

Summer, 2017

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of Student Entering Grade 4 or 5:

Reading research has shown that reading just a few minutes a day significantly increases a child's reading ability. The suggestions on the next page are chosen to make reading an enjoyable part of your child's life. You can help make summer reading successful by taking a positive attitude and encouraging your child as he/she participates. Feel free to supplement these suggestions with books you and your child enjoy!

The Trumbull Public Library is a great resource for books; please ask the Children's Service Staff for assistance.

At the end of the summer, students should record their progress online: <https://goo.gl/BRoQRd>. Completion of the Google Form will also facilitate our District's participation in the Governor's Summer Reading Challenge.

Additionally, First Selectman Herbst is supporting summer reading by challenging students entering grades 4-5 to read four books over summer vacation and then be recognized for their accomplishment!

Let's make this our most successful summer of reading ever!

Sincerely,

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Summer is almost here and we hope that as you enjoy the sunshine you will take along a good book. Good readers read! So this summer, make sure you dive into some stories or learn something new from an informational book. This handout provides you with suggestions of some popular authors, series, and genres to get you started, but there are so many choices. Feel free to choose titles that aren't on this list that are a good fit for you. Remember, spending time with books is the only way to become a stronger reader, so read on and enjoy your summer. We can't wait to hear all about your reading adventures in the fall!

Favorite Authors

- Patricia Polacco
- Elise Broach
- Gordon Korman
- Andrew Clements
- Sharon Creech
- Roald Dahl
- Kate Klise
- Grace Lin

Fictional Series

- I Survived
- Sisters Grimm
- Timmy Failure
- Gregor the Overlander
- Charlie Bone
- The Treehouse Stories (13, 26, 39 52)
- City of Ember
- Origami Yoda
- The Penderwicks
- Sammy Keyes
- Lemonade War

Informational

- Capstone Interactive history adventures
- You Wouldn't Want . . . history series
- "Who was/Who is . . . ?" biography series

Poetry

Search the shelves and you will find a book of poems to feed your mind.

There are so many
It's hard to choose,
So head to 811
and you cannot lose!

Award Winners

The Intermediate Nutmeg Award is selected annually from a list of ten nominated fiction titles. The winner is selected by students in grades 4-6. For more information on current and past nominees and winners, please visit the official Nutmeg website at <http://www.nutmegaward.org/>.

Fairy and Folktales

Visit the 398.2 section of the library to look for classic tales that your child may enjoy such as Cinderella, Hansel & Gretel, Paul Bunyan, and Stone Soup. While you're there, be sure to choose some folktales from around the world.

Happy Reading!