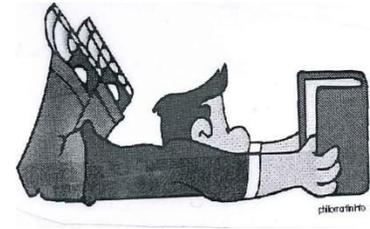


**Date: June 10, 2019**

**To: Incoming WMS Seventh and Eighth Graders**

**From: WMS ELA Teachers**

**Re: Summer Reading Expectations**



Happy Summer! We hope you enjoy a wonderful vacation and look forward to meeting you when school reopens in the fall. Be sure to find time over the next two months to enjoy a few good books. **Our expectation is that you will read two or more books this summer. Please be prepared to tell us what books you've read and we will assign simple book projects the first week of school.**

**You are free to choose what books you will read, keeping in mind that you should read books that are appropriate for your age and reading level. Only one of the selections can be a graphic novel.** And yes, it is perfectly fine to read your books on electronic devices if that works for you or listen to an audio book! While many of you love to read and already have plenty of titles to choose from, some of you may need a few suggestions. Fortunately, there are quite a few resources to help you along the way!

- Sign up for the Summer Reading Program at the Wilbraham Public Library. Be sure to visit the teen loft and ask the librarian, Mrs. Hapgood, to help you find the perfect book.
- Check out the Favorite Book Lists compiled by other Middle School readers that are often posted upstairs in the WPL teen loft.
- Visit the Good Reads website and search young adult books:  
[https://www.goodreads.com/list/show/43.Best\\_Young\\_Adult\\_Books](https://www.goodreads.com/list/show/43.Best_Young_Adult_Books)

Just click on a title to learn more about the book!

**What your ELA teachers will expect from you the first day of school:**

- An **index card** listing the titles and authors of both books.
- **A photo of you reading one of the books this summer!** Be creative with this because the photos will be displayed on a giant mural we create the first week of school. Read on the beach, in a hammock, up in a tree, bouncing on your trampoline or maybe in front of a wonderful vacation spot. We had some great photos last year and want to keep this tradition going! **Be sure we can see your face and the title of the book!** Paper photos printed from the computer are fine. Photos will not be returned.
- **Keep both books readily available** for you to use to complete the simple book projects assigned the first week of school. **Both projects will be graded and will count towards the first term.**

- **Start your seventh / eighth grade year off right and do your summer reading!**