



2019 Summer Reading



Required for all students
entering grades 6, 7, & 8

Name

First

Last

Student ID #: _____

Dear Parent / Guardian:

Few things are better than relaxing on a summer day with a good book. Research overwhelmingly shows that reading over the summer break is essential to maintaining and improving a student's literacy levels.

With that in mind, we'd like to remind you of Everett Public Schools Summer Reading Program and the opportunities available to your student.

Included in this brochure you will find the required 6th grade reading list and recommended list for 7th and 8th grade. We firmly believe that given free choice in reading, students will choose books they love to read, will read more, and will step up to academic challenges. In 6th grade, we ask students to read *Wonder*, or the selected books on the list with similar themes because we value students entering middle school with a shared reading experience.

Each time your student finishes a book (our expectation is that they finish at least one), they should take an Accelerated Reader (AR) test for that book. They can link to AR tests on any connected device by visiting their school's district website. Students will be eligible for rewards after reading and passing AR tests for two books, three books, and more than three books.

The district has partnered with our local public libraries to ensure that copies of our recommended books will be readily available both in print and in digital format.

We hope that your summer is full of joy and great reads!

Summer Reading Guidelines

Step one: 6th grade—read one book from the list, and 7th and 8th grade read one age appropriate book of your choice. When you have completed the book, take an AR test.

Step two: Keep reading! Read widely and read for fun. When you have completed a book, take an AR test to qualify for prizes.

Directions to Access AR

Between July 1, 2019 and August 31, 2019 go to <https://rdiweb.everett.k12.wa.us/> to take an **Accelerated Reader (AR)** test. Log in with your **six digit** student ID number and the same password you use at school. AR tests can be taken anywhere you

Reading Incentives

It is required for students to read one book. Students will receive rewards for reading two books, three books, and more than three books. An AR test must be completed for each book read.

Two books—Name entered into a drawing for a variety of \$25 gift cards and recognition at a school assembly.

Three books—Name entered into a drawing for a variety of \$25 gift cards, recognition at a school assembly, and your name published in *The Daily Herald*.

More than three books—All of the above plus your name entered into a drawing for a Kindle Tablet.

Schools with a 75% participation rate will be presented with a banner at a school board meeting in October.

2019 Middle School Summer Reading

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Entering Grade 6 – Required Book



Wonder by R.J. Palacio

Wonder is the required book for grade 6. *Wonder* books will be available to check out from your elementary library in June. You may return the book to the elementary library or your middle school library.

You may read one of the following books if you have already read *Wonder*.



El Deafo by Cece Bell

Going to school and making new friends can be tough. But going to school and making new friends while wearing a bulky hearing aid strapped to your chest? That takes superpowers.



Ghost by Jason Reynolds

Running. That's all Ghost has ever known. But Ghost has been running for the wrong reasons—it all started with running away from his father, who, when Ghost was a very little boy, chased him and his mother through their apartment, then down the street, with a loaded gun, aiming to kill. Since then, Ghost has been the one causing problems—and running away from them.



Lily and Dunkin by Donna Gephart

Lily Jo McGrother, born Timothy McGrother, is a girl. But being a girl is not so easy when you look like a boy. Dunkin Dorfman is dealing with bipolar disorder and has just moved. This would be hard enough, but the fact that he is also hiding from a painful secret makes it even worse. One summer morning, Lily Jo McGrother meets Dunkin Dorfman, and their lives forever change.



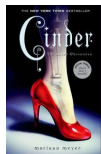
The Thing About Jellyfish by Ali Benjamin

After her best friend dies in a drowning accident, Suzy is convinced that the true cause of the tragedy was a rare jellyfish sting. Retreating into a silent world of imagination, she crafts a plan to prove her theory—even if it means traveling the globe, alone.

Entering Grade 7 Recommended Books



Bystander by James Preller
Thirteen-year-old Eric discovers there are consequences to being a bystander as the bully at his new school hurts people.



Cinder (The Lunar Chronicles #1) by Marissa Meyer
A cyborg named Cinder is caught in an intergalactic struggle.



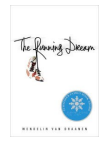
Schooled by Gordon Korman
Cap, who formally lived on a hippie commune, enters public school for the first time.



