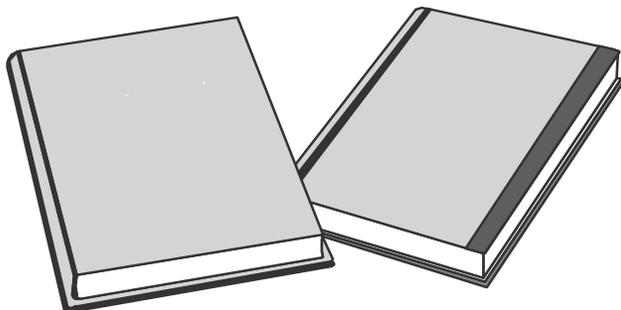




# Summer Reading

**2014  
For Students  
Entering Grades 6, 7, & 8**



**RUPERT A. NOCK MIDDLE SCHOOL  
NEWBURYPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Dear Students & Parents/Guardians,

This year's summer reading program was designed with a number of goals in mind. First and most importantly, we want to encourage you to read over the summer and help instill in you a lifelong love of reading. In addition, we have chosen only one required book for each grade level. By having the whole grade read the same book and participate in book chats this fall, we hope to build a community among students and teachers.

We ask that you read the required book and one other book of your choice. You must complete the quotation activity for the required book and be prepared to discuss the grade-level read on the second day of school. The books are available at the public library and at the local bookstores. Parents and Guardians, we hope you'll consider reading and talking about the required book along with your child.

#### **Required Summer Reading Books:**

Grade 6: *Bystander* by James Preller

Grade 7: *Freak the Mighty* by Rodman Philbrick

Grade 8: *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton

Happy reading!  
The RAN Summer Reading Committee

#### ***Directions for Summer Reading:***

All students entering grades 6, 7 and 8 are required to:

1. Read grade level required novel
2. Complete the corresponding grade level reading assignment..

6th Grade Assignment

7th Grade Assignment

8th Grade Assignment

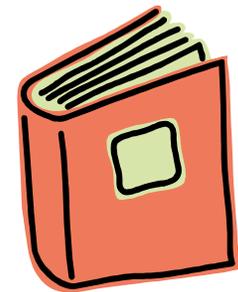
3. Read a book of your choice

## **PURCHASING YOUR SUMMER READING BOOKS LOCALLY AT:**

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## Entering Grade 6 (Suggested)

### **City of Ember, Jeanne DuPrau**

In the city of Ember, 12 year old Lina trades jobs on Assignment Day to be a Messenger to run to new places in her decaying but beloved city, perhaps even to glimpse Unknown Regions.

**(or any other book in the series:)**

*The People of Sparks*

*The Prophet of Yonwood*

*The Diamond of Darkhold*

### **Theodore Boone: kid lawyer, John Grisham**

13 year old Theodore Boone, who knows every judge, police officer, and court clerk in the small town of Stratenburg, finds himself involved in a murder trial because of knowledge he might have about a cold-blooded killer.

**(or any other book in the series:)**

*Theodore Boone: the activist, Theodore Boone: the abduction,*

*Theodore Boone: the accused*

### **The Strange Case of Origami Yoda, Tom Angleberger**

Sixth grader Tommy and his friends describe their interactions with a

paper finger puppet of Yoda, worn by their classmate, as they try to figure out whether or not the puppet can really predict the future.

(\*or any book from this series)

*Darth Paper Strikes Back: An Origami Yoda Book*

*The Secret of the Fortune Wookiee (Origami Yoda)*

*Surprise Attack of Jabba the Puppet;; An Origami Yoda Book*

### **Rules, Cynthia Lord**

Frustrated at life with an autistic brother, twelve-year-old Catherine longs for a normal existence, but her world is further complicated by a friendship with a young paraplegic.

### **Kensuke's Kingdom, Michael Morpurgo**

When Michael is swept off his family's yacht, he washes up on a desert island where he struggles to survive--until he finds he is not alone.

### **Loser, Jerry Spinelli**

Even though his classmates from first grade on have considered him strange and a loser, Daniel Zinkoff's optimism and exuberance and the support of his loving family do not allow him to feel that way about himself.

(\*or any book by Jerry Spinelli)

## Entering Grade 7 (Suggested)

### **Alabama Moon, Watt Key**

After the death of his father, 10-year-old Moon Blake is removed from the Alabama forest where he was raised and sent to a boy's home, where, for the first time, he has contact with the outside world and learns about friendship, love, and humanity.

(\*or sequel: *Dirt Road Home*)

### **Code Talker: a novel about the Navajo Marines of WWII, Joseph Bruchac**

After being taught in a boarding school run by whites that Navajo is a useless language, Ned and other Navajo men are recruited by the Marines to become Code Talkers, sending messages during WWII in their native tongue.

**\*(or any other grade level book by Joseph Bruchac)**

### **A Mango Shaped Space, Wendy Mass**

Afraid that she is crazy, 13-year-old Mia, who sees a special color with every letter, number, and sound, keeps this a secret until she becomes overwhelmed by school, changing relationships, and the death of her beloved cat, Mango

**\*(or any other grade level book by Wendy Mass)**

### **The Maze Runner, James Dashner**

Sixteen-year-old Thomas wakes up with no memory in the middle of a maze and realizes he must work with the community in which he finds himself if he is to escape.

**\*(or any other book in the series:)**

**The Scorch Trials, James Dashner**

**The Death Cure, James Dashner**

## Entering Grade 8 (Suggested)

### **The Alchemyst, Michael Scott**

Join California twins Sophie and Josh as they save the world. Travel through ancient myths and legends in this riveting fantasy.

**The Secrets of The Immortal Nicholas Flamel (or any other book in the series: The Magician, The Sorceress**

**The Necromancer)**

### **The Boy in the Striped Pajamas, John Boyne**

Bored and lonely after his family moves from Berlin to a place called "Out-With" in 1942, Bruno, the son of a Nazi officer, befriends a boy in striped pajamas who lives behind a wire fence.

### **Notes from the Midnight Driver, Jordan Sonnenblick**

After being assigned to perform community service at a nursing home, sixteen-year-old Alex befriends a cantankerous old man who has some lessons to impart about jazz guitar playing, love, and forgiveness.

**\*(or any other grade level book by Jordan Sonnenblick)**

### **Nothing Can Possibly Go Wrong, Prudence Shen**

A manga-style graphic novel where mortal enemies combine forces when high school uber-nerds are thrown together with the cheerleading squad because school funding falls through for the groups' pet projects.

### **See You at Harry's, Jo Knowles**

Starting middle school brings all the usual challenges, until the unthinkable happens, and Fern and her family must find a way to heal.