

Reasons to Read this SUMMER

Quincy Public Schools

Grade 8

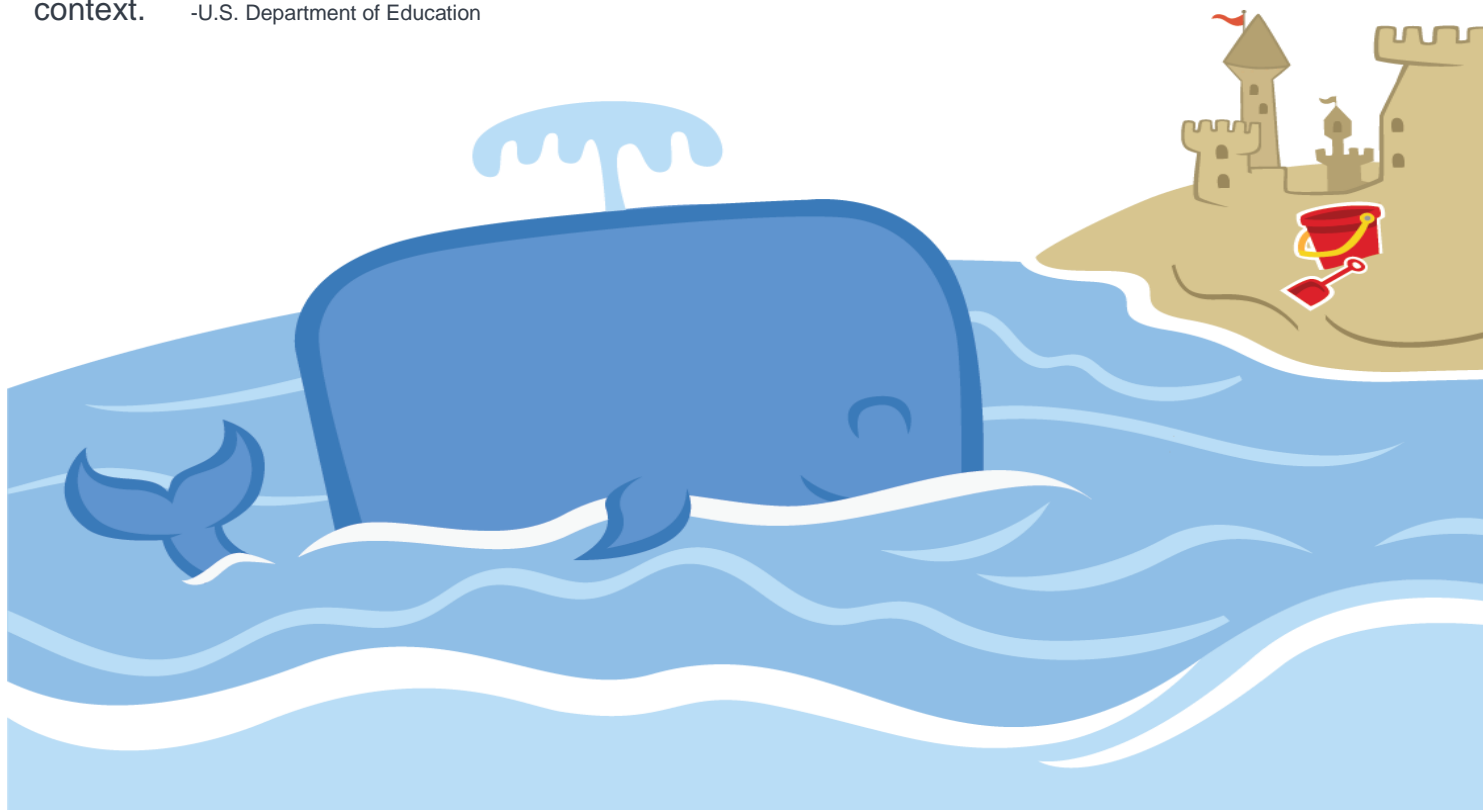
Summer Reading Flier

According to the U.S. Department of Education, "Numerous studies indicate that students who don't read or read infrequently during their summer vacation see their reading abilities stagnate or decline. This effect becomes more pronounced as students get older and advance through the school system." The Department suggests that **children who read** during the summer won't become "rusty readers".

