



One of my students said that they finally figured out what summer vacation was for: Clearly, it is to read all the books we didn't have time for in school – and to go to the beach!" In my opinion, an excellent combination! Happy Reading!

Here are some other ways to encourage your child's reading during the summer break:

- Be a reading role model for your kids. Kids need to see that reading is pleasurable, not a chore to be completed.
"The last 30 years of reading research confirms this simple formula—regardless of sex, race, nationality, or socioeconomic background, students who read the most, read the best, achieve the most, and stay in school the longest. Conversely, those who don't read much, cannot get better at it."
–Jim Trelease, author of *The Read-Aloud Handbook*.
- Read Aloud to your children! *"The single most important activity for building the knowledge required for eventual success in reading is reading aloud to children." It is a practice that should continue throughout the grades.* - Jim Trelease, author of *The Read-Aloud Handbook*.
- Build reading into your child's daily schedule. Try reading 30 minutes before they get out of bed, after lunch, to wind down before bed. Be creative!
- Listen to audio books in the car (great for road trips!)
- Visit the library – there are lots of great events going on this summer at the Salem Public Library

SUMMER READING 2019

Need a recommendation? Students in grade K-4 are encouraged to read anything of interest over the summer. The following titles are just suggestions.

Please help your child select books that are “just right” for them and remember, summer reading should be fun!

Great Reads:

After the Fall by Dan Santat

Giraffe Problems by Jory John

Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race by Margot Lee Shetterly

Read the Book, Lemmings by Ame Dyckman

The Day You Begin by Jacqueline Woodson

All Are Welcome by Alexandra Penfold

Be Kind by Pat Zietlow Miller

Great Series:

My Big Fat Zombie Goldfish by Mo O'Hara

Mr. Lemoncello's Library by Chris Grabenstein

Heidi Heckelbeck by Wanda Coven

Who Was / What Was / Where Was series (multiple authors)

The Bad Guys by Aaron Blabey

Questioners Series by Andrea Beaty

The Chicken Squad by Doreen Cronin

Dory Fantasmagory by Abby Hanlon

Dogman Series by Dave Pilkey

Origami Yoda by Tom Angleberger

Great Authors:

Mo Willems

Gordan Korman

Steve Jenkins

Eve Bunting

Sharon Creech

Jacqueline Woodson

Kevin Henkes

2019 Medal Winners:

Caldecott Medal: Hello Lighthouse by Sophie Blackall

Geisel Award: Fox the Tiger by Corey R. Tabor

Belpre Medal: Dreamers by Yuyi Morales

Newbery Medal: Merci Suarez Changes Gears by Med Medina

Nutmeg Award (elementary): Bad Guys by Aaron Blabey

Nutmeg Award (intermediate): Awkward by Svetlana Chmakova

2020 Nutmeg Book Award Nominees (elementary):

Alfie: (The Turtle That Disappeared) by Thyra Heder

Anything But Ordinary Addie: The True Story of Adelaide Herrmann, the Queen of Magic by Mara Rockliff

Bolivar by Sean Rubin

Book Uncle and Me by Uma Krishnaswami

A Boy Called BAT by Elana K. Arnold

The Dinosaur Expert by Margaret McNamara

Flutter & Hum/Aleteo Y Zumbido: Animal Poems/Poemas de Animales by Julie Paschkis

Her Right Foot by Dave Eggers

If Sharks Disappeared by Lily Williams

Let the Children March by Monica Clark-Robinson

Lola Levine is not Mean! By Monica Brown

Otis and Will Discover the Deep: The Record-Setting Dive of the Bathysphere by Barb Rosenstock

Robins! How They Grow Up by Eileen Christelow

The Story of Diva and Flea by Mo Willems

Trombone Shorty by Troy “Trombone Shorty” Andrews

2019 SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Can you complete them all?

- Read by flashlight
- Read outdoors
- Read on a blanket
- Ready by the pool
- Read at the beach
- Read with a friend
- Read with a grownup
- Read a magazine
- Read a book about science
- Read something non-fiction
- Read a mystery
- Read in the afternoon
- Read on a hammock
- Read at the beach
- Read under an umbrella
- Read in the morning
- Read in a tent
- Read a book about an animal
- Read at the park
- Read in the car
- Read an adventure
- Read aloud in a silly voice
- Read wearing sunglasses
- Read to a pet or stuffed animal
- Read a book with your family
- Read a book that won an award

Can you do 3 or more of these at the same time?

I will create a bulletin board in the fall with all the pics!

