



SUMMER READING 2009

MIDDLE SCHOOL

5TH - 6TH GRADES

Upper Merion Area School District

Be Creative @ your Library

Students in Kindergarten through 8th grade are invited to join the Upper Merion Township Library's Summer Reading Club

Be Creative @ Your Library

- ❖ Registration begins June 15
- ❖ Read books that interest you. Earn stickers, food coupons, medals & prizes
- ❖ Attend the Library's free entertainment shows
 - June 16 The Wizard of Oz - Duet Productions
 - June 24 Gustafson's Magic/Comedy Show - magic with a comical twist
 - July 7 Piccirillo Sciencetelling Show - science and storytelling
 - July 14 Il Style and Peace - Hip Hop Dance demonstration for ages 6 and up
 - July 22 Marian Gehman & Friends - mother/daughter ventriloquists
 - Aug 12 Talent & Art Showcase - an evening of local talent
- ❖ Art Workshops - June 30, July 14, July 21, July 28 (registration required)
Learn about various artists and try their techniques (K - 3rd grade)
- ❖ Photography Workshop - July 1, July 15, July 29 (registration required)
Discover the secrets of taking good photographs (5th-8th grade)
- ❖ Line Dancing Workshop - July 27
Learn all the steps you need to start line dancing (5th-9th grade)
- ❖ Join book discussions and play Library Jeopardy
- ❖ For further information contact the Reference Librarian at 610-265-4806 or visit the Library's website at: www.umtownship.org/library

Read these books from the Upper Merion Township Library Summer Reading Program 2009

TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

CALL NUMBER

TITLE, AUTHOR, DESCRIPTION

Activate an Artist

- Try these Dewey Call Numbers for How to Draw Books: J 741.5
- Try these Dewey Call numbers for Craft Books: J 745
- Read a Biography about an Artist: Mary Cassatt, Edgar Degas, Frida Kahlo, Henri Matisse, Claude Monet, Georgia O'Keefe, Pablo Picasso, Norman Rockwell, Vincent Van Gogh, Leonardo da Vinci

J MYS

Sammy Keys and the Hollywood Mummy by Wendelin Van Draanen
A Hollywood actress, who had been competing with Sammy's mother for an important role, is murdered, but thirteen-year-old Sammy and her friend, Marissa, are on the case.

J MYS

Chasing Vermeer by Blue Balliett; illustrated by Brett Helquist
When seemingly unrelated and strange events start to happen and a precious Vermeer painting disappears, eleven-year-olds Petra and Calder combine their talents to solve an international art scandal.

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Saffy's Angel by Hilary McKay
After learning that she was adopted, thirteen-year-old Saffron's relationship with her eccentric, artistic family changes. They help her go back to Italy, where she was born, to find a special memento of her past.

Boldly Block Buildings

- Try these Dewey Call Numbers for Books about Architecture: J 720 – J 729
- Also look for books by David Macaulay

Fantasy Fiction with the theme of futurist cities:

J FANTASY

The Merchant of Death by D.J. MacHale
Fourteen-year-old Bobby Pendragon, having learned he is a Traveler—someone who can ride “flumes” through times and space, is soon off to the alternative dimension of Denduron. He teams up with Loor, a girl his age from the warrior-territory of Zadaa, in an attempt to save the gentle Milago people from slavery.

J FANTASY

The City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau
In The City of Ember, twelve-year-old Lina trades jobs on Assignment Day. She becomes a Messenger to run to new places in her decaying but beloved city, and hopes to glimpse Unknown Regions

J SCIENCE FICTION

The Supernaturalist by Eoin Colfer
In futuristic Satellite City, fourteen-year-old Cosmo Hill escapes from an abusive orphanage and teams up with three other people who share his unusual ability to see supernatural creatures. Together they determine the nature and purpose of the swarming blue Parasites that are invisible to most humans.

Create Cooking Concoctions

- Try these Dewey Call Numbers for Books about Cooking: J 641.5

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Granny Torrelli Makes Soup by Sharon Creech
With the help of her wise old grandmother, twelve-year-old Rosie manages to work through some problems in her relationship with her best friend, Bailey, the boy next door.

J PAP 4

Farewell, My Lunchbag: From the Tattered Casebook of Chet Gecko, a Private Eye by Bruce Hale
When fourth-grade private eye Chet Gecko is called to catch someone who is stealing food from the school cafeteria, he finds himself framed for the crime.

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Middle School is Worse than Meatloaf: a Year Told through Stuff by Jennifer L. Holm; pictures by Elicia Castaldi
Ginny makes a to-do list for her seventh grade year, which includes landing a role in the school play, trying to make friends, ignoring her horoscope, and going to see her grandpa Joe in Florida; but she always seems to come up short.

