

Runaway by Wendelin Van Draanen
Schooled by Gordon Korman
So Totally Emily Ebers by Lisa Yee
Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli

Romance

Boys are Dogs by Leslie Margolis
Bridesmaid by Hailey Abbott

Self Help

7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens
by Sean Covey

Sports

Football Genius by Tim Green
Night Hoops by Carl Deuker
Toby Wheeler: Eighth-Grade Benchwarmer
by Thatcher Heldring

Grades 6-8
Student Web Sites

Hangman
<http://dictionary.reference.com/fun/hangman/index.html>
A fun word game

Scholastic News Online
<http://www2.scholastic.com/browse/scholasticNews.jsp>
Kid news with games and puzzles

The Stacks
<http://www.scholastic.com/kids/stacks/books/>
Books, games and videos promoting reading

Wacky Web Tales
<http://www.eduplace.com/tales/>
Create your own web tale.

Weekly Reader for Teens
<http://www.weeklyreader.com/teens/index.asp>
Fun news articles, games and contests

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Parent Resources

U. S. Department of Education
www.ed.gov/parents
Resources and guide are provided to help promote children's reading success.

The National Center for Family Literacy
<http://www.familit.org>
Family Literacy & You: Tips for Parents

Family Education
<http://school.familyeducation.com>
Information for parents on the educational issues affecting children PK-12.

Internet 4 Classrooms
<http://www.internet4classrooms.com/parents.htm>
Sites to Help Parents Help Their Children

Literacy Matters
<http://www.literacymatters.org/parents>
Ideas, strategies, and suggestions to be easily implemented in the home.

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SUMMER READING
GRADES 6-8



The Louisiana Department of Education encourages all students to read every day during the summer. Reading is the biggest factor in your child's overall academic success. Children who read more do better in school. Our goal is for every student to become a capable reader and to develop a love for reading. Parents can help their children reach that goal by reading to them and with them daily. If your children are already reading, encourage them to read at least 30 minutes daily. Involve them in reading activities at the public library. Help your child see that books are passports to the world.

Tips for Grades 6-8 Parents

Have books, magazines, comics and newspapers available for your child to read.

Encourage your child to read for a specified period of time every day.

Encourage your child to explore different authors, themes, and genres (biography, adventure, historical fiction, science fiction, poetry, and others).

Let your child see you read every day.

Limit the amount of time your child spends watching television and playing video games.

Talk with your child about what he/she is reading.

Create a quiet place, free from distractions, where your child may read.

Encourage older children to read to younger brothers and sisters.

Encourage the use of audio books.

Enthusiastic readers come from families that support and promote reading.

Grades 6-8 Booklist

Adventure/Survival

Chaos Code by Justin Richards
Crossing the Wire by Will Hobbs
Dark Water Rising by Marian Hale
Five Ancestors Series by Jeff Stone
Great Wide Sea by Madaline Herlong
Night of the Howling Dogs by Graham Salisbury
Peak by Roland Smith
Skeleton Key by Anthony Horowitz
Stormbreaker (Alex Rider series) by Anthony Harowitz

Animal Lovers

Cracker: The Best Dog in Vietnam
by Cynthia Kadohata
Shiloh series by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

Fantasy/Science Fiction

Artemis Fowl series by Eoin Colfer
Bewitching Season by Marissa Doyle
Cabinet of Wonders by Marie Rutkoski
Coraline by Neil Gaiman
Dangerous Days of Daniel X by James Patterson
Devil's Arithmetic by Jane Yolen
Diamond Willow by Helen Frost
Dragon Rider by Cornelia Funke
Dread Locks by Neal Shusterman
Dragon Slippers by Jessica Day George
Ender's Game series by Orson Scott Card
FOUND: The Missing Series by Margaret Peterson Haddix

House of the Scorpion by Nancy Farmer
Inkheart by Cornelia Funke

Maze Runner by James Dashner
Percy Jackson and the Olympians series
by Rick Riordan

Pig Scrolls by Paul Shipton
Shadow Children series by Margaret Haddix

Stolen by Vivian Vande
Storm Thief by Chris Wooding
Write Before Your Eyes by Lisa Williams Kline

Folktales

People Could Fly: American Black Folktales
by Virginia Hamilton

Graphic Novels

Bone series by Jeff Smith
Amulet: The Stonekeepers Book One by Kazu Kibuishi

Historical

Al Capone Does My Shirts by Gennifer Choldenko

Fire From the Rock by Sharon Draper
Elijah of Buxton by Christopher Paul Curtis

Gabriel's Horses by Alison Hart

Girl in a Cage
by Jane Yolen and Robert J. Harris

Legend of Bass Reeves by Gary Paulsen

Racing to Freedom Trilogy by Alison Hart

Sacrifice by Kathleen Benner Duple

Truth About Sparrows by Marian Hale

Humorous

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: A Novel in Cartoons
by Jeff Kinney

Never Mind! A Twin Novel

by Rachel Vail and Avi

No More Dead Dogs by Gordon Korman

Secrets of My Hollywood Life by Jen Calonita

Sixth Grade Glommers, Norks and Me

by Lisa Papademetriou

Louisiana

Cottonmouth Club by Lance Marcum

My Louisiana Sky by Kimberly Willis Holt

Mystery

Code Orange by Caroline Cooney

Deep and Dark and Dangerous

by Mary Downing Hahn

Diamonds in the Shadow by Caroline Cooney

Face on the Milk Carton by Caroline Cooney

Grooves: A Kind of Mystery

by Kevin Brockmeier

Nightmare by Joan Lowery Nixon

Sammy Keyes series by Wendelin Van Draanen

Poetry

Blue Lipstick: Concrete Poems

by John Grandits

Jazz A B Z by Wynton Marsalis

Technically It's Not My Fault: Concrete Poems

by John Grandits

Realistic Fiction

All-American Girl by Meg Cabot

Click Here (to find out how I survived seventh grade) by Denise Vega

How, Sour, Salty, Sweet by Sherri L. Smith

Juvie Three by Gordon Korman

Kimchi and Calamari by Rose Kent