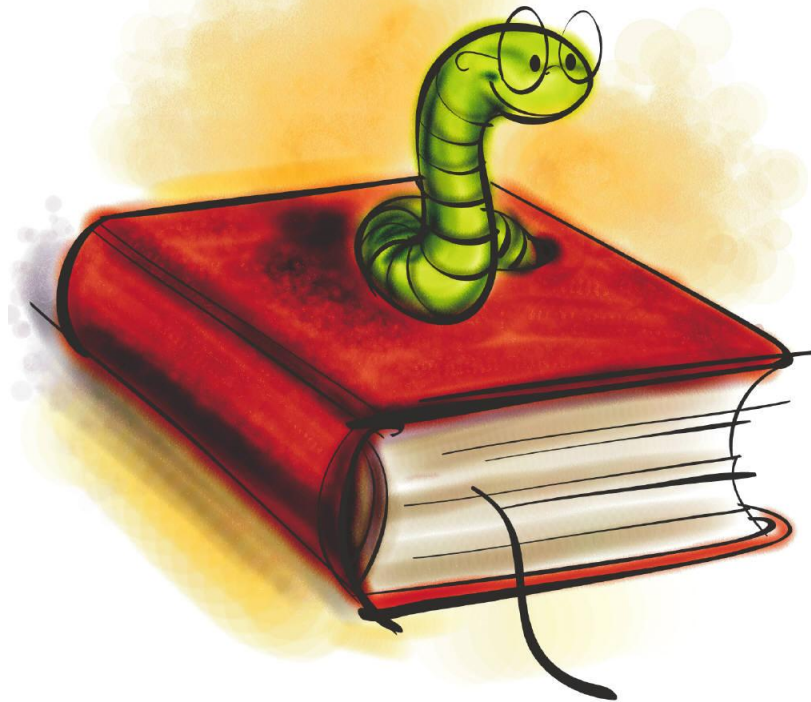


SRMS

7th and 8th Grade
**Summer Reading
Program**



Also available- <http://www.srsd.net/middleschool>

How to Choose a Book that FITS Your Interests



- ✓ F-ind a book that looks interesting
- ✓ I-ndevigate the book to see if your first impression was the right one
- ✓ T-ry it out and Trade it for another if you aren't enjoying it
- ✓ S-ee if it FITS with your interests and skill level (ff not- choose another!)

It is important for you to take the time to find a book that you will **ENJOY** reading. Find a book that flows when you read it, but is also a bit challenging. This type of book will help you become a better reader.

Look at the cover, the back, flip through the book, look at the illustrations, and read a little to see if you might be interested.

Ask yourself the following questions:

- ✓ Does the topic or theme interest you?
- ✓ Do you like the way the author writes?
- ✓ Does the story flow as you read it?
- ✓ Are there less than five words on a page that you don't know?
- ✓ Do you understand most of what is happening in the story?
If not, are you interested enough to try to figure it out?

Summer Reading Program Basics

1. You must read at least three books this summer. **Two** must be (a) chosen from the attached list (b) may be written by an author on the attached list (c) may be from the Garden State Teen Book Awards List found at any Ocean County Library branch; the **third** may be (a) a book of your choice or (b) may also be from the attached list. Any selections for the third book which are not chosen from this list must be chosen from books which are considered to have literary value.
2. You must obtain parental/guardian permission to read your chosen books; have your parent/guardian sign the book form.
3. Check out the books in your local library or purchase them at any bookstore.
4. To choose books that you will enjoy reading, first read the back cover and then the first chapter of a book to see if you like the author's style of writing and/or the story itself.
5. Choose books that you did not read for an assignment or class in elementary school.
6. Plan to read the entire book! If you don't, your answers will show it.
7. Complete the assignment which follows for each book you choose. You will need to complete three (3) assignments.
8. Turn in the completed packets to your Language Arts teacher no later than Friday, September 10, 2010. You will not have additional time once school begins - this is a Summer Reading assignment.
9. Summer reading assignments will be part of your grade for the 1st Marking Period.
10. See the attached rubric for grading criteria. Note the necessity of completing the assignments in a neat and legible manner.

