

eStem Junior High Summer Reading Challenge

Win **PRIZES**, Keep your Brain **FRESH**, Energize your **LOVE** of Reading

The CHALLENGE: Read ONE book of your Choice

PRIZES:

1. Read at least **ONE** book of your choice during summer break (More books are better!)
2. **Share it! Upload a booktalk to the eStem Summer Reading flipgrid.**
(Look below for instructions)
3. **Return any books you borrowed from school at Open House, take a book selfie, and enter your name in a drawing to win.**

GRAND PRIZE: Gift Card to Rock City Kicks (Return to School in Style) *one winner per school (Downtown and East Village)

Runner Up: Pizza & Books Back to School lunch
*ten winners per school

Everyone gets: One day of Free Dress for every book that you read (five days max)

QUESTIONS:

What book should I read? Look on the back for TONS of book recommendations by your fellow eStem students.

How do I use flipgrid? Go to flipgrid.com and enter the code **estemsummerreading** (no space) and password **estemmets** (no space). You can also download the flipgrid app and use the same code & password. Post your own booktalks and see booktalks from your classmates. Watch the others to get book recommendations!

HOW TO WRITE A GOOD BOOKTALK: (between 1 -2 minutes)

1. Start with a **HOOK:** a quotation from the book, vivid description of a character, or question.
2. Mention the Title and author.
3. Summarize the basics - the setting, key characters, and conflicts - without giving away too much.
4. Offer your feelings, opinions, and ratings - what made this book stand out?
5. Finish strong, but don't tell the ending! You want you audience to read the book.
6. Be enthusiastic. Match your tone to the book and make it seem worth reading.

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BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS by fellow eStem Students

Realistic Fiction:

Dear Martin - Nic Stone
The Hate U Give - Angie Thomas
I'm Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter -
Erika Sanchez
Eleanor and Park - Rainbow Rowell
Noggin - John Corey Whaley
Butter - Erin Jade Lange
*Aristotle & Dante Discover the Secrets of the
Universe* - Benjamin Alire Saenz
Out of the Easy - Ruta Sepetys

Historical Fiction:

Salt to the Sea - Ruta Sepetys
Out of the Easy - Ruta Sepetys
Copper Sun - Sharon Draper
Prisoner B-3087 - Alan Gratz
Refugee - Alan Gratz
All the Light We Cannot See - Anthony Doerr

Better than the Movie:

The Fault in Our Stars - John Green
Wonder - R.J. Palacio
Everything, Everything - Nicola Yoon
A Wrinkle in Time - Madeleine L'Engle

Realistic Fiction:

The Crossover - Kwame Alexander
Booked - Kwame Alexander
Rebound - Kwame Alexander
Boy 21 - Matthew Quick
All American Boys - Jason Reynolds
Ghost - Jason Reynolds
Turtles All the Way Down - John Green
Looking for Alaska - John Green
We Were Liars - E. Lockhart

Dystopian:

Legend series - Marie Lu
The Young Elites series - Marie Lu
Warcross - Marie Lu
The Hunger Games series - Suzanne Collins
Scthye - Neal Shusterman
Uglies series - Scott Westerfield
Ready Player One - Ernest Cline

Fantasy:

Shiver series - Maggie Stiefvater
The Hobbit - J.R.R Tolkien
Lord of the Rings - J.R.R Tolkien
The Warrior Heir series - Cinda Williams
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Nonfiction:

Unbroken - Laura Hillenbrand
I Am Malala - Malala Yousafzai
The 57 Bus - Dashka Slater
The March series - John Lewis, Nate Powell