

Dear Family:

Reading is an important part of everyday life. Just because it is summer, students should not put their books away! Brockton Public Schools invite you and your family to participate in our Summer Reading Program. This year's theme is ***ON YOUR MARK, GET SET... READ!***

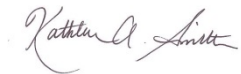
The importance of summer reading cannot be overemphasized. Educational researchers note that some children's reading levels dropped as much as two grades when students did not read regularly over the summer months. It is really simple: the more students read, the better readers they become. Though only one book is required for summer reading, we hope that your child reads many more. Your support is a critical part of the Summer Reading Program.

Students entering grades 6, 7 and 8 are required to read at least **one** book from the Recommended Authors List, the Optional Titles List or students may also choose to read a book of their choice. As a parent or guardian, you may choose a book to read together.

Students will list all books they have read on the Reading Log and then complete an activity for ONE book from the Option Blocks. Extra forms will be available at all branches of the Brockton Public Library and on the Brockton Public Schools' website: www.bpsma.org

In September, students will have conversations centering on their summer reading. Students will pass in Reading Logs and Option Block activities and participate in school celebrations planned at each building.

Sincerely,



Kathleen A. Smith, JD
Superintendent of Schools

Brockton Public Library Summer Schedule

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL
LIBRARY FOR SUMMER HOURS OF
OPERATION OR CHECK ONLINE AT
www.brocktonpubliclibrary.org

Main Library

304 Main Street
508.580.7890

East Branch

54 Kingman Street
508.580.7892

West Branch

540 Forest Avenue
508.580.7894

Brockton Public Schools Summer Reading Program

2016



Program Guide for Students

Entering

Grades 6-8

Summer Reading Program 2016 Brockton Public Schools

Recommended Authors List

Isaac Asimov (*science fiction*)
Avi (*multi-genre*)
James Berry (*fiction*)
Nancy Bond (*fiction: fantasy*)
Ray Bradbury (*science fiction*)
Bruce Brooks (*fiction*)
Joseph Bruchac (*fiction: historical*)
Alice Childress (*fiction: realistic*)
Vera and Bill Cleaver (*fiction*)
James and Christopher Collier (*fiction: historical*)
Robert Comier (*fiction*)
Sharon Creech (*fiction: realistic*)
Michael Dorris (*fiction*)
Paul Fleischman (*poetry, fiction*)
Russell Freedman (*biography*)
Jack Gantos (*fiction: humorous*)
Sheila Gordon (*fiction: Africa*)
Bette Green (*fiction*)
Rosa Guy (*fiction: realistic*)
James Herriot (*informational: animals*)
Karen Hesse (*fiction: historical, fanciful*)
Irene Hunt (*fiction: historical: realistic*)
Paul Janeczko (*poetry*)
Angela Johnson (*fiction*)
Diane Wynne Jones (*fiction: fantasy*)
Norton Juster (*fiction: fantasy*)
M.E. Kerr (*fiction: realistic*)
E. L. Konigsburg (*fiction: realistic*)
Kathryn Lasky (*multi-genre*)
Madeleine L'Engle (*fiction: fantasy*)
Ursula LeGuin (*fiction: fantasy*)
Robert Lipsyte (*fiction: realistic*)
Lois Lowry (*fiction*)
Anne McCaffrey (*fiction: fantasy*)
Robin McKinley (*fiction: fantasy*)
Patricia McKissack (*informational: history*)
Albert Marrin (*biography*)
Milton Meltzer (*informational: history: biography*)
Jim Murphy (*informational: history*)
Phyllis Reynolds Naylor (*fiction: realistic*)
Naomi Nye (*poetry: fiction*)
Richard Peck (*fiction: historical, realistic*)
Daniel Pinkwater (*fiction: humorous*)
Philip Pullman (*fiction: fantasy*)
Ellen Raskin (*fiction: mystery*)
J. K. Rowling (*fiction: fantasy*)
Cynthia Rylant (*short stories: poetry*)

Grades 6-8



Recommended websites for parents:

Scholastic Parent Website

www.scholastic.com/parents/

National Parent Teacher Association – Reading Tips

www.pta.org/programs/content.cfm?ItemNumber=3562

U.S. Dept. of Education – Reading Tips for Parents

www.ed.gov/parents/read/resources/readingtips/index.html

More Recommended Authors

Louis Sachar (*fiction: humorous, realistic*)
Isaac Bashevis Singer (*fiction: historical*)
Gary Soto (*fiction*)
Mildred Taylor (*historical: fiction*)
Theodore Taylor (*fiction: historical*)
Yoshiko Uchida (*fiction: historical; nonfiction*)
Cynthia Voigt (*fiction: realistic, fantasy*)
Yoko Kawashima Watkins (*fiction: historical*)
Janet Wong (*poetry*)
Laurence Yep (*fiction*)
Jane Yolen (*fiction: fantasy*)
Paul Zindel (*fiction: realistic*)

Optional Titles Available at Public Libraries

FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 6

- *The Chronicles of Narnia* – C. S. Lewis
- *The Egypt Game* – Zilpha Snyder
- *Hatchet* – Gary Paulsen

FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 7

- *A Wrinkle in Time* – Madeline L'Engle
- *The Black Pearl* – Scott O'Dell
- *Lily's Crossing* – Patricia Reilly Giff

FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 8

- *Esperanza Rising* – Pam Munoz Ryan
- *Solitary Blue* – Cynthia Voigt
- *That Was Then, This is Now* – S. E. Hinton

Or you may also read ...
A book of your choice!