

## Suggested Summer Reading 2023 Entering Grade 8

June 2023

Future Eighth Grade Student:

Over the summer, we would encourage you to read as many books as you can! Reading books that interest you will improve your comprehension skills and keep you “in shape” for next fall’s English class.

Books are available at the Chelmsford Public Library. Feel free to ask your teachers, librarians, or family members for suggestions on a book you would enjoy!

The following books are suggestions for you, but you can read any books you would like to. **Summer reading is not required, and no assignment will be collected or graded.**

A Boy at War	Harry Mazer
A Walk to Remember	Nicholas Sparks
Arthur (Book 1): The Seeing Stone	Kevin Crossley-Holland
Dangerous Skies	Suzanne Fisher Staples
Finding Moon (1st in a series)	Tony Hillerman
Lord of the Nutcracker Men	Iain Lawrence
Lost Years of Merlin	T.A. Barron
Net Force (series)	Tom Clancy
Shades of Simon Gray	Joyce McDonald
Stop Pretending	Sonya Sones
Surviving the Applewhites	Stephanie S. Tolin
The Golden Compass (1st book in a trilogy)	Philip Pullman
The Greatest: Muhammad Ali	Walter Dean Myers
The Not-So-Star-Spangled Life of Sunita Sen	Mitali Perkins
True North	Kathryn Lasky
Schooled	Gordon Korman
First Light	Rebecca Stand
A Night Divided	Jennifer Nielson
Revolution	Deborah Wiles
Lions of Little Rock	Kristen Levine
Last Kids (series)	Max Brailer

Hero	Mike Lupica
It Ain't So Awful, Falafel	Firoozeh Dumas
Caught! Nabbing History's Most Wanted	Georgia Bragg
I Know You Remember	Jennifer Donaldson
The How & the Why	Cynthia Hand
Torpedoed: The True Story of the WWII Sinking of "The Children's Ship"	Deborah Heiligman
Bouncing Back	Scott Ostler
White Bird	R. J. Palacio
Survivors of the Holocaust	Zane Whittingham
Let the Circle Be Unbroken	Mildred Taylor

When you return in September, you may be asked to write a short essay about a book in class so your new English teacher can learn more about your writing skills. **This essay will not be graded.** We look forward to meeting you and learning more about the books you have read.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email Abbey Dick, English Department Coordinator: [dicka@chelmsford.k12.ma.us](mailto:dicka@chelmsford.k12.ma.us)

Other places to find good books include <https://www.chelmsfordlibrary.org/kids/> and <http://www.ala.org> (The American Library Association).

Have a wonderful summer vacation!