

## Summertime Reading and Writing Resources and Ideas for Piscataway Students

It is very important for students to continue to read and write over the summer. This summer reading and writing will not only enrich their summers, but it will prevent them from losing ground in their reading or writing. STUDENTS and PARENTS, look at the possibilities below for reading and writing. STUDENTS, keep track of all that you read and write this summer (in a log, a folder, etc.). Enjoy the summer!

**Follow a great reading list.** *(These are just a selection of summer reading lists. Many more are out there. Your student's teacher may have sent home a list as well.)*

Book lists thoughtco.com <https://www.thoughtco.com/summer-reading-list-for-teen-boys-627609>

American Library Association <http://www.ala.org/alsc/publications-resources/book-lists/2017-summer-reading-list>

Reading Rockets (up to 12 years-old) <http://www.readingrockets.org/books/summer/2017>

Imagination Soup (Grades 1 through 8) <https://imaginationoup.net/2015/05/03/summer-reading-list-for-kids/>

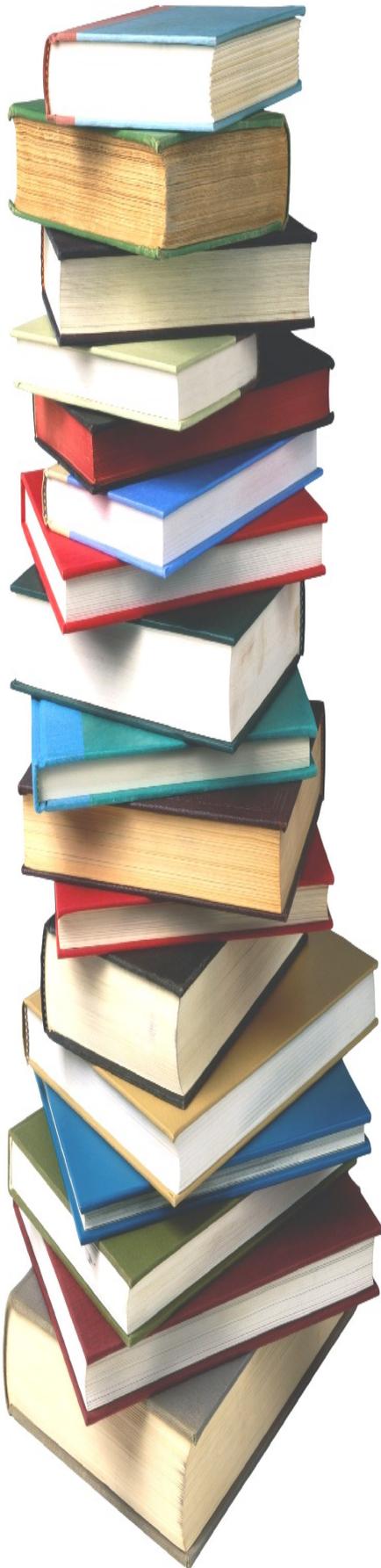
Common Sense Media <https://www.common Sense Media.org/lists/summer-reading-list>

Prentice Hall (for **high school**) [http://www.phschool.com/curriculum\\_support/reading\\_list/high\\_school.html](http://www.phschool.com/curriculum_support/reading_list/high_school.html)

Lexington Public Library (for **high school**) <http://www.lexpublib.org/50BooksInHighschool>

Goodreads (for **high school**) [https://www.goodreads.com/list/show/478.Required\\_Reading\\_in\\_High\\_School](https://www.goodreads.com/list/show/478.Required_Reading_in_High_School)

Newsela (leveled articles on current events and nonfiction) <https://newsela.com/>



**Participate in a summer reading campaign or contest:**

Barnes and Noble [https://www.barnesandnoble.com/b/summer-reading/\\_/N-rs9](https://www.barnesandnoble.com/b/summer-reading/_/N-rs9)

Scholastic <http://www.scholastic.com/ups/campaigns/src-2017/>

Booksource <https://www.booksource.com/summer-reading/>  
public library <https://www.piscatawaylibrary.org/kids> <https://www.piscatawaylibrary.org/teenscene>

Newsela (nonfiction and current events articles leveled) <https://support.newsela.com/hc/en-us/articles/115001836746>

**Start your own book club with your friends or join a Goodreads book club.**

**Start a book club with parents or family.**

If you have a Scholastic Magazine subscription through your teacher at school, continue to read the issues.

**Write for fun:**

- ◆ Keep a diary or journal
- ◆ Write letters to famous people you admire
- ◆ Write letters to editors of newspapers to state your opinion on a topic
- ◆ Write letters to your friends and relatives
- ◆ Find a pen pal
- ◆ Start a blog
- ◆ Write fanfiction
- ◆ Write stories, poems, plays
- ◆ Interview people and write them down or record them
- ◆ Write book reviews on Goodreads

**PARENTS:** Please see the suggestions just below, but first, when helping your student choose books to read, you want your student to read books at or near his/her reading level and that interest him/her. Scholastic has a tool that allows you to type in a book title and get that book's reading level (Book Wizard): <https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/bookwizard/>.

- ◆ Encourage your kids to read
- ◆ Read with your kids
- ◆ Start a book club with your kids
- ◆ Set aside a spot for your kids to read
- ◆ Go to public libraries and book stores
- ◆ Read and talk about your reading with your kids

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