Design Drama Differently

- Try these Dewey Call Numbers for books about Acting: J 790-J792
- Try these Dewey Call Numbers for books about Helping Backstage: J 792
- Try these Dewey Call Numbers for books about Movie Making Techniques: J 778-J 779

J MYS/JPAP

Disappearing Acts by Betsy Cromer Byars

Herculeah stumbles onto the trail of her friend Meat's long-lost father while she and Meat are investigating the disappearance of a dead body from the men's room of a comedy club.

CALDECOTT J

The Invention of Hugo Cabret: A Novel in Words and Pictures by Brian Selznick

When twelve-year-old Hugo, an orphan living and repairing clocks within the walls of a Paris train station in 1931, meets a mysterious toy seller and his goddaughter, his undercover life and his biggest secret are jeopardized.

Formally Focusing Fotos

- Try these Dewey Call Numbers for books about Photography: J 770-J 778

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Tomorrow, the River by Dianne E. Gray

In 1896, fourteen-year-old Megan joins her sister and family on their steamboat for the summer riding up the Mississippi River towards St. Paul, Minnesota. Through all of their adventures, Megan realizes what is her "true calling."

Jump, Jive and Jazzercise

- Try these Dewey Call Numbers for Books about Dancing: J 792-J 793

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Rules by Cynthia Lord

Frustrated at life with an autistic brother, twelve-year-old Catherine longs for a normal existence but her world is further complicated by a friendship with a young paraplegic.

J/J PAP 1

Surviving the Applewhites by Stephanie S. Tolan

Jake, a budding juvenile delinquent, is sent for home schooling to the arty and eccentric Applewhite family's Creative Academy, where he discovers talents and interests he never knew he had.

Make Melodious Music

- Try these Dewey Call Numbers for books about Music: J 780- J 788
- Read a biography about a Musician: The Beatles, Ludwig van Beethoven, Bono, Garth Brooks, Ray Charles, Ella Fitzgerald, Elvis Presley, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg

J 781.66 GEO 2001

Shake, Rattle & Roll: the Founders of Rock & Roll Words by Holly George-Warren: pictures by Laura Levine

This is a collection of one-page biographies with accompanying illustrations of some of the more influential stars of rock music, such as Elvis Presley, Jerry Lee Lewis and Buddy Holly.

- NEWBERY J Bud, not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis
Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father—the renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway of Grand Rapids.
- J/ J PAP 1 Yang the Youngest and His Terrible Ear by Lensey Namioka
Recently arrived in Seattle from China, musically untalented Yenta is faced with giving a violin performance to attract new students for his father when he would rather be working on friendships and playing baseball.
- YOUNG ADULT FIC The Mozart Season by Virginia Euwer Wolff
Allegra spends her twelfth summer practicing a Mozart concerto for a violin competition and finds many significant connections in her world.

<p>Proudly Presenting Poetry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Try these Dewey Call Numbers for books about Poetry: J 811
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- J 811.008 APO 2001 A Poke in the I: a Collection of Concrete Poems selected by Paul Janeczko
A collection of thirty poems which have their text arranged to startle the reader.
- J 811.008 JAN 2005 A Kick in the Head: an Everyday Guide to Poetic Forms selected by Paul Janeczko
This is an illustrated collection of poems which showcases twenty-nine different poetic forms, each with a brief definition.
- J What I Believe: A Novel by Norma Fox Mazer
A young girl faces her problems by writing down her thoughts about the family's personal and financial crises, including the loss of her father's job and the selling of their home.
- J PAP 1 Love that Dog by Sharon Creech
A young student, who comes to love poetry through a personal understanding of what different famous poems mean to him, surprises himself by writing his own inspired poem.
- J The Totally Made-up Civil War Diary of Amanda MacLeish by Claudia Mills
While dealing with her parents' separation and her best friend's distance, Amanda is able to work out some of her anxiety through her fifth-grade project—writing a diary from the point of view of a ten-year-old girl whose brothers fight on opposite sides in the Civil War.
- J PAP 1 The Landry News by Andrew Clements
A fifth-grader starts a newspaper with an editorial that prompts her burnt-out classroom teacher to really begin teaching again, but he is later threatened with disciplinary action as a result.

