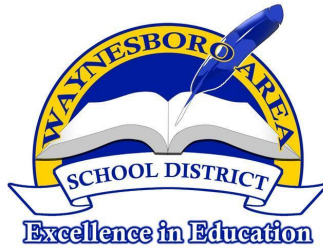


WASD Summer Reading



Waynesboro Area School District believes strongly in the importance of daily reading! Summertime offers a wonderful opportunity to build daily reading habits. Reading to and with your child will not only help maintain reading skills and strategies learned in school, but will provide enrichment through the exploration of both real and imaginary worlds within books!

Book Suggestions

The following book lists were compiled by the Pennsylvania Keystone State Literacy Association. The list contains suggestions and recommendations for classic and newer literature as well as educational apps. This is not a mandated reading list. Also, please note that the thoughts and opinions presented by the individual story authors do not necessarily represent the viewpoints of WASD.

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The Families and Reading resources are created to give families suggestions of new books, magazines, and apps to share. The information presented in these books and magazines represents the thoughts and opinions of the authors and does not necessarily represent the viewpoints of the Keystone State Literacy Association.

For more resources, visit your local library or one of the following sites:

- Power Library (www.powerlibrary.org) - A PA library collaboration of shared materials and resources. Click on the links at the top of the homepage to view recommendations or to visit Power Kids.
- Visit Scholastic (www.scholastic.com/parents) and Amazon (www.amazon.com) for more book options.



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Classics:

- *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott
- *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett
- *The Phantom Tollbooth* by Norton Juster
- *The View from Saturday* by E. L. Konigsburg
- *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle
- *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH* by Robert O'Brien
- *Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell
- *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen
- *Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls
- *Harry Potter* by J. K. Rowling
- *The Sign of the Beaver* by Elizabeth Speare

Newer Informational Books:

- *Overview, Young Explorer's Edition: A New Way of Seeing Earth* by Benjamin Grant and Sandra Markle - Discover Earth as you've never seen it before in this stunning and unique collection of satellite images that offer an unexpected look at our planet.
- *Torpedoed: The True Story of World War II Sinking of the "Children's Ship"* by Deborah Heiligman - Amid the constant rain of German bombs and the escalating violence of World War II, British parents by the thousands chose to send their children out of the country through a government relocation program.
- *Leading the Way: Women in Power* by Janet and Theresa Howell - This collection of biographies highlights the actions, struggles, and accomplishments of more than fifty of the most influential leaders in American political history.
- *Women in Sports: 50 Fearless Athletes Who Played to Win* by Rachel Ignatofsky - Learn about the achievements and stories of fifty notable women athletes from the 1800s to today, including trailblazers, Olympians, and record-breakers in more than forty sports.
- *Mythologica: An Encyclopedia of Gods, Monsters, and Mortals from Ancient Greece* by Stephen Kershaw - Uncover the colorful lives of fifty powerful gods and goddesses, earth-dwelling mortals, and terrifying monsters from Greece.
- *Hidden Wonders: A Guide to the Planet's Wildest, Weirdest Places* by Lonely Planet

Kids - Take a journey into the unknown and discover the planet's wildest and most wonderful sights that you never knew existed.

- *Locked in Ice: Nansen's Daring Quest for the North Pole* by Peter Lourie - Fridtjof Nansen contributed tremendous amounts of new information to our knowledge about the Polar Arctic. At a time when the North Pole was still undiscovered territory, he attempted the journey in a way that most experts thought was crazy.
- *Chasing King's Killer: The Hunt for Martin Luther King Jr.'s Assassin* by James L. Swanson - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. led a mass movement for Civil Rights. As violent threats cast a dark shadow over Dr. King's life, Swanson hones in on James Earl Ray who ends King's life.

Newer Fiction Books:

- *The Line Tender* by Kate Allen - To survive the grief of losing her mom, Lucy must grab the line that connects her depressed father, a stubborn fisherman, and a curious old widower, to her mother's unfinished research on the Great White shark.
- *This Was Our Pact* by Ryan Andrews - At the town festival, Ben and his classmates are determined to find out where those paper lanterns really go. They've made a pact with two simple rules: No one turns for home. No one looks back.
- *Count Me In* by Varsha Bajaj - Karina could have never imagined becoming friends with the boy next door, but one afternoon something unimaginable happens.
- *The War I Finally Won* by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley - Ada finally had surgery to fix her club foot. Now she and her brother need to move into another family's home with their guardian. Ada is at war within herself as World War II rages on around her.
- *The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle* by Leslie Connor - Mason's learning disabilities make him the target of bullies. If that's not bad enough, his best friend is found dead on his family's property and Mason is the prime suspect in the investigation.
- *New Kid* by Jerry Craft - Jordan loves drawing cartoons. Instead of sending him

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to the art school of his dreams, his parents enrolled him in a private school known for its academics and where Jordan is one of the few kids of color.

