

**Summer Reading 2011
Barrington Middle School**

One goal of the Barrington Middle School is to assist your child in becoming a lifelong reader. The summer months provide the perfect opportunity to enrich your child's reading experiences.

This summer all middle school students entering grades six, seven, or eight, are required to read **two (2) titles**. Of the two books each student is required to read, one should be **fiction** and the other **non-fiction**. The reading options are organized on two separate lists, the **required list** and the **reader's choice list**. **At least one of the books must come from the required list**. On the **required list**, the books are listed from the **most to least difficult** reading level. The titles on the **choice list** are simply in **alphabetical order**, by title. We encourage parents to assist their child in making this important choice and sharing in the reading experience.

The two reading lists (**required** and **reader's choice**) and all other documents related to the summer reading program are available on the web. Go to the BMS homepage <http://www.barringtonmiddle.org/default.aspx> and under "**Parents/Student Links**," click on the "**Summer Reading**." If computer access is a problem, copies are available in the BMS office.

Please follow these steps:

1. Choose and then read one book from the **required reading list**. It may be either a fiction or non-fiction book.

You are expected to take notes while reading the text; you may use either of the note-taking strategies available online that corresponds to the genre you chose, or you can use any note-taking strategy you prefer.

2. Next choose a second book from the **reader's choice list** or **another book from the required list**. The choice **must** be from the opposite genre. So if you chose a fiction book from the **required reading list**, you must choose a non-fiction title for your second book from either the **reader's choice list** or from the **required list**. Upon completion, you will have read both a fiction and non-fiction book.

You are expected to take notes while reading the text; you may use either of the note-taking strategies available online that corresponds to the genre you chose, or you can use any note-taking strategy you prefer.

3. **In September, students will use their notes and/or graphic organizer(s) taken from their "required reading list" book in order to answer one of two questions in a well developed essay. This will count as a writing grade in Language Arts class.**

4. Notes on both your fiction and non-fiction book choice will be collected by your Language Arts teacher upon your return to school. The notes will also count for a grade.

Both Barrington Public Library and Barrington Books have been notified of all the titles on the required reading list.

Happy Summer Reading!

Any questions please contact the office or BMS Librarian
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