

Rye Middle School 7th Grade Summer Reading

June 2023

Dear Rye Middle School Students, Parents, and Guardians:

Welcome to the seventh grade! To celebrate the power of literature and to create a stronger middle school community, we are encouraging all students who are entering the seventh grade to read at least two books over the summer. When we return to school in September, we will take the opportunity to discuss the selected titles. It is the goal of seventh grade teachers to emphasize good literature and create an atmosphere that will foster lifelong reading.

Students entering Grade 7 may select their own literature for their summer reading. Books may be from any genre (fiction, non-fiction, biography, fantasy, etc.) and may include graphic novels and other forms of multi-sensory literature. We encourage students to select literature that is at or above their reading level. In addition, the books should not be texts that have been read before or texts that have been made into movies.

We encourage the guidance of a parent or other adult family member in the selection of the summer reading novels. We have included resources below to help you find amazing books to read. We also recommend a few favorites, but please understand that the titles are just some ideas for reading.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's current language arts teacher or any of us.

We wish you a summer of happy reading!

Grade 7 Language Arts Teachers

Resources for Selecting Summer Reading Books:



[The Rye Free Reading Room:](#)

Our local library offers book suggestions, and exciting teen programs. Students should log their reading on the library's READsquared app to earn prizes and share book reviews. [Click here](#) for their summer reading website.



[New York Times Bestseller Lists \(for young adult books and middle grade book selections\)](#)

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7th Grade ELA Teacher Recommendations: *Two Degrees* by Alan Gratz, *Freewater* by Amina Luqman-Dawson (Newbery Award and Coretta Scott King Award winner), and *The Door of No Return* by Kwame Alexander.