Ways to keep your child sharp and ready for the new school year:

1. Encourage your children to read books they enjoy for at least 30 minutes per day. Your child will likely be more engrossed in material they choose themselves than material that is forced on them.
2. Provide incentives for reluctant readers. For example, if your child enjoys basketball, agree to take them to the local court if they do their "daily reading."
3. Make reading a social act. Establish a time during the day when all members of the family gather and read on their own, or take turns reading the same book aloud.
4. Connect your reading to family outings. If you take your kids to an aquarium, consider reading a book about fish or the ocean with them later that day. The outing can help place the reading into a broader context.

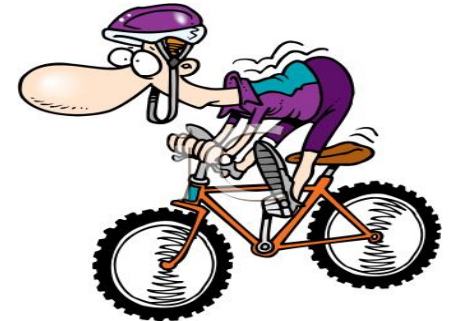
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This list includes a variety of books to appeal to the interests and reading levels of middle school students. Parents are encouraged to review book selections with their children in order to help them make appropriate choices. Students may select books from this list, or read a comparable book recommended by their teachers or the librarians at the Thomas Crane Public Library. We have also provided some web links to online resources and recommended book titles on the QPS website. Enjoy!

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Fever 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson
Red Kayak by Priscilla Cummings
Jackie's Nine: Jackie Robinson's Values to Live By
by Sharon Robinson
Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution
by Ji Li Jiang
Thank You Dr. Martin Luther King by Eleanor Tate
Nothing but the Truth by Avi
The Hunger Games Trilogy Series by Suzanne Collins
Witness by Karen Hesse
Our Only May Amelia by Jennifer Holm
When Zachary Beaver Came to Town
by Kimberly Willis Holt
New Boy by Julian Houston
Touching Spirit Bear by Ben Mikaelson
Fiona McGilray's Story (Journey to America Series)
by Clare Pastore
Within Reach: My Everest story by Mark Pfetzer
**A Break with Charity: A Story about the Salem
Witch Trials** by Ann Rinaldi
Chasing Lincoln's Killer by James L. Swanson
The Book Thief by Markus Zusak
Maximum Ride by J. Patterson
Night Hoops by C. Deuker
Alex Rider (Series) by A. Horowitz
Tales from the Red Sox Dugout by J. Prime
Rick & Lanie's Excellent Kitchen Adventures
by R. Bayless
Remember: The Journey to School Integration
by T. Morrison
Calligraphy for Kids by E. Winters
The Good, the Bad and the Slimy by S. Latta
Cave Paintings to Picasso by H. Sayre
Arctic Thaw by P. Lourie



Be sure to check out summer
reading activities at the:

Thomas Crane Public Library

<http://thomascranelibrary.org/teen-summer-reading>

This year's young adult
Summer theme:

Get in the Game - READ!

Check out summer reading, summer
events and some fun online games
and activities at the
Thomas Crane Public Library



Check out these recommendations from
Ms. Darcy, TCPL Young Adult Librarian

The Amulet of Samarkand by Jonathan Stroud
**Bomb: The Race to Build and Steal the World's Most
Dangerous Weapon** by Steve Sheinkin
Incarceron by Catherine Fischer
Skunk Girl by Sheba Karim
London Eye Mystery by Siobhan Down
The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton