

☀️ HKMS Summer Reading ☀️

Our goal for summer reading is to instill a love of reading for pleasure, to foster community building, and to help create connections for all students.

Research consistently shows that reading over the summer helps prevent learning loss, supports vocabulary growth, and fosters a love of reading. Summer reading is encouraged because it helps students maintain and strengthen their reading skills. While it is not mandatory, spending time reading over the summer can help students start the new school year feeling confident and prepared.

This summer, we're encouraging all students to read **at least three books of their choice**. There are no required titles because we believe that students are more motivated when they choose books that interest them!

Some suggested titles are by authors that will be featured on BookBreak for the upcoming school year. BookBreak offers live streamed, best-selling author talks to schools each month. By including these upcoming authors and titles in our summer reading, students will have a better connection when they participate in author talks next year. Students can get hooked on a new author, or look forward to when an author releases a new book.

Recommended:

1. **Read at least three books of your choice. Click here for the [Book Break Author titles](#), or see the additional book lists below.**

2. **Optional: Complete the Bingo Board!**

 Summer Reading Bingo Board 26

Fill in your bingo board with the titles you've read. Turn it into the media center at the start of school for a raffle ticket to participate in a back to school prize!

3. **Read more! Need ideas? Try these resources:**

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[What to Read Next Kids & Teens-Easton Library](#)

[Nutmeg Awards Winners/ Nominees](#)- Scroll down to see the winners and 2027 Nominees

[ALA Grades 6-8 READING LIST](#)

[Junior Tome Book Award List](#)

[Easton Participates in Passport to CT Libraries](#)

 2026 GSLC Reading List Grade 6.pdf ,  2026 GSLC Reading List Grade 7.pdf

 2026 GSLC Reading List Grade 8.pdf

Families: We encourage you to discuss summer reading choices with your child and help them select a book that is a good fit. Parents are best positioned to review resources to decide if a book's content and reading level are appropriate for their child. The Easton Library is a valuable resource to utilize for suggested book lists by grade level/ genre.