- *Saving Winslow* by Sharon Creech - Louie doesn't have the best luck when it comes to nurturing small creatures, but when his father brings home a sickly newborn mini donkey, he's determined to save him.
- *Maybe He Just Likes You* by Barbara Dee - For seventh-grader Mila, it starts with some boys giving her an unwanted hug on the school blacktop. Mila begins to find solace in a new place: karate class.
- *Beverly, Right Here* by Kate DiCamillo - Beverly has run away from home plenty of times, but that was when she was just a kid. At this point in her life, it's not running away. It's leaving. She's leaving behind her dog, best friend, and mother.
- *The Ambrose Deception* by Emily Ecton - Melissa is a nobody. Wilf is a slacker. Bondi is a show-off. At least that's what their middle school teachers think.
- *Zap!* by Martha Freeman - Luis and Maura try to discover why their city has no power. They discover there's more to the story and there's someone out there who wants to keep their city in the dark.
- *The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise* by Dan Gemeinhart - After the death of her two sisters and mother, Coyote and her dad leave home to embark on a road trip. When Coyote discovers that her childhood park is going to be torn up, she decides it's time to go home.
- *Lion Down* by Stuart Gibbs - For once, operations at the enormous zoo/theme park appear to be running smoothly. Teddy is finally able to give detective work a rest, but then a local lion is accused of killing a famous dog.
- *Allies* by Alan Gratz - Three young adults from different countries perform dangerous top-secret missions as the Allied nations come together to storm German-occupied France on D-Day.
- *Children of Jubilee* by Margaret Peterson Haddix - Since the Enforcers raided Refuge City, Rosi, Edwy, and the others are captured and forced to work as slave labor on an alien planet. None of them are certain they will make it out of this alive.
- *Best Friends* by Shannon Hale - Sixth grade is supposed to be perfect. Shannon's got a sure spot in the in-crowd, and her best friend is their leader and the most popular girl in school. The rules to be cool are always changing though.
- *The Night Diary* by Veera Hiranandani - Nisha doesn't know where she belongs when India and Pakistan become two countries. *Nisha* searches for home, for her own identity, and for a hopeful future.
- *Lifeboat 12* by Susan Hood - Nazis are bombing London, so Ken must escape. He is lucky enough to get placed on a ship headed to safety in Canada, but it's not that safe when it is torpedoed in the middle of the night.
- *Shouting at the Rain* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt - Delsie loves tracking the weather--lately, though, it seems the squalls are in her own life. She's always lived with her kindhearted Grammy, but now she's looking at their life with new eyes and wishing she could have a "regular family."
- *Song for a Whale* by Lynee Kelly - Iris is the only deaf person in her school. When she learns about Blue 55, a real whale who is unable to speak to other whales, Iris comes up with a plan to communicate with him.
- *Deep Water* by Watt Key - After her father falls ill, twelve-year-old Julie must take over and lead two of his more reckless clients on a dive miles off the coast of Alabama, while her father stays behind in the boat.
- *A World Below* by Wesley King - Mr. Baker's eighth grade class thinks they are in for a normal field trip to Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico. But when an earthquake hits, their field trip takes a terrifying turn.
- *Restart* by Gordon Korman - Chase doesn't remember falling off the roof. He doesn't remember hitting his head. He doesn't, in fact, remember anything. He wakes up and suddenly has to learn his whole life all over again.
- *The Not So Boring Letters of Private Nobody* by Matthew Landis - When the last assignment of seventh-grade history

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is a project on the Civil War, Oliver is over the moon until he's partnered with Ella Berry and they're assigned some no-name soldier.

