

2023 Summer Reading Challenge

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As our school year comes to a close, we all look forward to summer, a time that affords us a chance to relax and have fun with family and friends. In addition, summer is a great opportunity to encourage your child to explore great books. Our WTS students are encouraged to share the love of reading with their family! Your child may enjoy being read to, or they may wish to read on their own. No matter the choice, books will take our children to places near and far, without ever leaving home. Summer reading is the perfect vacation destination for everyone!

At White Township School, literacy is a priority at every grade level. We enlist our families help to ensure our children are reading over the summer. WTS invites students to challenge themselves as readers throughout the summer. With the help of our teachers, we have compiled suggested reading lists by grade level. Local libraries are also excellent resources for recommended books. As your child reads, record books on the 2023 summer reading log posted on our website. Remember to turn in your summer reading log in September so that we may recognize your child's efforts in the fall.

Your support and encouragement contributes to your child's love of reading and is much appreciated!

Do you have a favorite genre or author?
Are you interested in trying something new?

Our lists are suggestions NOT requirements!

**Your greatest resource is
The Warren County Public Library!**
<https://www.warrenlib.org/>

Use the website or app to search and request a book, download ebooks or audiobooks
It's free!

*** Book recommendations by grade level:**
<https://www.the-best-childrens-books.org>

*** Audio books and ebooks for reluctant readers and people on the go:**
Warren County Library
[Tumble Books](#), [Capstone ebooks](#), [Big Timber Media Books](#), [Axis 360](#)
<https://librivox.org/>

***Book lists, reviews, and authors links:**
[American Library Association Children's Notable Books, Recordings, and Digital Media](#)

Pernille Ripp: [Our Favorite Books of 2022](#)

[International Literacy Association Children's Choice](#)
<https://www.thechildrensbookreview.com>

***Tool to help find a book that's just right:**
<https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/bookwizard/>

*** Reading lists by grade level and topic/genre:**
<https://www.greatschools.org/gk/book-lists/>

[American Library Association Top Ten Young Adult Choices](#)

Please realize that there is a difference, usually in the subject matter rather than the reading level, between Juvenile and Young Adult classifications. Be mindful of this in order to make appropriate choices.

WHITE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL

Suggested Summer Reading Book List

2023

Entering Grades 6-8



Entering Grade 6

Fiction

Absolutely Almost by Lisa Graff
Artemis Fowl by Colter
Birdwing by Martin
Boy at War by Mazer
Dragon Rider by Funke
The Edge Chronicles by Stewart & Ridell.
Fish in a Tree by Lynda Hunt
Inkheart by Cornelia Funke
Last Apprentice, (Series) by Delaney
Magician's Elephant by DiCamillo
Missing May by Rylant
One for the Murphys by Hunt
Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper
Ruby Holler by Creech
Runaway Twin by Kehret
The Spiderwick Chronicles by Black & DiTerlizzi
Summer Ball, Heat, Game Changer, & Travel Team ~ ALL by Lupica
Swindle by Korman
The Lightning Thief & Red Pyramid ~ both by Riordan
The Mysterious Benedict Society by Stewart
The Throne of Fire by Riordan
Waiting for Normal by Connor
When You Reach Me by Stead
Where the Moon Meets the Mountain by Grace Lin

Historical Fiction

Bat 6 by Wolff
Countdown by Willes
Heart of Samurai by Press
Roof Toppers by Rudell
The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg by Philbrick

Nonfiction

Genius! The Most Astonishing Inventions of All Times
by Kespert
Swimming with Sharks by Lang
Untamed by Silvey
The Real Princess Diaries by Norwich

Entering Grade 7

Fiction

East by Pattou
Elephant Run by Smith
The Golden Compass by Pullman
Hero and the Crown by McKinley
How I Live Now by Rosoff
Inkheart by Cornelia Funke
Percy Jackson & The Olympians series by Riordan
Talent by Dean
Touching the Spirit Bear by Mikaelson
The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros
The Scorch Trials (Maze Runner) by Dashner
Red Kayak by Cummings
Genesis Begins Again by Alicia D. Williams
Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus by Bowling
Booked by Kwame Alexander
Out of My Mind by Draper
The Lions of Little Rock by Levine
Walker's Crossing by Naylor
The Road to Memphis by Taylor

Historical Fiction/Nonfiction

Across Five Aprils by Hunt
The Boy Who Dared by Bartoletti
Clockwork by Pullman
The Great Chicago Fire, 1871 by Massi
Lord of the Nutcracker Men by Lawrence
Summer of My German Soldier by Green
Almost Astronauts by Stone
Ben Franklin's Almanac by Fleming
Good Brother, Bad Brother by Giblin
Into Thin Air by Krakauer
Left for Dead by Nelson
Never Cry Wolf by Mowat
Revenge of the Whale: The True Story of the Whaleship Essex by Nathaniel Philbrick

Entering Grade 8

Fiction

Absolutely Normal Chaos by Creech
Close to Famous by Joan Bauer
Crossed by Ally Condie
Evermore by Noel
The Forest of Hands & Teeth by Ryan
Gossamer by Lowry
Heart of a Champion by Deucker
The Hobbit by Tolkien
Just Listen by Dessen
Looking for Alaska by Green
The Lord of the Rings by Tolkien
Rules of the Road by Bauer
Soldier Dog by Angus
Summer Ball by Lupica
Taming the Star Runner by Hinton
Uglies by Westerfeld
Year of the Hangman by Blackwood

Historical Fiction

April Morning by Fast
The Boy Who Dared by Bartoletti
Christy by Marshall
Daniel Half Human by Chotjewitz
Milkweed by Spinelli
The True Adventure of Nicolo Zen by Christopher
We are Witnesses by Boas

Classics

The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes by Doyle
Around the World in Eighty Days by Verne
Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Twain
Call of the Wild by London
Dandelion Wine by Bradbury
Little Women by Alcott
White Fang by London
Robinson Crusoe by Defoe