

June 3, 2016

Dear Parents and Students:

Enfield Public Schools and Enfield Public Libraries are excited to continue our tradition of celebrating reading throughout the summer with two ways to participate. First, sign up for the online program at [www.enfieldpubliclibrary.org](http://www.enfieldpubliclibrary.org) and click on the “Teen Summer Reading” link. Then read and complete activities that can win you prizes from the Central and Pearl Street Libraries. The program kicks off on June 29<sup>th</sup> and runs through August 17<sup>th</sup>. Second, keep track of the titles read using the Summer Reading Journal, which will be returned to your school library at the start of the new school year.

Reading during the summer months will enhance imagination and increase fluency, not to mention the fact that reading is fun! Looking for book recommendations? The lists on the Governor’s Summer Reading Challenge site include fiction, graphic novels, poetry, folklore, nonfiction, and biography selections all connected by this year’s theme of “On your mark, get set . . . READ!” with a focus on being active. A separate list of “Favorites and Classics” includes individual recommendations as well as established series. This can all be found at [www.sde.ct.gov/sde/CTRead](http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/CTRead).

This year, we asked classroom teachers for some of their suggestions for “tried and true” books to help students get ready for the next grade level. Take these books anywhere, in paper or electronic format. See the reverse side of this letter for some of their expert recommendations.

You can check the availability of these books (or any books!) at [www.enfieldpubliclibrary.org](http://www.enfieldpubliclibrary.org). We invite you to visit the Barnes and Noble in Enfield on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> to pick out a few new selections. Your purchase will help our school libraries expand their collections.

“On your mark, get set... READ!”

Sincerely,

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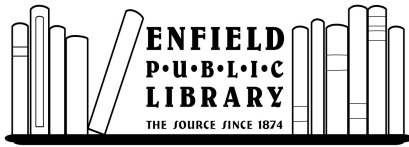
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*Enfield Reads Up!* Suggested titles by grade-level teachers for incoming students.

Grade in 2016-2017	Suggested Books- Independent and Family Reads
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	<u>Where the Red Fern Grows</u> by Wilson Rawls <u>Flora and Ulysses</u> By Kate DiCamillo <u>Witch of Blackbird Pond</u> by Elizabeth George Speare <u>The Fighting Ground</u> by Avi
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	<u>Crash</u> by Jerry Spinelli <u>The Great Trouble</u> by Deborah Hopkinson <u>Inside Out and Back Again</u> by Thanhha Lai <u>The Lions of Little Rock</u> by Kristin Levine <u>Wednesday Wars</u> by Gary Schmidt
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	<u>Okay for Now</u> by Gary Schmidt <u>I Have a Bad Feeling About This</u> by Jeff Stroud <u>The Lightning Thief</u> by Rick Riordan <u>The Outsiders</u> by S. E. Hinton



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