



# North Andover Public Schools In collaboration with the Stevens Memorial Library



## Recommended Summer Reading List 2016 For Students Entering Grades K-5

*"It's astonishing that you can walk into a library, get a library card, and check out books,  
anywhere in this country. It's just an amazing thing"*  
Kate DiCamillo

Dear Parents,

Let's be active readers this summer as we team up with the public library for our Summer Reading Theme, **"On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!"** This summer, our focus will be on keeping our minds and bodies moving and learning throughout the summer months. When kids don't read over the summer, they are more likely to fall behind the following year. Research has shown that by the end of 5th grade, some children who do not read over the summer are nearly three years behind their peers in reading skills, compared to those who participate in summer reading. Here are some ways you can help your child grow as a reader:

- Read to, or with, your child. We're never too old for read alouds!
- Share picture books - they're for everybody! Create stories together with wordless picture books.
- Give your child the opportunity to make their own book selections - any and all reading is *good*!
- Show your child that you value reading by letting them see you read books you enjoy.
- Nonfiction books (including biographies) are interesting, informative, and an important part of our State Standards.
- Audiobooks are great for long car trips, or for listening to around the house. Listening is an important step to becoming a lifelong and fluent reader.
- Encourage your child to read for **at least 20 minutes a day**. This could be broken up into smaller sittings throughout the day. More reading = better reader = school success!
- Get your child a public library card if they don't already have one - it's free!
- Go to the **Stevens Memorial Library** for lots of summer reading activities and programs.

In addition to individual titles listed under our summer theme, we have shared the list of the Massachusetts Children's Book Award nominees for this year. The Stevens Memorial Library, as well as other libraries in the MVLC system, own many of these titles. Additional reading resources such as book lists, websites, tips for reluctant readers, and reading incentive programs, including the summer reading *"Read and Walk the Stevens Trail"*, can be found at the Stevens Memorial Library website here: [www.stevensmemlib.org](http://www.stevensmemlib.org).

**The following books are just suggestions! Feel free to choose appropriate books for your unique reader. When deciding on books, have your child read a page out loud to see if it's a good fit. If he/she struggles with more than a few words, it's probably too difficult, but may be a better choice for a read-aloud.**

At the start of the 2016-2017 school year, we will be celebrating our summer reading across the district with an **imaginary hike up Cadillac Mountain in Acadia** in honor of the 100th anniversary of our *only Northeastern National Park*! For each book your child reads, fill out a "boot print" with the book information, and bring your boots to school in September. Make sure to also tell the Stevens Library librarians how many books you read - each book = a step! Let's see how far we can READ!

Ok, North Andover, are you ready? On your mark, get set, READ!

### **2015 Children's Book Award Winners**

**Additional Award Winners can be found in the AWARDS ROOM in the Stevens Library children's room -  
Feel free to chose ANY award-winning titles for summer reading!**

**John Newbery Medal** – *Last Stop on Market Street* by Matt de la Peña, illustrated by Christian Robinson (K-2)

**Newbery Honor Books** – *The War that Saved My Life* by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley; *Roller Girl* by Victoria Jamieson; *Echo* by Pam Muñoz Ryan

**Highlighted Newbery Winner** – *Because of Winn-Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo (Grade 4)

**Randolph Caldecott Medal** – *Finding Winnie: the true story of the world's most famous bear* by Lindsay Mattick and illustrated by Sophie Blackall (K-2)

### **MCBA List 2016-2017**

*This list is primarily for grades 3-5, but many titles would be ideal for family sharing!*

Avi. (2012). *Sophia's War: A Tale of the Revolution*.

Bell, C. (2014). *El Deafo*.

Barnhill, K. (2014). *The Witch's Boy*.

Blakemore, M. F. (2013). *The Water Castle*.

Bowen, F. (2015). *Out of Bounds*.

Butler, D. H. (2012). *The Buddy Files: The Case of the School Ghost*.

Chambliss Bertman, J. (2015). *Book Scavenger*.

Ellis, D. (2011). *No Ordinary Day*.

Farber, E.S. (2013). *Fish Finelli Book 1: Seagulls Don't Eat Pickles*.

Gibbs, S. (2014). *Poached*.

Graff, L. (2014). *Absolutely Almost*.

Herrick, A. (2013). *The Time Fetch*.

Holm, J. L. (2014). *The Fourteenth Goldfish*.

Holub, J. (2012). *Zeus and the Thunderbolt of Doom (Heroes in Training)*.

Jones, K. (2015). *Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer*.

Kurtz, C. (2013). *The Adventures of a South Pole Pig: A novel of snow and courage*.

Lendle, I. (2015). *The Stratford Zoo Midnight Revue Presents Romeo and Juliet*.

Lerangis, P. (2013). *Seven Wonders Book 1: The Colossus Rises*.

Littlewood, K. (2012). *Bliss*.

Lloyd, N. (2014). *A Snicker of Magic*.

Martin, L, & Martin, V. (2013). *Anton and Cecil, Book 1: Cats at Sea*.

Schanen, A. B. (2014). *Quinny and Hopper*.

Tarshis, L. (2015). *I Survived: The Great Chicago Fire, 1871*.

Watson, J. (2014). *Loot: How to Steal a Fortune*.