- *Code Word Courage* by Kirby Larson - Billie has so many questions about missing her father and losing her best friend, then she also finds herself caring for an injured, stray dog.
- *Five Feet Apart* by Racheal Lippincott - Stella's been in the hospital most of her life, and Will is ready to forego hospital visits so he can see the world. As children with CF, they need to stay away from one another, but is five feet apart really that dangerous?
- *Batting Order* by Mike Lupica - Matt and Ben couldn't be more different on and off the ballfield, but now they need to work together for the sake of their baseball team.
- *The Season of Styx Malone* by Kekla Magoon - Brothers Caleb and Bobby meet their new neighbor Styx. He promises the brothers that together, the three of them can achieve their wildest dreams, but there are secrets that could ruin everything.
- *Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky* by Kwama Mbalia - Trisitan is visited by a strange creature and an adventure ensues. It quickly turns into a battle. Can Tristan save himself and the world with the help of some famous folk heroes and gods?
- *The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl* by Stacy McAnulty - Lucy's life was changed forever when she was struck by lightning. The zap gave her genius-level math skills, and she's technically ready for college. She just has to pass one more test - middle school!
- *Straw into Gold: Fairytales Re-spun* by Hilary McKay - Revisit a collection of fairy tales respun with modern twists.
- *Merci Suárez Changes Gears* by Meg Medina - Sixth-grader Merci Suarez navigates difficult changes with friends, family, and everyone in between.
- *The Seventh Wish* by Kate Messner - Charlie feels like she's always coming in last and unable to get her family's attention. She comes across a big surprise when a fish offers to grant her a wish in exchange for its freedom.
- *The Book of Boy* by Catherine Gilbert Murdock - A young outcast is swept up into a thrilling and perilous medieval treasure hunt.
- *Dear Sweet Pea* by Julie Murphy - Patricia wasn't sure what to expect when her parents divorced. She never imagined splitting her time between two houses and splitting up with her best friend at the same time.
- *Free Lunch* by Rex Ogle - Rex often went hungry, wore secondhand clothes, and was short of school supplies. If that's not enough, Rex has to announce his poverty everyday when he receives his free lunch at school.
- *Look Both Ways* by Jason Reynolds - Told in a short story format, readers learn what happens after the dismissal bell rings. Then the stories are woven together into one wickedly funny look at the detours we face on the walk home, and in life.
- *Ghost Boys* by Jewel Parker Rhodes - Twelve-year-old Jerome is shot by a police officer who mistakes his toy gun for a real threat. As a ghost, he observes the devastation in his family and community in the wake of his death.
- *Amal Unbound* by Aisha Saeed - Amal is forced into indentured servitude and puts her dreams of being a teacher on hold as she works to bring the message of hope and positive change that can come from struggle.
- *Just Like Jackie* by Lindsey Stoddard - For as long as Robbie can remember, it's just been her and Grandpa. But Grandpa's memory has been fading and Robbie is fading from it.
- *Roll with It* by Jamie Sumner - Ellie isn't just the new kid at school. She's the new kid in the wheelchair who lives in the trailer park on the wrong side of town. An aspiring baker, Ellie cooks up a plan to make her life better.
- *Guts* by Raina Telgemeier - Raina wakes up one morning with a stomach ache. She thinks it's just a bug, but maybe it has to do with what she is worrying about at school.
- *The Bridge Home* by Padma Venkatraman - Life is harsh in Chennai's streets for runaway sisters Viji and Rukku. Very quickly, eleven-year-old Viji discovers

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how vulnerable they are in this uncaring, dangerous world.

- *Some Places More Than Others* by Renée Watson - All Amara wants for her birthday is to visit her father's family in New York City--Harlem, to be exact. Maybe this will help her understand her family--and herself--in new way.
- *Before the Ever After* by Jacqueline Woodson - ZJ understands that his dad's head injuries, sustained during his football career, have caused ZJ's dad to become forgetful, but forgetting his own son's name really hurts.

Series:

- *The Last Kids on Earth* by Max Brallier
- *A Dog's Purpose* by W. Bruce Cameron
- *Skeleton Creek* by Patrick Carman
- *The Land of Stories* by Chris Colfer
- *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins
- *The Maze Runner* by James Dashner
- *Guinness World Record* books by Guinness World Records
- *The Shadow Children* by Margaret Peterson Haddix
- *The Warriors* by Erin Hunter
- *Amulet* by Kazu Kibuishi
- *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* by Jeff Kinney
- *Masterminds* by Gordon Korman
- *Vietnam* by Chris Lynch
- *Lost* by Tod Olson
- *Middle School* by James Patterson
- *Among the Hidden* by Margaret Peterson Haddix
- *Magnus Chase* by Rick Riordan
- *Percy Jackson & the Olympians* by Rick Riordan
- *Harry Potter* by J. K. Rowling
- *Bone Collection* by Jeff Smith
- *I Survived* by Lauren Tarshis

Magazines:

- Calliope
- Cobblestone: The History Magazine for Young People
- Kids, Codes, and Computer Science
- Kids Discover
- National Geographic Kids
- Owl Kids
- Ranger Rick
- Sports Illustrated for Kids

Educational Apps:

- Adobe Spark - create graphics, web pages, and video stories
- Bloxels - build, play, and share your own video games
- Book Creator - create, publish, and share books that you make
- Comic Life 3 (iOS) - create comic books
- Duolingo (iOS) - learn another language
- Four Letters - given four letters, build the word
- GoodReader (iOS) - can open content from many sources and allows readers to annotate the text
- Google Arts and Culture: People, places, and events that shaped our world (also a website)
- Jumblin 2 – word games
- OverDrive or Libby by OverDrive - borrow eBooks from your local library
- Show Me - create voice over whiteboard tutorials and share them online
- Sparkle Fish - (iOS) audio story completion game similar to Mad Libs
- Study Stack - find or create flash cards for any subject
- Swift Playground - learn coding