2009-2010 PENNSYLVANIA YOUNG READERS CHOICE GRADES 3-6

TOWNSHIP LIBRARY CALL NUMBER	TITLE AND AUTHOR
J B CHANEL 2007	Different Like Coco by Elizabeth Matthews
J JONELL	Emmy and the Incredible Shrinking Rat by Lynne Jonell
FLEMING	The Fabled Fourth Graders of Aesop Elementary by Candace Fleming
E O'MALLEY	Gimme Cracked Corn & I Will Share by Kevin O'Malley
J FELDMAN	The Gollywhopper Games by Jody Feldman
E LEVINE	Henry's Freedom Box by Ellen Levine
J 796.357 COO 2007	Hey Batta Batta Swing! : The Wild Old Days of Baseball by Sally Cook
J O'CONNOR	How to Steal a Dog by Barbara O'Connor
J HARPER	Just Grace by Charise Mericle Harper
J BARBER	Kickoff! By Tiki and Ronde Barber
J MYS BERLIN	The Puzzling World of Winston Breen by Eric Berlin
J CLEMENTS	Room One: A Mystery or Two by Andrew Clements
J 541.56 JEN 2008	Sisters & Brothers: Sibling Relationships in the Animal World by Steve Jenkins
J 797.32092 CRO 2007	Surfer of the Century: The Life of Duke Kahanamoku by Ellie Crowe
J LIN	The Year of the Rat by Grace Lin



Pennsylvania Young Readers Choice Awards 2009-Grades 6-8

TOWNSHIP LIBRARY CALL NUMBER	TITLE, AUTHOR
J FANTASY SANDERSON	Alcatraz Versus the Evil Librarians by Brandon Sanderson
J 829.3 RUM 2007	Beowulf: A Hero's Tale Retold by James Rumford
J ANDERSON/YOUNG ADULT FIC	Chains by Laurie Halse Anderson
J FANTASY WELLS	Curse of the Wendigo by Scott R. Welvaert
J COONEY/YOUNG ADULT FIC	Diamonds in the Shadow by Caroline B. Cooney
J PAP 1	Dragon's Keep by Janet Lee Carey
JB HOUDINI 2006	Escape! The Story of the Great Houdini by Sid Fleischman
J SCIENCE FICTION HADDIX	Found by Margaret Peterson Haddix
J 741.5 WOO 2008	Into the Volcano by Don Wood
J 813 SCI 2008	Knucklehead by Jon Scieszka
YOUNG ADULT FIC	Notes from the Midnight Driver by Jordan Sonnenblick
J KORMAN	Schooled by Gordon Korman
J PRELLER	Six Innings by James Preller
J AVI	Seer of Shadows by Avi
J 796.357 NEL 2008	We are the Ship by Kadir Nelson

UMASD RECOMMENDED READING LIST**GRADES 5-6**

TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

CALL NUMBER

TITLE AND AUTHOR

FANTASY

- J FANTASY **The Book of Three** by Lloyd Alexander
J FANTASY **Chronicles of Narnia** by C.S. Lewis
J FANTASY **Dealing with Dragons** by Patricia Wrede
J **Ella Enchanted** by Gail Carson Levine
J FANTASY **Eragon** by Christopher Paolini
J FANTASY **Gregor the Overlander** by Suzanne Collins
J FANTASY **Harry Potter** series by J.K. Rowling
J FANTASY **Jennifer Murdley's Toad** by Bruce Coville
J FANTASY **Over Sea, Under Stone** (Part of a Series) by Susan Cooper
J FANTASY **Redwall** by Brian Jacques
J **Silverwing** by Kenneth Oppel

MYSTERY

- J **A Ghost in the House** by Betty Ren Wright
J MYS **Disappearing Acts** (A Herculeah Jones mystery) by Betsy Byars
J **Magnificent Mummy Maker** by Elvira Woodruff
J **Sammy Keyes and the Hollywood Mummy** by Wendelin Van Draanen
J **Wait til Helen Comes: A Ghost Story** by Mary Downing Hahn

HISTORICAL FICTION

- The Ballad of Lucy Whipple** by Karen Cushman
NEWBERY J **Bud, Not Buddy** by Christopher Curtis
J **Crispin** by Avi
J **Good Night, Maman** by Norma Fox Mazer
J **Letters from Rifka** by Karen Hesse
J **Sing Down the Moon** by Scott O'Dell
J **Stepping on the Cracks** by Mary Downing Hahn
YA FIC **Mr. Tucket** by Gary Paulsen

HUMOR

- J **Bingo Brown's Guide to Romance** by Betsy Byars
J **The Chicken Doesn't Skate** by Gordon Korman
J PAP 1 **Help! I'm Trapped in the First Day of School!** By Todd Strasser
J **My Life as a Fifth Grade Comedian** by Elizabeth Levy
J FANTASY **The Plant that Ate Dirty Socks** by Nancy McArthur
J **There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom** by Louis Sachar

ADVENTURE

- J **Call it Courage** by Armstrong Sperry
NEWBERY J **Julie of the Wolves** by Jean Craighead George
J **The Music of Dolphins** by Karen Hesse
J **Quake!** By Joe Cottonwood
J **Weasel** by Cynthia DeFelice

