



2020 Middle School Summer Reading Program



Objective:

The purpose of the PPS Summer Reading Program is to encourage and support independent reading habits and instill a love of reading as a lifelong leisure activity that can provide hours of enjoyment. In addition, the ability to read well is crucial to college and career readiness, and research shows that frequent independent reading has a direct correlation to reading achievement and improves vocabulary and writing skills. And it is also fun!

As always, we are working in conjunction with the Plymouth Public Library, whose theme this year is “Every Story Has a Home.” We encourage students to access their [Youth Services Department](#) for resources and information on how to get a library card, how to access their ebook options, and teen and tween events.

Requirements for All Students:

All incoming Grade 6-8 students are required to read at least ONE book from their grade-level list over the summer (multiple books are encouraged!). Students are asked to complete the [MS Summer Reading Assignment](#), and turn it in to their homeroom teacher the first week of school. Students will be given time to discuss their book with their classmates and teachers during the first couple of weeks of school (exact day/period determined by each building). Students who read more than one book and complete one of the [Optional Summer Reading Projects](#) will be invited to a summer reading celebration to be held in the fall.

Book List:

This year’s summer reading lists for [Grade 6](#), [Grade 7](#), and [Grade 8](#) have been updated to include some newer award winning and popular children’s/YA books. Lists were designed to represent a variety of genres, accommodate a range of reading levels, and appeal to a wide range of interests. Choice is a key element of fostering a love of reading, and it is our hope that all students will find one or more books that will grab their attention and make summer reading an enjoyable experience. In light of the current situation, we have worked to identify a number of books that students can access through our free school library ebook collections (SORA) and/or that are easily accessible online. We are also offering some book selections for purchase through a virtual Scholastic Book Fair. Please reach out to us if book access is an issue. Parents and guardians are encouraged to assist students in making choices that are appropriate based on reading level, interest, and maturity level and are acceptable to both the student and his/her family. All of the summer reading documents are available via the Plymouth Public Schools webpage: <http://www.plymouth.k12.ma.us>. Paper copies will also be available at the PPS Administration Building and the Plymouth Public Library when they are able to open.

Questions:

Thank you for your support of the 2020 Summer Reading Program. If you have any questions, please contact your child’s building principal or Dr. Lisa White, English Language Arts & Library Media Coordinator: lwhite@plymouth.k12.ma.us. Have a wonderful summer!

*“Reading gives us someplace to go when we have to stay where we are.”
-Mason Cooley*