SRMS Summer Reading Scoring Rubric

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All questions answered thoroughly

All work exhibits student's best effort

All representations, organizers, and symbols well thought out and presented

All work well presented, legible, and neat

All spelling, grammar and punctuation are correct

All answers show evidence of having read and comprehended the text

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Few questions answered thoroughly

Little work exhibits student's best effort

Few representations, organizers, and symbols well thought out and presented

Little work well presented, legible, and neat

Little spelling, grammar and punctuation are correct

Few answers show evidence of having read and comprehended the text

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There is little to no evidence that the student read the book



Your name _____

Book Title _____

Author _____

Parental/Guardian Reading Permission _____

(Parent/Guardian's Signature Required)

1. Why I would/would not recommend this book _____

2. Tell what you consider the most important event/character/feeling or decision in the book and why. Use specific examples from the book.

3. What character would you most like to be in this book? Why?

4. What is the author saying about life and living in this book. Use specific examples from the book:

You may use additional paper if you require more space.

5. Draw a Symbol to represent the book Tell how the symbol represents the book

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6. Choose four quotes, scenes, bits of dialogue and/or descriptions.

Copy text and page #

Tell how it made you think or feel

7. Complete the graphic organizer below: (Choose your words carefully!)

Main Character

One word description

About the Character

Two words

Setting of the Story

Three Words

The Character's Problem

Four Words

What happened in the end

Five Words

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The 2010 SRMS Summer Reading List

Author	Title
Alcott, Louisa Mae	Little Women
Almond, D.	Kit's Wilderness
Almond, D.	Skellig
Alvarez, Julia	How Tia Lola Came to Stay
Anderson, Laurie Halse	Prom
Angelou, Maya	Wouldn't Take Nothing for My Journey
Armstrong, Jennifer	Steal Away
Arrington, Frances	Prairie Whispers
Avi	Crispin: The Cross of Lead
Avi	Don't You Know There's A War On?
Avi	Nothing but the Truth
Avi	The Secret School
Avi	True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle
Barker, Clive	Abarat
Bauer, Joan	Stand Tall
Bell, Hillari	A Matter of Profit
Billingsley, F.	The Folk Keeper
Blacker, Terrance	The Angel Factor
Bowler, Tim	Storm Catchers
Brashares, Ann	Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants
Bruchac, J.	Skeleton Man
Buer, Joan	Hope Was Here
Bunting, Eve	Blackwater
Bunting, Eve	Sharing Susan
Cabot, Meg	Princess in the Spotlight
Calhoun, Dia	Aria of the Sea
Card, Scott Orson	Ender's Game
Chabon, Michael	Summerland
Choi, Sook Nyul	Year of Impossible Goodbyes
Christopher, John	The City of Gold and Lead
Christopher, John	The Pool of Fire
Christopher, John	The White Mountains
Christopher, Matt	Series (Sports)
Cisneros, Sandra	House on Mango Street
Clements, Andrew	The School Story
Clements, Andrew	Things Not Seen
Colfer, E.	Artemis Fowl
Cooney, Caroline	Goddess of Yesterday
Cooney, Caroline	Face on the Milk Carton
Cooney, Caroline	The Voice on the Radio
Cooney, Caroline	Whatever Happened to Janie
Cormier, Robert	Rag and Bone Shop

Couloumbis, Audrey
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Creech, Sharon
Creech, Sharon
Creech, Sharon
Creech, Sharon
Crichton, Michael
Crichton, Michael
Crowe, Chris
Curtis, Christopher Paul
Curtis, Christopher Paul
Curtis, Christopher Paul
Cushma, Karen
Cushman, Karen
Cushman, Karen
Danzinger, Paula
Danzinger, Paula
DiCamillo, Kate
DiCamillo, Kate
DiTerlizzi, Tony
DuPrau, Jeanne
DuPrau, Jeanne
Ellis, Deborah
Farmer, Nancy
Farmer, Nancy
Farmer, Nancy
Farmer, Nancy
Filipovic, Zlata
Fine, Anne
Fleischman, Sid
Fleischman, Sid
Forbes, Esther
Fox, Paula
Funke, Cornelia
Gaarder, Jostein
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Gantos, Jack
George, Jean
Giff, P.
Greene, Bettee
Haddix, Margaret P.
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Haddix, Margaret P.
Halam, Ann

