

**Trumbull Public Schools  
Summer 2008 Reading List  
Grades 6-8**

Dear Parents,

Reading is an enjoyable pastime during the summer. Research shows that reading just a few minutes a day significantly increases a child's reading ability. Your support is essential. Encouraging your child to participate is important for a rewarding summer reading program.

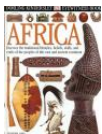
The Curriculum Department recommends that you review this list and make your own decisions based on the suitability of the books for your individual child.

Your child is required to read two books this summer. While the books on the list are recommended, you may supplement the selections with books you and your child enjoy.

Your child should record on the Governor's Summer Reading Journal the titles he/she has read and return the journal to his/her teacher during the first week of school.

Enjoy a wonderful summer of reading!

## **FUN WITH NONFICTION: Your Summer Reality Show**



### **Africa**

Ayo, Yvonne

Read about the kingdoms and people of pre-colonial Africa.



### **Ancient Egypt**

Hart, George

Explore this photo essay on ancient Egypt and the people who lived there.



### **Chew on This**

Schlosser, Eric and Wilson, Charles

Read about the fast-food industry's growth, practices, and effects on public health. The author lays out the details behind the tasty burgers and sandwiches of fast food restaurants.



### **Girls and Their Horses**

American Girl Library

Text and photographs present stories of girls who ride in rodeos, train miniature horses and wild ponies, and live on a horse farm.



### **Kindred Spirit**

Andronik, Catherine M.

Discover the personal and literary career of the Canadian writer best known for her novels about Anne of Green Gables.



### **Aztec, Inca, and Maya**

Baquedano, Elizabeth

Read about the mysteries and achievements of these ancient people.



### **Bonanza Gold**

Berton, Pierre

Discover the characters and stories about the beginning of Canada's great Klondike gold rush.

## FUN WITH FICTION: It's Unreal



### **Cornelia Audacious and the Escapades of the Somerset Sisters**

Blume, Lesley M. M.

Discover the adventures of Cornelia and her love of words, an unforgettable cast of characters and a mischievous French bulldog.



### **Satch and Me**

Gutman, Dan

Thirteen-year-old Joe Stosh travels back in time to clock the fast ball of famous pitcher Satchel Paige.



### **Perloo the Bold**

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Perloo's quiet life is interrupted by a mysterious summons from the Montmer leader. What follows is an incredible journey.



### **Lawn Boy**

Paulsen, Gary

This short and hilarious tale pitches an ordinary preteen with an old riding lawn mower into a dizzying ascent up the financial ladder.



### **King of Shadows**

Cooper, Susan

Discover how Nat finds himself transported back in time as a Shakespearean actor.



### **Endymion Spring**

Skelton, Matthew

Read about twelve-year-old Blake Winters who stumbles across an ancient and magical book leading to a most dangerous journey.

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**Summer Ball**

Lupica, Mike

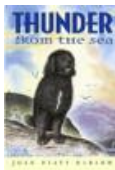
Danny heads to basketball camp. Old rivals and new battles leave Danny wondering if he really does have what it takes to stand tall.



**The Orphan of Ellis Island**

Woodrow, Elvira

Read about Dominic Cantori who travels back in time to 1908 Italy and accompanies two young emigrants to America.



**Thunder from the Sea**

Harlow, Joan Hiatt

Just when his dreams of being part of a family and having a dog seem to be coming true, Tom wonders if trouble with neighbors and a new baby will change everything.



**On the Wings of Heroes**

Peck, Richard

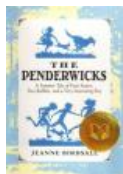
A boy in Illinois remembers the home-front years of WWII, and his two heroes, his brother and his father.



**Ella Enchanted**

Levine, Gail

Based on the story of Cinderella, Ella struggles against a childhood curse.



**The Penderwicks**

Birdsall, Jeanne

The Penderwick sisters enjoy a wonderful summer on the grounds of a beautiful estate filled with magic and mystery.

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**Travel Team**

Lupica, Mike

A boy comes to understand his dad while playing the game of basketball.

**CLASSICS: Class Acts**



**Old Yeller**

Gipson, Fred

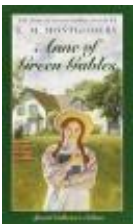
Enjoy the adventures of a boy and his dog in the wilderness.



**Black Beauty**

Sewell, Anna

When Black Beauty is just a young colt, his mother warns him that a horse's life is often difficult. This strong, handsome horse meets with many adventures and all types of people.



**Anne of Green Gables**

Montgomery, L. M.

Eleven-year-old Anne Shirley wins the heart of her foster mother in the first of this well-known series.