Snap a picture and send it to me: skateley@salem.cen.ct.gov

Name: _____ Grade: _____

2019 ELMS Summer Reading Program

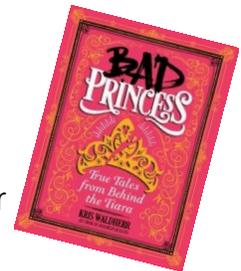
Fuji Instax Camera Raffle!

This year we will again be holding the Non-Fiction/Fiction Pair raffle to support our Summer Reading Program. This year we will be raffling off 2 Fujifilm Instax Mini 9 Camera bundles. To participate in this raffle, students must read at least 1 of the non-fiction/fiction book pairs that are listed below. Students should circle the book pairs (both books must be read) that they have read and have a parent sign the last page of this packet. Students will return their sheets to their Mrs. Kateley at the start of the school year and will receive a raffle ticket for each pair that is read. For example: if a student reads 2 of the reading pairs listed below, a total of 4 books, they will earn 2 raffle tickets. The grade levels are a recommendation, students may choose pairs from either list regardless of their current grade level.

Grades 7 and 8 Titles

1. "Bad Princess: True Tales from Behind the Tiara" By: Kris Waldherr

The award-winning creator of *Doomed Queens* and *The Book of Goddesses* shares 30 real-life, not-so-fairy tales about princesses from history and today whose lives involved scandal, violence and other less-than-happily-ever-after fates.



AND

- "Prisoners in the Palace" By: Michaela MacColl



Recently orphaned and destitute, seventeen-year-old Liza Hastings earns a position as a lady's maid to sixteen-year-old Princess Victoria at Kensington Palace in 1836, the year before Victoria becomes Queen of England.

Connection: Historical Female Royalty

2. "Into the White" By: Joanna Grochowicz



Examines Robert Scott's ill-fated Terra Nova Expedition, during which his team faced storms at sea, ice pack, blizzards and extreme temperatures.

AND

"Shackleton's Stowaway" By: Victoria McKernan



A fictionalized account of the adventures of eighteen-year-old Perce Blackborow, who stowed away for the 1914 Shackleton Antarctic expedition and, after their ship Endurance was crushed by ice, endured many hardships, including the loss of his toes to frostbite, during the nearly two-year return journey across sea and ice.

Connection: Antarctic Exploration

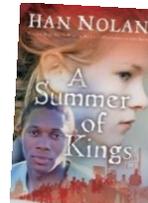
3. "Twelve Days in May" By: Larry Dane Brimner



The story of the Freedom Riders, who boarded buses in Washington, D.C., for New Orleans, Louisiana, as a way to draw attention to the lack of enforcement of the laws prohibiting segregation on buses crossing state lines and at bus stations.

AND

"A Summer of Kings" By: Han Nolan



After being accused of killing a white man in Alabama and sent north by his mother to escape a lynch mob, King-Roy finds his way to a home where he meets Esther, a young white girl looking for excitement and attention, where an unexpected friendship develops that transforms both of their lives while coming to terms with what they deem just and right.

Connection: Early 1960's Civil Rights Movement

Grade 5 & 6 Titles

1. "The Secret Project" By: Jonah Winter & Jeanette Winter



A picture book account of the classified scientific project to create the atomic bomb describes how during World War II the world's greatest scientists gathered at a remote location in the desert of New Mexico, where their innovations profoundly changed the world.

AND

"Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes" By: Eleanor Coerr



Hiroshima-born Sadako is lively and athletic--the star of her school's running team. And then the dizzy spells start. Soon gravely ill with leukemia, the "atom bomb disease," Sadako faces her future with spirit and bravery. Recalling a Japanese legend, Sadako sets to work folding paper cranes.

Connection: The Atomic Bomb

2. "Bravo! Poems About Amazing Hispanics" By: Margarita Engle



Bold, graphic portraits and beautiful poems present famous and lesser-known Latinos from varied backgrounds who have faced life's challenges in creative ways.

AND

"How Tia Lola Came to Visit Stay" By: Julia Alvarez



Although ten-year-old Miguel is at first embarrassed by his colorful aunt, Tia Lola, when she comes to Vermont from the Dominican Republic to stay with his mother, his sister, and him after his parents' divorce, he learns to love her.

Connection: Hispanic Heritage



3. "A Time to Act" By: Shana Corey

This picture-book biography of John Kennedy's life, which celebrates his one hundredth birthday, focuses on his hesitations and then help with the civil rights movement.



AND

"Betty Before X" By: Ilyasah Shabazz

A powerful middle-grade novel about the childhood activism of Malcolm X's wife, written by their daughter, describes how young Betty finds confidence and purpose by volunteering for the Housewives League in 1945 Detroit, learning skills and developing awareness that inspires her future as a Civil Rights icon.

Connection: The Civil Rights Movement

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____