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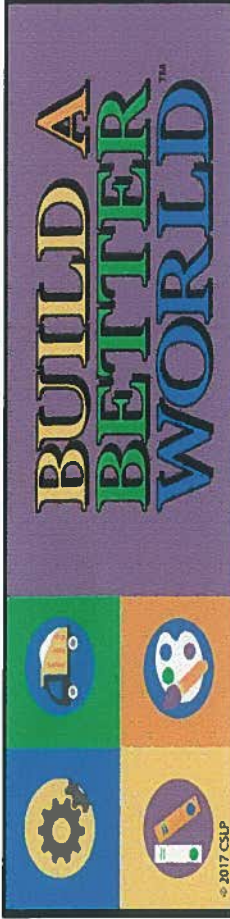
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Re: Governor's Reading Challenge

Reading is a critical skill—one that goes the farthest in ensuring future academic success. For this reason, it is important that we continue to promote reading during the summer months. Numerous studies have shown that children who read during the summer perform better when they return to school in the Fall. For this reason, we are asking that every Orange Elementary School student participate in the **Governor's Summer Reading Challenge**. You can make this challenge successful by the positive attitude you take toward reading and by the encouragement you show your child as he/she participates in the challenge. Your support is essential!

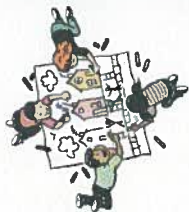
Michelle Centore, the head of children services at Case Memorial Library is willing to support parents and their children with making great book selections. See her video clip on our website. You can also contact the State Department of Education at 860-713-6751 or visit their website and search for the 2017 Governor's Summer Reading Challenge for more information

We hope this summer challenge will foster a love of reading and learning! Have a safe summer. See you in the Fall!



2017 Children's Summer Reading Game

- Registration begins on Thursday, June 15 in the Children's Room or online at: www.tinyurl.com/cmlchildsrp2017. Children in pre-K—Grade 6 are invited to participate. Sixth graders may choose to join either the Children's or the Teen program, but they may not do both.
- The program is for children in pre-K through grade 6. Readers will receive prizes for registration, weekly goals reached, and for reading five or more books. Reach the five book goal and get entered into our grand prize raffle!
- Participants will select and decorate a cut-out of a game piece of their choosing. Their game piece will be used to mark their summer reading progress on our bulletin boards.
- We strongly encourage participants to read any books they like. (Most should be on level, but easier favorites are okay too.) Whether it's cookbooks, the latest bestseller or a graphic novel, the most important thing is that your child reads this summer!
- Once participants have reached their five book goal, they can either report to the Children's desk and tell a librarian something about one of the books they have read or select an option from the "Choose Your Challenge" list on our website! Once you have completed your challenge, come to the library, choose a prize, and collect your Summer Reading certificate.
- The program will conclude on Saturday, August 19th with a magic show from illusionist Scott Jameson. Call the library or stop by to register.



Avery A.
Grade 1, TH5

OESS SUMMER READING 2017



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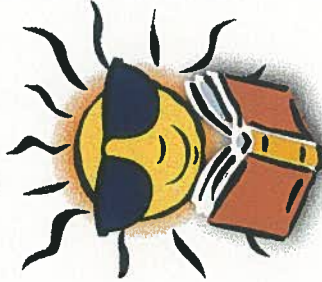
SUN, FUN AND LOTS OF BOOKS!

Each year we ask all families in Orange to participate in the Governor's Summer Reading Challenge. It's easy:

1. Choose whatever books interest you.
2. Read, read, read — and then read some more!
3. Keep track of the books you read on the enclosed reading journal. If you lose the journal, you can use any piece of paper or print another by going to <http://tinyurl.com/c76ld9r>
4. If you fill up the journal, don't stop there! You can always start a second journal or add more pages.
5. Turn in your journal to your teacher when you return to school after summer vacation.

Why is summer reading so important? Because reading is the most important skill there is. Research shows that reading is crucial to a child's brain development and intellectual stimulation, and it is a gateway skill that opens the door to all other learning. Plus, it's fun — especially when you find just the right book! Read whatever you find interesting and engaging. To give you some ideas, please use the lists and links provided, but keep in mind that we do not require students to read any particular books. Happy reading!

*Sandra Fitzpatrick
and Jennifer Kuznickas,
Library Media Specialists*



WEBSITES WITH GREAT SUMMER READING IDEAS

CT State Dept. of Education — <http://tinyurl.com/c76ld9r>
American Library Association — <https://tinyurl.com/lylktmd>
New York Public Library — <http://tinyurl.com/nku8k7z>

Nutmeg Book Award 2018 Nominees

The Nutmeg Book Award is the “Children’s Choice” Award for Connecticut. Students can read the nominees starting this summer and throughout the school year and vote for their favorite next spring. Students entering middle school next year may also be interested in the Teen nominees. To see the 2018 Teen list and lists of past nominees, which are also recommended, visit www.nutmegaward.org.



