

Boston Public Schools and
Boston Public Library
2015 Summer Book List
Grades 6-8

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

The summer months are a wonderful time to explore the world of books and reading—and the staff of the Boston Public Schools and Boston Public Library look forward to helping you plan a reading program to last the whole summer.

This Summer Book List will help you choose high quality literature geared to the interests of middle school students. All the books on the list are available at your neighborhood library. Your local librarian can suggest additional titles.

The Boston Public Schools is working to ensure high standards and high achievement for every student in every classroom, and literacy is a priority at all grade levels. We expect our students to work hard at reading and writing, and to keep reading year-round; and we need the support and encouragement of families to help us reach the goal of every student becoming an excellent reader.

Happy reading!

Sincerely,

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Boston Public Library 2015 Summer Reading
Every Hero Has a Story

Boston Public Library's 2015 summer program features books and activities about all kinds of heroes – local, global, environmental, historical, animal, and even children. For more information, contact or visit any BPL location.

FICTION

<i>Return to Sender</i>	Alvarez
<i>Tangerine</i>	Bloor
<i>The Girl Who Threw Butterflies</i>	Cochrane
<i>Jack Henry (series)</i>	Gantos
<i>My Life in Pink and Green</i>	Greenwald
<i>Bird</i>	Johnson
<i>The Thing About Luck</i>	Kadohata
<i>Schooled</i>	Korman
<i>Rain Reign</i>	Martin
<i>Darius and Twig</i>	Myers
<i>Wonder</i>	Palacio
<i>Keeper</i>	Peet
<i>Bamboo People</i>	Perkins
<i>The Red Pencil</i>	Pinkney
<i>Slob</i>	Potter
<i>Cartwheeling in Thunderstorms</i>	Rundell
<i>Esperanza Rising</i>	Ryan
<i>Holes</i>	Sachar
<i>So Hard to Say</i>	Sanchez
<i>Guys Read: Funny Business</i>	Scieszka, ed.
<i>Counting by 7s</i>	Sloan
<i>Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie</i>	Sonnenblick
<i>Love, Stargirl</i>	Spinelli
<i>Stargirl</i>	Spinelli
<i>Emma-Jean Lazarus Fell Out of a Tree</i>	Tarshis
<i>Drama</i>	Telgemeier
<i>Make Lemonade</i>	Wolff
<i>After Tupac and D Foster</i>	Woodson

SCIENCE FICTION / FANTASY

<i>Millicent Min, Girl Genius</i>	Yee
<i>Dragon's Castle</i>	Bruchac
<i>Ender's Game</i>	Card
<i>Artemis Fowl (series)</i>	Colfer
<i>Gregor the Overlander (Underland Chronicles series)</i>	Collins
<i>So You Want To Be a Wizard (Young Wizards series)</i>	Duane
<i>Stardust</i>	Gaiman
<i>Book of a Thousand Days</i>	Hale
<i>Dragonsong (Harper Hall trilogy)</i>	McCaffrey
<i>The Blue Sword</i>	McKinley
<i>47</i>	Mosley
<i>Mister Monday (Keys to the Kingdom series)</i>	Nix
<i>Wild Magic (Immortals quartet)</i>	Pierce
<i>The Golden Compass (His Dark Materials trilogy)</i>	Pullman
<i>Uglies (series)</i>	Westerfield

City of Fire (City trilogy)

Yep

BIOGRAPHY

<i>Taking Flight: From War Orphan to Star Ballerina</i>	DePrince
<i>The Trouble Begins at 8: A Life of Mark Twain in the Wild, Wild West</i>	Fleischman
<i>Amelia Lost: The Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart</i>	Fleming
<i>5,000 Miles to Freedom: Ellen and William Craft's Flight from Slavery</i>	Fradin
<i>Charles and Emma: The Darwins' Leap of Faith</i>	Heiligman
<i>Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice</i>	Hoose
<i>Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution</i>	Jiang
<i>A Volcano Beneath the Snow: John Brown's War Against Slavery</i>	Marrin
<i>Temple Grandin: How the Girl Who Loved Cows Embraced Autism and Changed the World</i>	Montgomery
<i>Josephine: The Dazzling Life of Josephine Baker</i>	Powell
<i>Drawing from Memory</i>	Say
<i>Twelve Rounds to Glory: The Story of Muhammad Ali</i>	Smith
<i>Brown Girl Dreaming</i>	Woodson
<i>I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World</i>	Yousafzi

