the Qin: Outlaws of Moonshadow Marsh.*

Dangers abound in this magical martial arts fantasy.

Bruchac, Joseph. *Skeleton Man.*

After her parents disappear, Molly is turned over to the care of her "great uncle". Spooky.

Cabot, Meg. *Teen Idol.*

When Luke shows up at Jenny's high school, he tries to persuade her to change things at school for the better.

Choldenko, Gennifer. *Al Capone Does My Shirts.*

Moose Flanagan is upset when his family moves to Alcatraz so his dad can work as a prison guard. A 2005 Newbery Honor Book.

Cooney, Caroline. *Burning Up.*

A burned out barn and Macey's research project may reveal a town secret.

Dunkle, Clare B. *The Hollow Kingdom.*

After the Goblin King draws Kate into his world, he promises to release his sister if she marries him. Kate has other plans.

Fleischman, Sid. *The Whipping Boy.*

A bratty prince and his whipping boy have many adventures as they trade places.

Funke, Cornelia. *Inkheart.*

Meet Meggie as she learns that her father can bring fictional characters to life. What will happen when one of the characters abducts them?

Goldman, Amy Koss. *The Cheat.*

When Sarah gets her hands on the answers to the eighth-grade geography midterm, and shares the answers, the consequences are far-reaching.

Horowitz, Anthony. *Scorpio*

The teenage spy is back in this adventure with the next book in this thrilling series.

Lupica, Mike. *Travel Team.*

A basketball teen story about a travel team.

Marchetta, Melina. *Saving Francesca.*

Francesca copes the complications that come up from being one of 30 girls in a school with 750 guys.

Napoli, Donna Jo. *Bound.*

A clever retelling of the Cinderella story.

Nixon, Joan Lowery. *The Trap.*

Sixteen year old Julie spend the summer at her great aunt and uncle's ranch and finds herself thick in a mystery of thievery and murder.

Noel, Alyson. *Art Geeks and Prom Queens.*

A new girl is caught between two social groups.

Paolini, Christopher. *Eldest.*

In this sequel, Eragon and his dragon train for battle.

Peck, Richard. *The Teacher's Funeral: A Comedy in Three Parts.*

Russell thinks he is done with school, until his sister becomes his teacher.

Sachar, Louis. *Small Steps.*

This is a companion book to Holes. X-ray and Armpit are back!

Staples, Suzanne Fisher. *Shiva's Fire.*

A Hindu girl is chosen to study dance with a master of Indian classical dance.

Werlin, Nancy. *Double Helix.*

Eli Samuels finds that the answers to his questions get answered by a world-famous genetics expert, and his familiarity masks a chilling truth.

Westerfield, Scott. *Uglies.*

Extreme makeover or else! (Follow up: *Pretties*)

Whedon, Joss. *Fray.*

Fray is a thief making until one day she discovers she is a Slayer, born to kill the monsters at war with mankind.

Zevin, Gabrielle. *Elsewhere.*

What happens after you die? Here is a completely new take.