



Huntington Union Free School District

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

RE: 2018 SUMMER READING PROGRAM, Advancing to 8th Grade

Summer is a time for exploration and leisure, and we hope that reading will be an important part of your child's summer activities. We have included a suggested reading list from which your child can select a book to read this summer for enjoyment. We urge you to carefully review the list and help your child make a selection that is appropriate based on interest, age, reading level and maturity.

Our school district is offering a special opportunity for Finley Middle School students. This summer, a Finley Middle School teacher will give a book talk at the Huntington Public Library (Station Branch) for a half hour on Thursday evenings to inspire your child to read one of these books.

Your child can attend any or all of the offered sessions below. These are free and require no registration.

Session Dates: July 12, 19, 26

July 12th book talk will be on *Northern Light* by Jennifer Donnelly with Ms. Schiller

July 19th book talk will be on *A Scary Scene in a Scary Story* by Matt Blackstone with Ms. Schiller

July 26th - Ms. Schiller will give guidance in completing summer reading assignment

Time: 6:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Location: Huntington Public Library (Station Branch)

After attending the first few evening book talks, Finley Middle School students entering grade 8 will be given guidance in completing a summer reading assignment for English class. In the English Summer Reading Program, students are asked to focus on a theme while reading the book. All students who complete this summer assignment will receive feedback and *earn extra credit in quarter one*.

Our English teachers and full faculty encourage you to explore the joy of reading this summer! We also look forward to seeing you at the public library for one or more of these valuable book talks.

Sincerely,

Beth McCoy
Assistant Superintendent
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Joseph Leavy
Chairperson Humanities

Advancing to 8th Grade - 2018

Summer Reading List

Theme: Motivation

FICTION BOOK CHOICES

The Watkins Go to Birmingham by Christopher Curtis

A Scary Scene in a Scary Story by Matt Blackstone

Monster by Walter Dean Myers

Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech

Northern Light by Jennifer Donnelly

NON-FICTION BOOK CHOICES

Suzanne Collins: Words on Fire; USA TODAY Lifeline Biographies Series by: Marcia Lusted

Goal! The Fire and Fury of Soccer's Greatest Moment (audio book) by Mark Stewart

American Pop: Hit Makers, Superstars, and Dance Revolutionaries (audio book) by Arie Kaplan

All students who complete the following summer assignment will *earn extra credit in quarter one*.

Read one or more titles from the list provided above.

1. Write or type **your own summary** of the book's events. It must be at least one full page, legible, **not plagiarized** (which means copied from another source). Strive for 300 words.
2. Answer these questions:
 - What is *motivation*? Write a quality definition from a dictionary.
 - Use the term *motivation* in a sentence.
 - What do you think inspires *motivation*? Explain.
 - What examples of *motivation* did you recognize in the book you read?
3. Submit this assignment to your new English teacher in September