



7th Grade Summer Reading 2022 Cherry Hill Public Schools

Note to Families

The Cherry Hill Public Schools strives to develop lifelong readers and learners with the skills and knowledge to thrive in today's ever-changing world. For this reason, we like to offer students a variety of books from which to select for summer reading.

*Each middle school reader will select **at least one** book from the grade level summer reading list. Students should read this book for enjoyment while keeping the grade level theme and guiding questions in mind. It is the reader's responsibility to record evidence from the text and a brief explanation of how it relates to the theme on the attached handout. This will help students be prepared to write and speak about the text upon returning to school in the fall.*

Thank you for encouraging your child's reading. We look forward to building on the foundation you established throughout the summer.

The Boys in the Boat (Young Readers Adaptation) by Daniel James Brown: This is the tale of the 1936 U.S. men's Olympic rowing team—nine working class boys who transformed the sport. At the center is Joe Rantz, a teenager without family or prospects, whose personal quest captures the spirit of his crew and his generation. With rowers who were the sons of shipyard workers and farmers, the eight-oar crew defeated the elite American teams, and shocked the world by challenging the German crew rowing for Hitler.

Counting by 7s by Holly Goldberg Sloan: Willow Chance is a 12-year-old genius, obsessed with nature and diagnosing medical conditions, who finds it comforting to count by 7s. Willow's world is tragically changed when her parents both die in a car crash, leaving her alone in a baffling world. Willow manages to push through her grief to discover and unite a fascinatingly diverse and fully believable surrogate family.

The Crossover by Kwame Alexander: Twin brothers Josh and Jordan Bell are awesome on the court. But, Josh has more than basketball in his blood, he's got mad beats, too, that tell his family's story in verse, in this fast and furious novel of family. Josh and Jordan must come to grips with growing up on and off the court to realize breaking the rules comes at a terrible price, as their story's heart-stopping climax proves a game-changer for the entire family.

The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhill: Every year the people of the protectorate sacrifice a baby as an offering to a witch to keep her from terrorizing their town. But the witch, Xan, is kind and delivers the babies to families on the other side of the forest, feeding them starlight along the way. Xan accidentally feeds a baby moonlight instead of starlight, filling the child with magic. Xan, along with fantastical friends, decides to raise the child, Luna, as her own. Meanwhile, a young man from the protectorate is determined to kill the witch and free his people. But, Luna's magic is strong and events unfold that change everything.

Refugee by Alan Gratz: This timely and powerful novel tells the story of three different children seeking refuge: Josef is a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany, Isabel is a Cuban girl in 1994, and Mahmoud is a Syrian boy in 2015. All three kids go on harrowing journeys in search of refuge. All face unimaginable dangers, from drownings to bombings to betrayals. And although Josef, Isabel, and Mahmoud are separated by continents and decades, shocking connections will tie their stories together in the end.

Access books and resources at the following locations:

Cherry Hill Public Library www.chplnj.org
856-667-0300

Barnes & Noble www.barnesandnoble.com
Cherry Hill – 856-486-1492
Marlton – 856-596-7058
Moorestown – 856-608-1622

Inkwood Books www.inkwoodnj.com/
Haddonfield – 856-429-1298

Sora Digital Lending Library Soraapp.com
Log in with your @chclc.org account. Use the Explore icon to search for and borrow a digital copy. Audio is also available for select texts.

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7th Grade Thematic Topic: Life's Journey

Guiding questions:

- In what ways can personal challenges help people develop courage and wisdom?
- How do life experiences influence the way people understand, and interpret the world around them?
- How do people find meaning and purpose in the personal challenges faced along life's journey?
- In what ways are personal choices influenced by the society/culture of an individual and the age in which he/she lives?

Directions: The book you have chosen to read this summer will help you to learn about the personal challenges faced in life's journeys. Consider the questions above as you read your book. Complete the double-entry journal below with textual evidence and reasoning. Be sure to include examples from the beginning, middle and end of the book. Feel free to use extra paper if you run out of room to write.

Title: _____ Author: _____

Textual evidence of an event or challenge that is important in the character's life journey.	Explain what the character learned from the event or personal challenge he/she experienced.
<p><i>"... I stared at him and realized that he and I were dressed alike. But he was pulling a cleaning trolley, not luggage with wheels that have a 360-degree rotating option. And then I had the distressing thought: It was possible that the girl believed I was some kind of maintenance worker." Pages 31-32</i></p>	<p><i>Willow planned to wear a gardening outfit and hat for the first day of middle school, to show her peers her personality and get a fresh start. She was hopeful she would make new friends, but instead she was again outcast by them. Willow realizes that it is harder to fit in than she thought, and she spends her time in class studying how her peers dress and act.</i></p>
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