ELEMENTARY NOMINEES (GRADES 2-4)

Blizzard by John Rocco
A Dance Like Starlight by Kristy Dempsey & Floyd Cooper
Elizabeth, Queen of the Seas by Lynne Cox
Finding Winnie by Lindsay Mattick
Hippopotamister by John Patrick Green
Lindbergh by Torben Kuhlmann
Mango, Abuela, and Me by Meg Medina
Miss Mary Reporting by Sue Macy
My Pet Human by Yasmine Surovec
Pugs of the Frozen North by Philip Reeve
Tales of Bunjitsu Bunny by John Himmelman
Upside-Down Magic by Sarah Mlynowski, Lauren Myracle & Emily Jenkins
Wet Cement by Bob Raczka
When the Beat Was Born by Laban Carrick Hill
The Year of Billy Miller by Kevin Henkes

INTERMEDIATE NOMINEES (GRADES 4-6)

Book Scavenger by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman
Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
Gabriel Finley and the Raven’s Riddle by George Hagen
Kinda Like Brothers by Coe Booth
Ratscalibur by Josh Lieb
The Tapper Twins Go to War (With Each Other) by Jeff Rodkey
Took: A Ghost Story by Mary Downing Hahn
Under the Egg by Laura Marx Fitzgerald
The War That Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
A Whole New Ballgame by Phil Bildner



THE GOVERNOR'S SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Students and Families:

To learn more, ask your teacher, principal, or school or public librarian,
or contact the Connecticut State Department of Education
at 860-713-6751 or www.ct.gov/sde.

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School _____

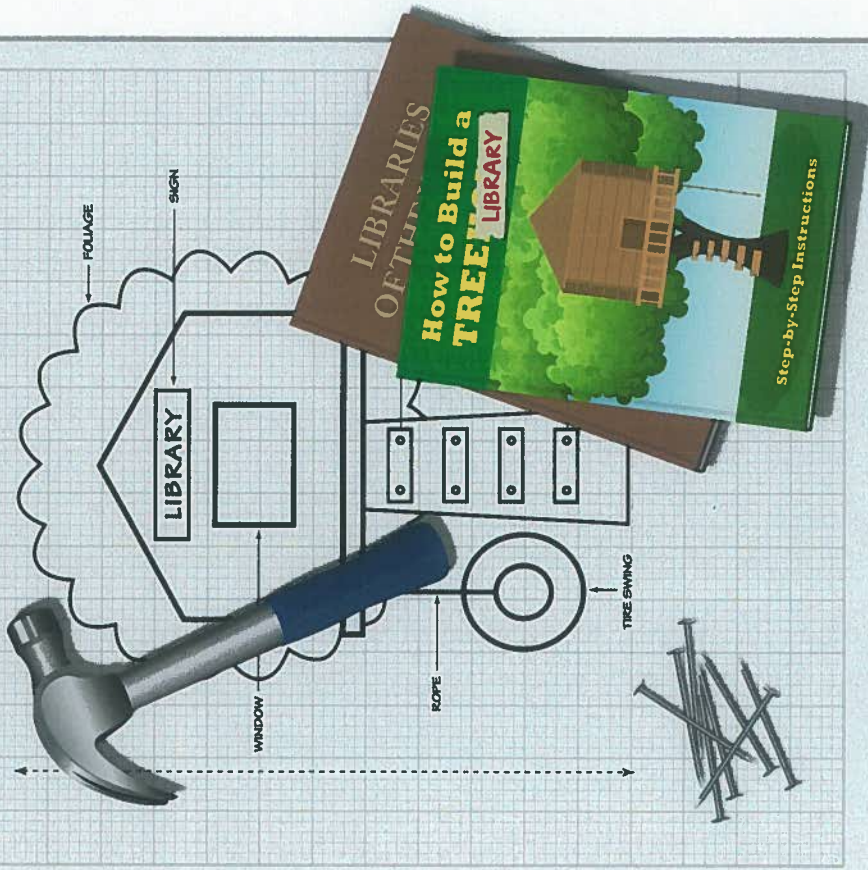
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My favorite book was _____

I liked this book because _____

BUILD A BETTER WORLD

Connecticut Reads 2017
The Governor's Summer Reading Challenge



SUMMER READING JOURNAL



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