The Boys in the Boat: Young Readers' Edition by Daniel James Brown
The true story of an epic journey to win gold at the 1936 Olympics



The Honest Truth by Dan Gemeinhart
A boy named Mark, tired of being sick with cancer, conceives a plan to climb Mt. Rainier.



The Running Dream by Wendelin Van Draanen
When a school bus accident leaves Jessica an amputee, she wonders if she will be able to pursue her dream of running again.



We Beat the Street: How a Friendship Pact Led to Success by Sampson Davis, George Jenkins, Sharon M. Draper and Rameck Hunt
Three kids from Newark, NJ make a pledge to become doctors.

Entering Grade 8 Recommended Books



Counting by 7s by Holly Goldberg Sloan
A genius and outsider copes with loss and discovers the true meaning of family.



I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban by Malala Yousafzai and Christina Lamb (edition for young adult readers also available) Memoir by the Nobel Peace Prize winner who was shot for advocating for girls' rights.



Legend (Legend trilogy book #1) by Marie Lu
A genius and outsider copes with loss and discovers the true meaning of family.



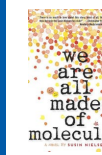
March (March trilogy book #1) by John Robert Lewis, Andrew Aydin and Nate Powell
A graphic novel from the life of congressman John Lewis and his involvement in the civil rights movement.



Crossover by Kwame Alexander
Twin basketball stars wrestle with highs and lows on and off the court as their father ignores his declining health.



The Port Chicago 50: Disaster, Mutiny, and the Fight for Civil Rights by Steve Sheinkin
Influencing civil rights, fifty black sailors refused to work in unsafe and unfair conditions after an explosion in Port Chicago killed 320 servicemen.



We Are All Made of Molecules * by Susin Nielsen
Thirteen-year-old brilliant but socially-challenged Stewart and mean-girl Ashley must find common ground when their parents move in together.

Further Recommendations by Grade Level

School	Library Website
Eisenhower	Select Summer Reading: https://www.everettsd.org/eis-library
Evergreen	Select Summer Reading: https://www.everettsd.org/domain/1920
Gateway	Follow our library Instagram @gatewaylibrary or visit the Gwy library website: https://www.everettsd.org/domain/1921
Heatherwood	Select Summer Reading: https://www.everettsd.org/domain/2643
North	Select Summer Reading: https://www.everettsd.org/domain/1922#calendar10609/20190502/month

These selections range in reading ability and cover a wide variety of topics. Although all titles are rated age appropriate, what is considered "appropriate" reading material varies greatly from one family to another. We ask you to remain aware of the books your child has chosen for independent reading and assist in gauging appropriateness.

*Titles marked with an **asterisk** contain some mature themes. These titles may include language, violence, and/or brief mention or reference to a sexual situation.

Everett Public Schools

School	Days/Hours
Eisenhower	Wednesdays 10-noon July 10, 17, 24, 31 August 7, 14
Evergreen	Thursdays 10-noon June 27 July 11, 18, 25 August 8, 15
Gateway	Tuesdays 10-noon July 9, 16, 23, 30 August 6, 13, 20, 27
Heatherwood	Wednesdays 9:30-12:30 July 10, 17, 24, 31 August 7, 21
North	Closed due to construction

Online Resources

Everett Public Schools Summer Reading Program
<https://www.everettsd.orgsummerreading>
Please also visit your school library page for additional book recommendations

Young Adult Library Services Association Best Lists
<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/best>

Snohomish Library Overdrive
<https://sno-isle.overdrive.com/library/>

Online Resources Cont.

YALSA Teen Book Finder
<http://booklists.yalsa.net/>

Sno-Isle Libraries Teen Page
<https://sno-isle.org/teens>

Goodreads Children's Genre Lists
<https://www.goodreads.com/genres/childrens> (also try searching "middle grade" under genre lists)

Synch Audiobooks (free audiobooks each week)
<https://audiobooksync.com/>

Washington State Library Free Resources- eBooks
<https://www.sos.wa.gov/library/>

Public Libraries

Everett Public Library
Main Library (North Everett)
2702 Hoyt Avenue
Everett, WA 98201
(425) 257-8000

Monday – Wednesday 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Thursday – Friday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sunday 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Sno-Isle Libraries
Mill Creek Library
15429 Bothell Everett Hwy
Mill Creek, WA 98012
(425) 337-4822

Monday – Thursday 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.