



Summer Reading List 2013



Grades 6-8

Dartmouth Middle School places a premium on reading as a road to success.

Students are encouraged to read over the summer to maintain reading skills over the long break. Students who read three novels over the summer are eligible for extra credit in the fall. Parents, encourage your child to read the book and not watch the movie or read summaries of the books. Students will be asked to write an essay about the literary elements of the books and/or give a speech about their novels. As students read they should keep a reading journal of thoughts, impressions and quotes. They will be able to use the journal to complete their extra credit assignment.

Dear Bully- 70 Authors Tell their Story- Ed. Megan Kelley Hill & Carrie Jones

Unwind- Neal Schusterman

The Watsons Go to Birmingham-1963- Christopher Paul Curtis

Day of Tears- Julius Lester

The Flight of Red Bird: The Life of Zitkala-Sa- Doreen Rappaport

The House on Mango Street- Sandra Cisneros

We are Witnesses: Five Diaries of Teenagers Who Died in the Holocaust- Jacob Boas

Behind Barbed Wire- Daniel S. Davis

Rescue: The Story of How Gentiles Saved Jews in the Holocaust- Milton Meltzer

The Book Thief- Markus Zusak

The Cay- Theodore Taylor

The Ballad of the Pirate Queens- Jane Yolen

Anne of Green Gables (series) L. M. Montgomery

Wizard of Earthsea (series) Ursula Le Guin

The Grey King (series) Susan Cooper

The Lord of the Rings (series)- J. R. R. Tolkien

The Witch of Blackbird Pond- Elizabeth George Speare

The Hero and the Crown- Robin McKinley

The Blue Sword- Robin McKinley

Out of the Dust- Karen Hesse

Little Women-Louisa May Alcott

A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court- Mark Twain

Peter Pan – J. M. Barrie

Winterdance: The Fine Madness of Running the Iditerod- Gary Paulson

An Owl in the Family- Farley Mowat

Black Beauty – Anna Sewell

King of the Wind- Marguerite Henry & Wesley Dennis

All Creatures Great and Small- James Herriot

Flowers for Algernon- Daniel Keyes



Dartmouth Student's Favorites:

The Perks of Being a Wallflower- Stephen Chbosky

The Mark of Athena- Rick Riordan

Divergent – Veronica Roth

The Haunting- Joan Lowery Nixon

Hoops- Walter Dean Myers

Ungifted- Gordan Korman

Uglies (series) Scott Westerfeld

The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants (series) Anne Brashares

My Sister's Keeper- Jodi Picoult

Forever- Judy Blume

The Maze Runner Trilogy- James Dashner

Matched- Allie Condie

Sackett's Land (1st book in Sackett series)- Louis L'Amour

Dog Song- Gary Paulson

Soldier's Heart- Gary Paulson

The River- Gary Paulson

Bearstone- Will Hobbs

Witch & Wizard (series) James Patterson