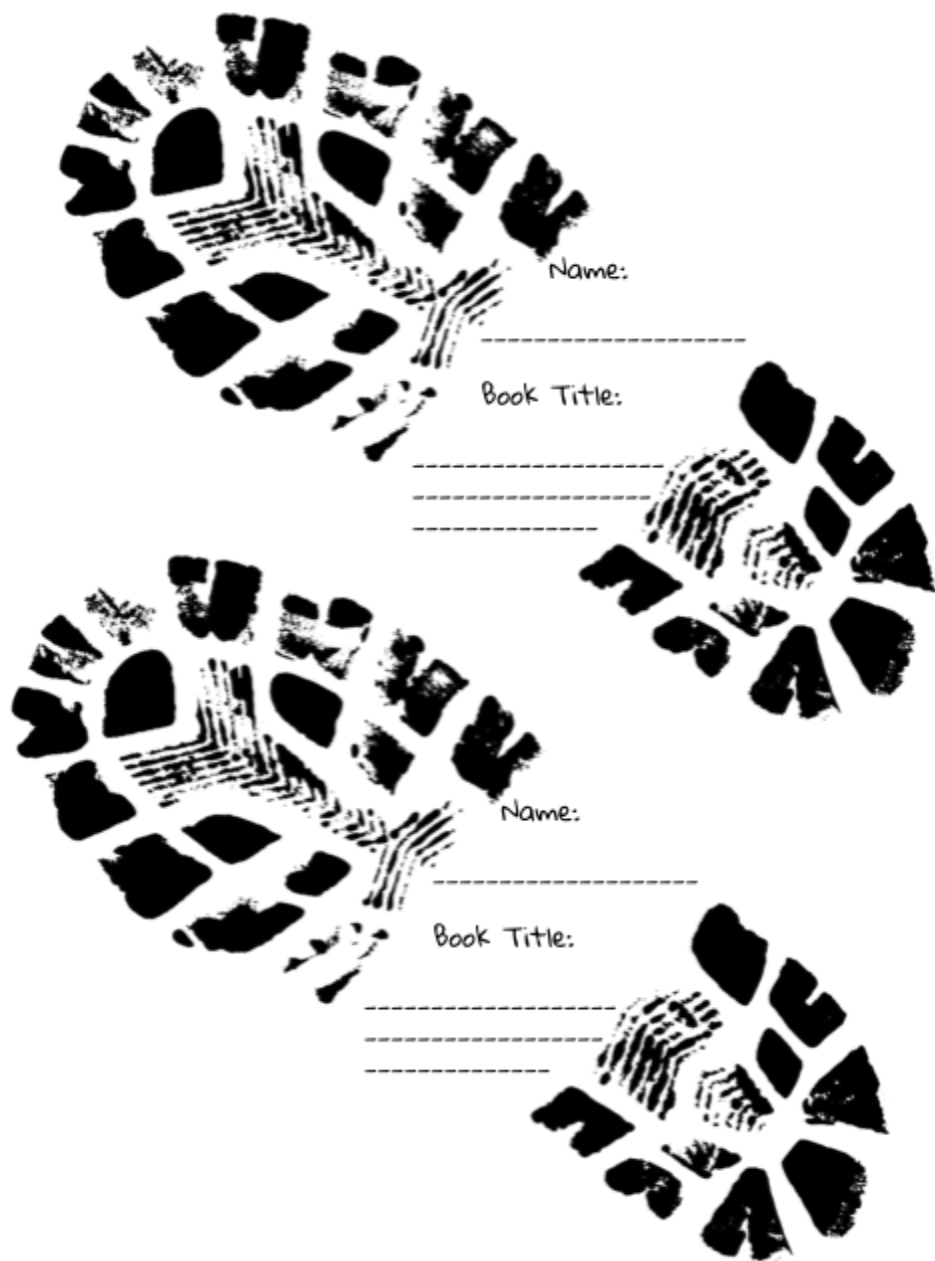
Wright, T. (2013). *Mystery on Pine Lake: Cooper and Packrat*.

### **Theme Books**

These are books that go along with our Summer Reading theme, "On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!"

***Please don't limit yourself to just these books - any books about healthy living & being active are great!***

<b>Picture Books</b>	<b>Fiction Chapter Books</b>	<b>Nonfiction</b>
<i>No More Vegetables!</i> by Nicole Rubel	<i>The Crossover</i> by Kwame Alexander	<i>We Are The Ship: the story of Negro League Baseball</i> by Kadir Nelson
<i>Everyone Can Learn to Ride a Bicycle</i> by Chris Raschka	<i>In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson</i> by Bette Lord	<i>Camping for Kids</i> by Melanie Howard
<i>Miss Nelson Has a Field Day</i> by Henry Allard	<i>Athlete vs. Mathlete</i> by W.C. Mack	<i>The Healthy Body Cookbook</i> by Joan D'Amico
<i>I Will Never Not Ever Eat A Tomato</i> by Lauren Child	<i>The Cat Ate My Gymsuit</i> by Paula Danziger	<i>Great Things To Do Outside</i> by Jamie Ambrose
<i>Let's Do Nothing!</i> by Tony Fucile	<i>Amelia Bedelia Goes Camping</i> by Peggy Parish	<i>Who Was Babe Ruth</i> by Joan Holub



Information about visiting our nation's national parks this summer can be found here:

[www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov)

**\*4th Graders get into the parks for FREE! See this webpage for more information:**

<http://www.nationalparks.org/ook/every-kid-in-a-park>