

Bethlehem Central Middle School LMC Summer Reading Suggestions

As part of the New York State Education Department's efforts to raise standards for English Language Arts, students are requested to read 25 books each year. We are recommending that students read at least four books during the summer months. The following list of books includes both current young adult selections and classics, although your child is free to read other books that you recommend.

○ FICTION

- *After Tupac and D Foster*, Jacqueline Woodson
- *Airman*, Eoin Colfer
- *Assassin*, Anna Myers
- *The Bar Code Tattoo*, Suzanne Weyn
- *Baseball Great*, Tim Green
- *Bird Moon Lake*, Kevin Henkes
- *Birdland*, Tracy Mack
- *Bog Child*, Siobhan Dowd
- *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas*, John Boyne
- *The Boy Who Couldn't Die*, William Sleator
- *Buddha Boy*, Kathe Koja
- *The Calder Game*, Blue Balliett
- *The Cheat*, Amy Goldman Koss
- *Cheating Lessons*, Nan Willard Cappa
- *Chief Sunrise*, John McGraw, and *Me*, Timothy Tocher
- *Child X*, Lee Weatherly
- *Cracker*, Cynthia Kadohata
- *Dead Is the New Black*, Marlene Perex (sequel: *Dead Is a State of Mind*)
- *The Diary of Pelly D.*, L. J. Adlington
- *Dust*, Arthur Slade
- *Elephant Run*, Roland Smith
- *Elijah of Buxton*, Christopher Paul Curtis
- *Ender's Game*, Orson Scott Card
- *Escape from Memory*, Margaret Peterson Haddix
- *Eye of the Crow*, Shane Peacock
- *Fat Kid Rules the World*, K. L. Going

○ NONFICTION

- Battle Heroes Series: *Teens at War*, *Voices from Afghanistan*, *Voices from Iraq*, *World War II Heroes*
- *The Big Red Horse: The Story of Secretariat and the Loyal Groom Who Loved Him*, Lawrence Scanlan
- *Bodies from the Ash*, James Deem
- *Boy: Tales of Childhood*, Roald Dahl
- *Children of the Great Depression*, Russell Freedman
- *Close to Shore*, Michael Capuzzo
- *Counting Coup*, Joseph Medicine Crow
- *Electric Dreams*, Caroline Kettlewood
- *The Harlem Hellfighters*, Walter Dean Myers
- *Hitler Youth*, Susan Bartoletti
- *How High Can We Climb?* Jeannine Atkins
- *Inside the Alamo*, Jim Murphy
- *King of the mild Frontier*, Chris Crutcher
- *Let Me Play*, Kevin Blumenthal
- *Obsessive Genius: The Inner Life of Marie Curie*, Barbara Goldsmith
- *Our Eleanor*, Candace Fleming
- *Out of Bounds: Seven Stories of Conflict and Hope*, Beverly Naidoo
- *Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story about Brain Science*, John Fleischman
- *Revenge of the Whale*, Nathaniel Philbrick
- *The Radioactive Boy Scout*, Ken Silverstein
- *Wait Till Next Year*, Doris Kearns Goodwin

▪ Poetry

- *A Poke in the I*, Paul Janeczko
- *Blue Lipstick: Concrete Poems*, John Grandits
- *Canto Familiar*, Gary Soto
- *Hard Hit*, Ann Turner
- *Hate That Cat*, Sharon Creech
- *Poetry for Young People* series
- *T-4: A Novel in Verse*, Ann Clare LeZotte

- *Feathers*, Jacqueline Woodson
- *Found*, Margaret Peterson Haddix
- *Geronimo*, Joseph Bruchac
- *The Graduation of Jake Moon*, Barbara Park
- *The Graveyard Book*, Neil Gaiman
- *Guardian*, Julius Lester
- *Here Lies the Librarian*, Richard Peck
- *The Hunger Games*, Suzanne Collins
- *If I Stay*, Gayle Forman
- *If the Witness Lied*, Caroline Cooney
- *In Search of the Moon King's Daughter*, Linda Holeman
- *The Invention of Hugo Cabret*, Brian Selznick
- *Juice*, Eric Walters
- *Life As We Knew It*, Susan Beth Pfeffer
- *Locomotion*, Jacqueline Woodson
- *The London Eye Mystery*, Siobhan Dowd
- *The Magician's Elephant*, Kate DiCamillo
- *Million Dollar Putt*, Dan Gutman
- *More Perfect than the Moon*, Patricia MacLachlan
- *Our Secret*, Siri Aang, Christina Kessler
- *Peak*, Roland Smith
- *Peeps*, Scott Westerfield
- *Private Peaceful*, Michael Morpurgo
- *Puppet*, Eva Wiseman
- *The Ransom of Mercy Carter*, Caroline B. Cooney
- *Red Moon at Sharpsburg*, Rosemary Wells
- *The Rock and the River*, Mekla Magoon
- *Rules*, Cynthia Lord
- *The Sacrifice*, Kathleen Benner Duple
- *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes*, Eleanor Coerr
- *Scat*, Carl Hiaasen
- *Schooled*, Gordon Korman
- *The Dream Keeper and other poems*, Langston Hughes
- *The Flag of Childhood: Poems from the Middle*
- *East*, Naomi Shihab Nye
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- *East*, Naomi Shihab Nye
- *The Trial*, Jen Bryant
- *The Way a Door Closes*, Hope Anita Smith
- *Under the Spell of the Moon*, Katherine Paterson
- **Don't Forget the Classics**
- *Black Beauty*, Anna Sewell
- *Johnny Tremain*, Esther Forbes
- *Little Women*, Louisa May Alcott
- *Old Yeller*, Fred Gipson
- *Robinson Crusoe*, Daniel Defoe
- *Swiss Family Robinson*, Johann D. Wyss
- *The Diary of a Young Girl*, Ann Frank
- *The Good Earth*, Pearl S. Buck
- *The Silver Skates*, Mary Mapes Dodge
- *The Time Machine*, H. G. Wells
- *Treasure Island*, Robert Louis Stevenson
- *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea*, Jules Verne

- *Shakespeare's Secret*,
Elise Brody
- *Skybreaker*, Kenneth
Oppel
- *Soldier's Secret: The Story
of Deborah Sampson*,
- *Sheila Solomon*, Klass
- *Somebody*, Nancy Springer
- *Somebody Named Eva*,
Joan M. Wolf
- *Stolen*, Vivian Vande Velde
- *Sunrise over Fallujah*,
Walter Dean Myers
- *Sweetgrass Basket*,
Marlene Carvell
- *Swords for Hire: Two of the
Most Unlikely Heroes You'll
Ever Meet*, Will Allen
- *Tamar: A Novel of
Espionage, Passion, and
Betrayal*, Mal Peet
- *That Summer*, Sarah
Dessen
- The 39 Clues (series) ,
Rick Riordan et al
- *Tiger, Tiger*, Lynne Reid
Banks
- *Tunnels*, Roderick Gordon
and Brian Williams
- *Vampireates* (series), Justin
Somper
- *Wednesday Wars*, Gary D.
Schmidt
- *Weedflower*, Cynthia
Kadohata
- *What My Mother Doesn't
Know*, Sonya Sones,
- *When My Name Was
Keoko*, Linda Sue Park
- *Where the Red Fern
Grows*, Wilson Rawls
- *Wringer*, Jerry Spinelli