

June 2018

Dear Rising 8th Graders,

Summer is the perfect time to read great books! Reading expands your horizons, contributes to your academic growth, introduces you to new ideas and is just plain fun!

Castleton Public Library is offering a great summer reading program! Check out the calendar full of activities at www.castletonpubliclibrary.org. [Click here if you are using a device to read this.](#) Maybe you want to be part of the “Read it Forward” Book Club! Read *Beneath* by Roland Smith. There will be a pizza party book club at the CPL!

Other places to pick up a great book include garage sales, local bookstores (especially when you’re on vacation), and your teacher’s bookshelves. Remember that you can use your MHMS Overdrive account to download audio and ebooks all summer!

During the summer, select and read **two books. While you are reading and after you finish the books, complete the following questions about each of them. There are two sheets attached, one for each book. A parent signature is required.**

Bring the completed sheets to school by Friday, September 7, 2018.

You will use your responses in 8th grade English class.

Below are some links to websites that have lists of suggested books.

Have a great time reading. We will be reading, too!

~ Mrs. Fowler
~ Mrs. Squier
~ Ms. Adler

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[Prentice Hall suggestions](#)

[Scholastic suggestions](#)

[Newbery winners](#)

[New York Libraries Rock Summer 2018](#)

Summer Reading for Rising 8th graders

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Author:

Genre:

Setting (time and place)

Plot:

Describe one important piece of information from the exposition of the book.

Describe one important conflict from the rising action of the book.

Describe the climax of the book.

Describe one important event from the falling action or resolution of the book.

Characterization: Describe one memorable character from the book.

Theme: State a theme (important message, central idea, lesson about life) of the book.

Explain why you would or would not recommend this book to another 8th grader.

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