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To all Current and Incoming Middle School Families:

Summer is nearly here and there is so much to look forward to especially when you think about all that time to read! Our goal for you is to read as much and widely as you can. The links below provide you lists of suggested texts and different ways to access books. *Please know these are not required reading, merely book suggestions if you are having trouble finding a book.* **You should find a book that you can read and connect with over the summer, and then be able to share it with your classes in the fall.**

Teachers look forward to learning more about their students' summer reading journeys. *If you are able, please bring a copy (print or digital) of one book you read over the summer when you return in September.* It can be easier to discuss what you read if you have a copy with you.

Please contact me at jwinkler@niskayschools.org or 518-377-4666, ext 50751, if you have any questions. We hope you have a wonderful summer full of rich experiences both out in the world and among the pages of books.

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How students can access books, ebooks and audiobooks using their Chromebooks:

- You can borrow books from our library catalog before the end of the school year:
 - [Classlink](#) > READING folder > Follett Library Catalog.



- You can also borrow ebooks and audiobooks during the summer:
 - [Classlink](#) > READING > SORA.



Links to suggested reading lists:

- [Summer Reading at New York Libraries](#) allow you to search book lists and book trailers for high interest reading.
- [Favorites Awards Lists](#) - The Children's Book Council – Provides Teacher/Children/Young Adult favorites lists

SUMMER READING RECOMMENDATIONS**GRADE 6 – Non Fiction & Fiction - Identity, Acceptance, Hope, Compassion**

[*Into the Unknown: How Great Explorers Found Their Way by Land, Sea, and Air*](#) Stewart Ross

[*Lincoln's Grave Robbers*](#) Steve Sheinkin

[*Home of the Brave*](#) Katherine Applegate

[*Hope is a Ferris Wheel*](#) Robin Herrera

[*Amina's Voice*](#) Hena Khan

[*El Deafo*](#) Cece Bell

[*The War That Saved My Life*](#) Kimberly Brubaker

[*Breakout*](#) Kate Messner

[*Fish in a Tree*](#) Lynda Mullaly Hunt

[*Percy Jackson or Kane Chronicles*](#) (series) Rick Riordan

[*Greta's Story: The Schoolgirl Who Went on Strike to Save the Planet*](#) Valentina Camerini

GRADE 7 – Non Fiction & Fiction - Innovation, Determination, Courage, Call for Change

[*An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793*](#) Jim Murphy

[*Witches: The Absolutely True Tale of Disaster in Salem*](#) Rosalyn Schanzer

[*I Will Always Write Back*](#) Martin Ganda and Caitlin Alifirenka

[*Brown Girl Dreaming*](#) Jacqueline Woodson

[*Code Talker: A Novel About the Navajo Marines of World War II*](#) Joseph Bruchac

[*Calling All Minds: How to Think and Create Like an Inventor*](#) Temple Grandin

[*Lone Stars*](#) Mike Lupica

[*Cinder*](#) Marissa Meyer

[*Alex & Eliza*](#) Melissa De la Cruz

[*Booked*](#) Kwame Alexander

[*Stamped: Racism, Antiracism and You*](#) Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi

GRADE 8 – Non Fiction & Fiction -Diversity, Innovation, Ethics, Call for Change

[*Bomb: The Race to Build and Steal the World's Most Dangerous Weapon*](#) Steve Sheinkin

[*Girl Code: Gaming, Going Viral, and Getting It Done*](#) Andrea Gonzales and Sophie Houser

[*Hidden Figures \(Young Readers Edition\)*](#) Margot Lee Shetterly

[*Uprising*](#) Margaret Peterson Haddix

[*A Night Divided*](#) Jennifer A. Nielsen

[*The Book Thief*](#) Markus Zusak

[*Salt to the Sea*](#) Ruta Sepetys

[*Turtles All the Way Down*](#) John Green

[*Dorothy Must Die*](#) (series) Danielle Page

A Song Below Water Bethany C. Morrow

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