Getting Near To Baby
Say Yes
Chasing Redbird
Love That Dog
The Wanderer
Walk Two Moons
Jurassic Park
Lost World
Mississippi Trial, 1955
The Watsons Go to Birmingham
Bud, Not Buddy
Elijah of Buxton
Catherine Called Birdy
Matilda Bone
Midwife's Apprentice
Remember Me to Harold Square
This Place Has No Atmosphere
Because of Winn-Dixie
The Tiger Rising
Spiderwick Chronicles
The People of Sparks
The City of Embers
Parvana's Journey
A Girl Named Disaster
The Ear, The Eye, and The Arm
The House of Scorpion
The Land of the Silver Apples
Zlata's Diary
The Tulip Touch
Seedfolk
The Whipping Boy
Johnny Tremain
Slave Dancer
The Thief Lord
A Solitaire Mystery
The Christmas Mystery
Joey Pigza Swallowed The Key
On the Far Side of the Mountain
Nory Ryan's Song
Summer of My German Soldier
Among The Barons
Among The Betrayed
Among The Hidden
Among The Imposters
Running Out Of Time
Dr. Franklin's Island

Hamilton, Virginia
Hamilton, Virginia
Hesse, Anne
Hesse, Karen
Hesse, Karen
Hesse, Karen
Hesse, Karen
Hinton, S.E.
Hobbs, Will
Holm, Jennifer
Horowitz, Anthony
Horvath, Polly
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Hunt, Irene
Hunt, Irene
Ibbotson, E.
Jacques, Brian
Jarvis, Robin
Johnston, T.
Kinney, Jeff
Kinney, Jeff
Kodohata, Cynthia
Konigsburg, E.L.
Korman, Gordon
Krakauer, Jon
L'Engle, Madeleine
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Lauber, Patricia
Lawrence, Iain
LeGuin, Ursula
Levine, Gail Carson
Lewis, C.S.
Lisle, Taylor Janet
London, Jack
Long, John
Lowry, Lois
Lowry, Lois
Lubar, David
Lupica, Mike
Lupica, Mike
Lyons, Mary
Maguire, Gregory
Mayer, Stephanie

Paul Robeson
The House of Dies Drear
Out of the Dust
Phoenix Rising
Just Juice
Stowaway
The Music of the Dolphins
That Was Then, This Is Now
Wild Man Island
Our Only May Amelia
Alex Rider Series
Everything on A Waffle
The Trolls
Across Five Aprils
The Lottery Rose
Journey to the River Sea
Red Wall
Dark Portal
Any Small Goodness
Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Greg Heffley's Journal
Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules
Kira-Kira
The View from Saturday
Everest Series
Into Thin Air
A Ring of Endless Light
An Acceptable Time
Many Waters
The Troubled Star
Wrinkle in Time
Volcano
The Wreckers
Powers
Wish
The Chronicles of Narnia
The Art of Keeping Cool
Call of the Wild
The Big Drop
Gathering Blue
The Giver
Hidden Talents
Heat
Travel Team
Letters from a Slave Girl
The Good Liar
Twilight