LEGENDS AND MYTHS

<i>Will in Scarlet</i>	Cody
<i>Trickster: Native American Tales: A Graphic Collection</i>	Dembicki, ed.
<i>A Tale Dark and Grimm</i>	Gidwitz
<i>Outlaw: The Legend of Robin Hood</i>	Lee
<i>Egg and Spoon</i>	Maguire
<i>Gilgamesh the Hero</i>	McCaughrean
<i>Rose Daughter</i>	McKinley
<i>Treasury of Egyptian Mythology</i>	Napoli
<i>Ain't Nothing But a Man: My Quest to Find the Real John Henry</i>	Nelson
<i>Fairy Tales from the Brothers Grimm</i>	Pullman
<i>Beowulf: A Tale of Blood, Heat, and Ashes</i>	Raven
<i>The Kane Chronicles (series)</i>	Riordan
<i>The Beautiful Stories of Life: Six Greek Myths, Retold</i>	Rylant
<i>Breadcrumbs</i>	Ursu

MYSTERY

<i>Hold Fast</i>	Balliett
<i>The Brixton Brothers (series)</i>	Barnett
<i>The Scandalous Sisterhood of Prickwillow Place</i>	Berry
<i>Zora and Me</i>	Bond
<i>The Grace Mysteries (series)</i>	Cavendish
<i>Under the Egg</i>	Fitzgerald
<i>Skink: No Surrender</i>	Hiaasen
<i>Alex Rider (series)</i>	Horowitz
<i>Kiki Strike (series)</i>	Miller
<i>The Boy Sherlock Holmes (series)</i>	Peacock
<i>Sally Lockhart (series)</i>	Pullman
<i>Walking to the Bus-Rider Blues</i>	Robinet
<i>The Egypt Game</i>	Snyder
<i>Liar and Spy</i>	Stead
<i>Sammy Keyes (series)</i>	Van Draanen
<i>Palace of Spies (series)</i>	Zettel

HISTORICAL FICTION

<i>Seeds of America (series)</i>	Anderson
<i>Around The World In 100 Days</i>	Blackwood
<i>Jefferson's Sons</i>	Bradley
<i>March Toward the Thunder</i>	Bruchac
<i>The Firefly Letters</i>	Engle
<i>Incantation</i>	Hoffmann
<i>Hero on a Bicycle</i>	Hughes
<i>The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate</i>	Kelly
<i>The Green Glass Sea</i>	Klages
<i>Inside Out and Back Again</i>	Lai
<i>Kampung Boy</i>	Lat
<i>Gold Dust</i>	Lynch
<i>The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg</i>	Philbrick
<i>Bird in A Box</i>	Pinkney
<i>Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy</i>	Schmidt
<i>Keeping Corner</i>	Sheth
<i>One Came Home</i>	Timberlake
<i>Climbing the Stairs</i>	Venkatraman
<i>The Sixties Trilogy (series)</i>	Wiles
<i>One Crazy Summer</i>	Williams-Garcia

INFORMATIONAL BOOKS

<i>Trapped: How the World Rescued 33 Miners from 2,000 Feet Below the Chilean Desert</i>	Aronson
<i>Buried Beneath Us: Discovering the Ancient Cities of the Americas</i>	Aveni
<i>What the World Eats</i>	D'Aluisio
<i>Bodies from the Ice: Melting Glaciers and the Recovery of the Past</i>	Deem
<i>Master George's People: George Washington, His Slaves, and His Revolutionary Transformation</i>	Delano
<i>Animals Alive: The Fight for Survival in the Wild</i>	DK Publishing
<i>Angel Island: Gateway to Gold Mountain</i>	Freedman
<i>Bones Never Lie: How Forensics Helps Solve History's Mysteries</i>	MacLeod
<i>Black Gold: The Story of Oil in Our Lives</i>	Marrin
<i>Saving the Ghost of the Mountain: An Expedition Among Snow Leopards in Mongolia</i>	Montgomery
<i>The Elephant Scientist</i>	O'Connell & Jackson
<i>Marching for Freedom: Walk Together, Children, and Don't You Grow Weary</i>	Partridge
<i>Bomb: The Race to Build—and Steal—the World's Most Dangerous Weapon</i>	Sheinkin
<i>Courage Has No Color: The True Story of the Triple Nickels: America's First Black Paratroopers</i>	Stone

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