



LONDONDERRY MIDDLE SCHOOL
LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER
SUMMER READING SUGGESTIONS 2010

This list is a sampling of some great books that may make your summer even more inspirational and enjoyable. We hope you have a wonderful summer break!

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LONDONDERRY MIDDLE SCHOOL "ONE READ" BOOK

Schooled by Gordon Korman

Cap is home schooled and lives in isolation with his grandmother, a former hippie. When she falls from a tree and breaks her hip Cap is sent to a foster home where he has his first experience in a public school. Soon Cap is the target of all the abuse that middle school students can dish out - he even gets elected President, the legacy for the biggest "loser" at the school.

Note: Gordon Korman will be our guest author at Londonderry Middle School on December 2, 2010. Every student and staff member will be reading this book in preparation for his visit.

MYSTERY

Heist society by Ally Carter

Fifteen-year-old Kat schemes her way into the best boarding school, hoping to leave the thieving antics of her family behind her.

When you reach me by Rebecca Stead (Winner of the 2010 Newbery Medal)

If this book makes your head hurt, you're not alone. Sixth-grader Miranda admits that the events she relates make her head hurt, too. Time travel will do that to you.

Things not seen by Andrew Clements

Fifteen-year-old Bobby wakes up and finds himself invisible. He and his parents, along with his new blind friend Alicia, try to find out what caused his condition and how to reverse it.

SCI FI/FANTASY

The battle of the Labyrinth by Rick Riordan

From its attention-grabbing first line ("The last thing I wanted to do on my summer break was blow up another school") to the final rumblings of trouble to come, Book 4 of the *Olympians* series follows 14-year-old Percy and his friends as they search the Labyrinth for its creator and battle the forces of evil.

The Hunger games by Suzanne Collins

Sixteen-year-old Katniss Everdeen accidentally becomes a contender in the annual Hunger Games, a grave competition hosted by the Capitol where young boys and girls are pitted against one another in a televised fight to the death.

ADVENTURE

Alibi Junior High by Greg Logsted

Thirteen-year-old Cody Saron has never lived in one place longer than a few weeks, and has never attended a regular school. Growing up on the run with his father, an undercover agent for the CIA, Cody has traveled the entire globe; he speaks five languages, and he has two black belts. What Cody isn't prepared for is...middle school.

Nation by Terry Pratchett

A tsunami destroys everything leaving Mau, an island boy, Daphne, an aristocratic English girl, and a small group of refugees responsible for rebuilding their village and their lives.

The magician's elephant by Kate DiCamillo

Ten-year-old orphan Peter Augustus Duchene encounters a fortune teller in the marketplace who tells him that his sister, who is presumed dead, is in fact alive. Peter embarks on a remarkable series of adventures in an attempt to find her.

GRAPHIC NOVEL

Into the volcano: a graphic novel by Don Wood

While their parents are away doing research, brothers Duffy and Sumo Pugg go with their cousin, Mister Come-and-Go, to Kokalaha Island, where they meet Aunt Lulu and become trapped in an erupting volcano.

Malice by Chris Wooding

A graphic novel thriller about three boys who become trapped in the deadly world of a comic book.

HISTORICAL

Alchemy and Meggy Swann by Karen Cushman

Meggy Swann, a girl who walks with the aid of two sticks, arrives in Elizabethan London, along with her goose Louise, to stay with her father who really does not want her. While he pursues his dream of transforming base metal into gold, Meggy undergoes a transformation herself.

The Wednesday wars by Gary D. Schmidt

During the 1967 school year, on Wednesday afternoons when all his classmates go to either Catechism or Hebrew school, seventh-grader Holling Hoodhood stays in Mrs. Baker's classroom where they read the plays of William Shakespeare and Holling learns much of value about the world he lives in.

BIOGRAPHY

The dreamer by Pam Munoz Ryan

A fictionalized biography of the Nobel Prize-winning Chilean poet Pablo Neruda, who grew up a painfully shy child, ridiculed by his overbearing father, but who became one of the most widely-read poets in the world.

NON-FICTION

Two miserable presidents: everything your schoolbooks didn't tell you about the Civil War

by Steve Sheinkin

While the author provides plenty of material about military objectives, battles, and military leaders, he also includes the stories of spies, drummer boys, women who masqueraded as men to join the army, and African Americans.

Does it really take seven years to digest swallowed gum? : and other questions you've always wanted to ask by Sandra Donovan

Scientific answers are provided to seventeen questions based on common sayings, including whether an egg can be fried on the sidewalk, if a spark from a cell phone can explode a gas station, and more.

Revenge of the whale: the true story of the whaleship Essex by Nat Philbrick

The book tells the story of the 1820 sinking of the whaleship "Essex" by an enraged sperm whale and how the crew of young men survived against impossible odds.

Check it out at Leach Library!

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"So please, oh PLEASE, we beg, we pray, Go throw your TV set away, And in its place you can install, A lovely bookshelf on the wall."

- Roald Dahl, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*

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<http://www.read.gov/cfb/> - Library of Congress Center for the Book

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