Mazer, Harry	A Boy at War
McCaffrey, Meghan	Sloppy Firsts
Meyer, Stephenie	Twilight
Meyer, Stephenie	Eclipse
Meyer, Stephenie	New Moon
Michaelson, Ben	Touching Spirit Bear
Miller, Sarah Elizabeth	Miss Spitfire: Reaching Helen Keller
Morgan, Melissa	Camp Confidential Series
Murphy, Jim	Blizzard
Myers, Walter Dean	Somewhere in the Darkness
Myers, Walter Dean	Glory Field
Myers, Walter Dean	Fallen Angels
Myers, Walter Dean	Game
Naidoo, Beverley	Journey to Jo'burg
Naidoo, Beverley	No Turning Back
Naidoo, Beverley	The Other Side of Truth
Napoli, Donna Jo	Daughter of Venice
Napoli, Donna Jo	Sirena
Napoli, Donna Jo	Stones In Water
Naylor, Phyllis	Alice In Between
Nishiyama, Yuriko	Rebound
Nishiyama, Yuriko	Harlem Beat
Nishiyama, Yuriko	Dragon Voice
The Orca Sounding Series (by different authors), 3-5 th grade reading level)	
Paoline, Christopher	Eragon
Park, Linda Sue	A Single Shard
Park, Linda Sue	When My Name Was Keoko
Paterson, Katherine	Jip
Paterson, Katherine	Lyddie
Paterson, Katherine	Preacher's Boy
Paterson, Katherine	The Same Stuff as Stars
Paulsen, Gary	Brian's Return
Paulsen, Gary	Brian's Winter
Paulsen, Gary	Guts
Paulsen, Gary	Hatchet
Paulsen, Gary	Island
Paulsen, Gary	My Life in Dog Years
Paulsen, Gary	Nightjohn
Paulsen, Gary	The Transall Saga
Paulsen, Gary	Winterdance
Peck, Richard	A Year Down Yonder
Peck, Richard	Fair Weather
Philbrick, Rodman	Last Book in the Universe
Pullman, Philip	The Golden Compass
Pullman, Phillip	The Dark Materials Trilogy
Pullman, Philip	The Subtle Knife

Raskin, Ellen
Reiss, Johanna
Reiss, Johanna
Reiss, Kathryn
Richter, Conrad
Rodman, Philbrick
Rowling, J.K.
Rylant, Cynthia
Sachar, Louis
Salisbury, Graham
Schlitz, Laura Amy

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Schreiber, Ellen
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Sedgwick, Marcus
Shange, Ntozake
Smith Kimmel, Robert
Smith, Roland
Snicket, Lemony
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Snyder, Zilpha K.
Soto, Gary
Spinelli, Jerry
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Staples, Suzanne Fisher
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Stevenson, Robert Louis
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Stewart, Paul
Taylor, Mildred D.
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Tolan, Stephanie S.
Tolkein, J.R.R.
Uchida, Yoshiko
Van Draanen, Wendelin
Voight, Cynthia

The Westing Game
The Journey Back
The Upstairs Room
PaperQuake
Light in the Forest
Max the Mighty
Harry Potter Books
Missing May
Holes
Island Boyz
Good Masters, Sweet Ladies: Voices from a
Medieval Village
A Drowned Maiden's Hair
The Hero Schliemann
Vampire Kisses
Teenage Mermaid
Comedy Girl
The Dark Horse
Betsey Brown
The War with Grandpa
Peak
The Penultimate Peril
the Bad Beginning
The Austere Academy
The Egypt Game
Local News
Crash
Loser
Maniac Magee
White Fang
Wringer
Haveli
Shabanu
Shiva's Fire
Kidnapped
Treasure Island
The Edge Chronicles
Roll Of Thunder, Hear My Cry
Let the Circle Be Unbroken
The Land
The Road to Memphis
Surviving The Applewhites, etc.
The Hobbit
A Jar of Dreams
Flipped
Izzy Willy Nilly

Voight, Cynthia
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Wells, Rosemary`
Whelan, G.
White, R.
Winterfeld, Henry
Wolff, Virginia Euwer
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Yep, Laurence
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Yolen, Jane
Yolen, Jane
Young, B. & J.L.
Zimmer, Tracie Vaughn
Zindel, Paul

The Runner
Dicey's Song
Red Moon at Sharpsberg: A Novel
Homeless Bird
Belle Prater's Boy
Detectives in Togas
Make Lemonade
True Believer
Dragon's Gate
Dragonwings
The Case of the Goblin Pearls
Armageddon Summer
Devil's Arithmetic
Taste Berries for Teens
Reaching for the Sun
Gadget