



Dear Parents/Guardians,

As this academic year comes to an end, Fort Lee Public Schools, in conjunction with the Fort Lee Public Library, strongly encourage all students to continue to read. Students who document their reading by enrolling in the library's Summer Reading Program will be recognized in September with a certificate of participation. This year, reading logs can even be completed online! The titles listed here are just a suggestion. Students can also read the books on the library's reading list or any other types of books they are interested in.

The Fort Lee Public Library's Summer Reading Program will begin on July 1st! Please visit the library for detailed information, reading logs and resources about Summer Reading.

Happy Summer Reading!

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Summer Reading



Dear 3rd-5th Grade Readers,

Summer is right around the corner and there are books waiting for you to read! Listed inside is a short preview of books that are on the list of Notable Children's Books of 2015 and 2016. This list was written by the Association for Library Service to Children.

Read the titles and descriptions to see if any of these books peek your interest. If so, check them out of the Fort Lee Public Library. Don't forget to join the library's Summer Reading Program!

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Check these books out!

Grades 3rd-5th

Absolutely Almost. By Lisa Graff.

In this relatable tale, fifth grader Albie is not very good at a lot of things, but with a little help from a new babysitter, he finds out that being himself is the most important thing.

Adventures with Waffles. By Maria Parr. Illus. by Kate Forrester. Tr. by Guy Puzey.

Whether sledding with chickens or boating with cows, there's never a dull moment when neighbors Lena and Trille are together. The Norwegian village comes alive in this tale of family, friendship, and adventure.

Angel Island: Gateway to Gold Mountain. By Russell Freedman. Illus.

Chinese poems Tr. by Evans
More than half a million people from 80 countries arrived at Angel Island California between 1910 and 1940. Freedman tells their stories in this well documented book that illuminates a little known piece of history.

Blackbird Fly. By Erin Entrada Kelly.

Eighth-grader Apple, a Filipino American, faces bullying, parental conflicts, fickle friends, and a lack of self-confidence with the help of a Beatles cassette, new friends, and the determination to play the guitar.

Brown Girl Dreaming. By

Jacqueline Woodson. (2015 Newbery Honor Book & Sibert Honor Book)

Woodson's lyrical poetic memoir chronicles her life as an African-American girl growing up in the 1960s and 1970s.

Echo. By Pam Muñoz Ryan.

Newbery Honor Book

This original fairytale intertwines with historical fiction to explore music and its power to save, heal, and set free.

El Deafo. By Cece Bell. Color by David Lasky.

In this insightful and humorous graphic novel memoir, Bell portrays growing up with a giant hearing aid strapped to her chest. Themes of navigating a new school, sleepovers, finding a true friend, and a first crush make this book universal in appeal.

Enormous Smallness: A Story of E. E. Cummings. By Matthew Burgess. Illus. by Kris Di Giacomo.

From an early age, poet E. E. Cummings loved words. Burgess's text, enhanced by Di Giacomo's collage illustrations, explores Cummings' life from his childhood to his career as a poet.

Eye to Eye: How Animals See the World. By Steve Jenkins.

With a mixture of extraordinary artistry and creativity, Jenkins has produced a colorful, cut-paper collages that provide amazing details about the eyes of animals from bullfrogs to buzzards.

The Fourteenth Goldfish. By Jennifer L. Holm.

With humor and a light tone, eleven-year-old Ellie deals with serious issues related to family relationships, friendships, the cycle of life, and life's possibilities. A great introduction to science fiction.

Fuzzy Mud. By Louis Sachar.

Taking a shortcut through the off-limits woods to avoid a bully, Tamaya and Marshall encounter fuzzy-looking mud that unleashes a medical and environmental disaster.

Gone Crazy in Alabama. By Rita Williams-Garcia.

Sisters Delphine, Vonetta, and Fern travel to rural Alabama to visit Big Ma during the summer of 1969, where they find out about southern culture, animal rights, and the strength of their family, both past and present.

Half a Chance. By Cynthia Lord.

A young girl struggles to determine her place when her family moves to a new community. An authentic story of friendship, loss, and self-identity told through the lens of her interest in photography.

Hamster Princess: Harriet the Invincible. By Ursula Vernon.

In a spunky graphic novel retelling of Sleeping Beauty, Harriet, a hamster princess, embarks on many wild adventures until the curse on her backfires and she needs to save her parents.

Hope Is a Ferris Wheel. By

Robin Herrera

Fifth grader Star tries to fit in but seems to be failing miserably. To connect with classmates that only seem to care about her trailer-park home, she starts a poetry club. An insightful look at the process of self-discovery.

Josephine: The Dazzling Life of Josephine Baker. By

Patricia Hruby Powell. Illus. by Christian Robinson.

A dynamic dance of beautifully written verse and lively illustrations describe the life of the effervescent entertainer Josephine Baker.

The Marvels. By Brian Selznick.

Two seemingly unrelated plots—Billy Marvel's wordless, illustrated story set in 1776; and Joseph Jervis's prose story set in 1990—come together in a tale of mystery, adventure, friendship, and family.

Nest. By Esther Ehrlich.

Chirp's safe, secure home life changes when her mother is diagnosed with a serious disease. As her family works to pick up the pieces, Chirp learns just how much love and friendship can overcome. An emotional story.

Rain Reign. By Ann M. Martin.

Rose's obsession with homophones and rules distinguishes her from most other fifth graders, but also provides insights into the world of a child challenged by Asperger's Syndrome. When Rain, Rose's beloved dog, goes missing, readers will be moved by the decisions she makes to find and care for her pet.

Red Butterfly. By A. L. Sonnichsen.

Illus. by Amy June Bates.
Kara and her American mother are different from everyone they know in their Chinese neighborhood. When a medical emergency forces them into the mire of Chinese bureaucracy, Kara's future becomes desperate and unpredictable.

Information obtained from www.ala.org