



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 1<sup>st</sup>! Please visit the library for detailed information, reading logs and resources about Summer Reading.

Happy Summer Reading!

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Dear 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 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 high interest for students in your grade level.

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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## Grades 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Check these books out!

**Alexander, Kwame. *The Crossover*.** Fourteen-year-old basketball stars Josh Bell and Jordan Bell wrestle with highs and lows on and off the court. Both twins adhere to the Bell family basketball rules: In this game of life, your family is the court, and the ball is your heart. With a former professional basketball player dad and an assistant principal mom, there is an intensely strong home front supporting sports and education in equal measures.

**Alifrenka, Caitlin. *I Will Always Write Back: How One Letter Changed Two Lives*.** In this dual memoir, Caitlyn Alifrenka and Martin Ganda recount how they become best friends and better people through letters.

**Barnett, Mac. *The Terrible Two*.** When master prankster Miles Murphy moves to sleepy Yawnee Valley, he challenges the local mystery prankster in an epic battle of tricks. Soon the two join forces to pull off the biggest prank ever seen.

**Benjamin, Ali. *The Thing About Jellyfish*.** Twelve-year-old Suzy Swanson wades through her intense grief over the loss of her best friend by investigating the rare jellyfish she is convinced was responsible for hurting her friend.

**Colfer, Christ. *The Land of Stories: The Wishing Spell*.** Through the mysterious powers of a book, twins Alex and Conner leave their world behind and find themselves in a foreign land full of wonder and magic, where they come face to face with fairytale characters they grew up reading about.

**Cornwell, Betsy. *Mechanica*.** A new take on the classic story of Cinderella. *Mechanica* uses her wit and her mother's old engineering textbooks to try to escape her stepmother and stepsisters. *Mechanica* is a strong, smart, and capable character in a book that has an inspirational message for teenage girls.

**Draper, Sharon. *Out of My Mind*.** Considered by many to have a cognitive disability, a brilliant, impatient student with cerebral palsy is trapped inside her body, determined to make a mark in the world in spite of her physical limitations.

**Garrigue, Sheila. *Better Nate than Never*.** Nate has a plan that—with a little luck—will take him from his non-fabulous Pennsylvania town to New York City and land him a role in E.T.: The Musical.

**Garrigue, Sheila. *The Eternal Spring of Mr. Ito*.** The fate of a 200-year-old bonsai tree is decided by a young girl and an old Japanese Canadian gardener who resists being imprisoned in an internment camp after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. This book is the sequel to "All the Children Were Sent Away."

**Hunt, Lynda. *Fish in a Tree*.** Ally's greatest fear is that everyone will find out that she is dyslexic and doesn't know how to read. Mr. Daniels, a substitute teacher, sees the bright, creative kid underneath the troublemaker, and with his help, Ally learns she has nothing to be ashamed of.

**Martin, Ann. *Rain Reign*.** Struggling with OCD and Asperger's syndrome, Rose shares an inseparable bond with her beloved dog, but when the dog goes missing during a storm, she is forced to confront the limits of her comfort levels.

**Patterson, James and Tebbets, Chris. *Middle School, the Worst Years of My Life*.** Rafe's plan to break every rule in the school handbook is soon out of his control. First in a series.

**Patterson, James. *I Funny: A Middle School Story*.** Jamie loves to tell jokes but will he choke in the spotlight of a comedy contest, or worse, get the sympathy vote because of his wheelchair?

**Schreiber, Joe. *Con Academy*.** Will Shea (aka Billy Humbert) is a con man who has scammed his way into Connaughton Academy, an exclusive school for the American elite. He soon meets Andrea Dufresne, who also has conned her way into the school. The pair soon makes a bet to see who can con the school bully, Brandt Rush, out of thousands of dollars.

**Westerfeld, S., M. Lanagan, and D. Biancotti. *Zeroes*.** Six California teens have special powers that aren't always welcome. Like Ethan, known as Scam, who has a voice inside of him that will sometimes speak out when it's not the right time to do so. When that "power" gets Ethan in trouble, the other Zeroes are the only ones who can rescue him. However, the members of this group are not exactly the best of friends.

**Williams-Garcia, Rita. *One Crazy Summer*.** In 1968, after traveling from Brooklyn to Oakland to spend a month with the mother they barely know, 11-year-old Delphine and her sisters arrive to a cold welcome as they discover their mother wants them to attend summer camp.