REALISTIC FICTION

- J **101 Ways to Bug Your Parents** by Lee Wardlaw
NEWBERY J **Bridge to Terabithia** by Katherine Paterson
J **Frindle** by Andrew Clements
J **Heart beat** by Sharon Creech
J **Micke Harte was Here** by Barbara Park
J **The Million Dollar Kick** by Dan Gutman
J **Nothing's Fair in Fifth Grade** by Barthe DeClements
J **Pictures of Hollis Woods** by Patricia Reily Giff
NEWBERY J **The Summer of Swans** by Betsy Byars
J **Who Put That Hair in my Toothbrush?** By Jerry Spinelli
J **The Zucchini Warriors** by Gordon Korman

POETRY

- J 811.54 FLO 1994 **Bing, Bang, Boing** by Douglas Florian
J 811.6080357 HEA 2001 **Heart to Heart** by Jan Greenberg
J 811.54 FLE **Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices** by Paul Fleishman
J 811.008 JAN 2005 **A Kick in the Head: An Everyday Guide to Poetic Forms** by Paul B. Janeczko
J 811.54 PRE 1996 **A Pizza the Size of the Sun** by Jack Prelutsky
J 811.54 SIL **Where the Sidewalk Ends** (and others) by Shel Silverstein

SCIENCE FICTION

J	Akiko on the Planet Smoo by Mark Crilley
J SCIENCE FICTION	Into the Dream by William Sleator
J	Lost in Cyberspace by Richard Peck
J PAP 1	My Teacher is an Alien by Bruce Coville
NEWBERRY 1	A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle

NON FICTION

J 609 JON 1996	Accidents May Happen: Fifty Inventions Discovered by Mistake by Charlotte Foltz Jones
J 973.3 MUR 1996	A Young Patriot: the American Revolution as Experienced by One Boy by Jim Murphy
J 940.1 STE	Castles by Philip Stelle
JB SCHUMANN	Clara Schumann by Susanne Reich
JB EINSTEIN	Einstein: Visionary Scientist by John B. Severance
JB KELLER 2001	Helen Keller: Rebellious Spirit by Laurie Lawlor
JB MICHELANGELO	Michelangelo by Diane Stanley
J 600 MAC	The New Way Things Work by David Macauley
JB KEHRET	Small Steps: The Year I Got Polio by Peg Kehret
JB SCOTT	Tomboy of the Air by Julie Cummins
JB ANDERSON	The Voice that Challenged a Nation by Russell Freedman



2009-2010 READING OLYMPICS

GRADES 4-6

TOWNSHIP LIBRARY**CALL NUMBER****TITLE, AUTHOR**

J FANTASY SCIESZKA/J PAP 4	2095: The Time Warp Trio by John Scieszka
YOUNG ADULT FIC PAP/J PAP 1	Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer
J/J ROBINSON	The Best School Year Ever by Barbara Robinson
J/J PAP 1	The Big Wave by Pearl Buck
J CREECH/J PAP 1	Bloomability by Sharon Creech
J FANTASY	The Boggart by Susan Cooper
YOUNG ADULT FIC	Catherine, Called Birdy by Karen Cushman
J MYS GUTMAN 1	The Edison Mystery: Qwerty Stevens, Back in Time by Dan Gutman
J SPINELLI	Eggs by Jerry Spinelli
J JONELL	Emmy and the Incredible Shrinking Rat by Lynne Jonell
J ENGLISH	Francie by Karen English
J/J PAP 1	Ghost Cadet by Elaine Alphin
J MARSDEN	The Gold-Threaded Dress by Carolyn Marsden
E LEVINE	Henry's Freedom Box by Ellen Levine
J PAP 1	I Got a "D" in Salami by Henry Winkler
J FANTASY COVILLE	Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher by Bruce Coville
J BARBER	Kickoff! By Tiki Barber
J FANTASY RIORDAN/J PAP 1	The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan
J/YOUNG ADULT FIC	Lyddie by Katherine Patterson
J WOODRUFF/J PAP 1	The Magnificent Mummy Maker by Elvira Woodruff
F/I/NEWBERRY J SPINELLI	Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli
J HESSE/J PAP SET HESSE 1	The Music of the Dolphins by Karen Hesse
J WHELAN	Once on This Island by Gloria Whelan
J FANTASY	The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster
J AVI	Ragweed by Avi

J CLEMENTS	The Report Card by Andrew Clements
J FANTASY RODDA 1	Rowan of Rin by Emily Rodda
J FANTASY IBBOTSON/ J PAP 1	The Secret of Platform 13 by Eva Ibbotson
J FANTASY DITERLIZZI	The Seeing Stone (The Spiderwick Chronicles Book 2) by Tony DiTerlizzi
J MCSWIGAN 1	Snow Treasure by Marie McSwigan
J PAP 1	Soccer Halfback by Matt Christopher
J/J PAP 1	Song of the Trees by Mildred Taylor
NEWBERY J DICAMILLO	Tale of Despereaux: Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup, and a Spool of Thread by Kate DiCamillo
J GEORGE	There's an Owl in the Shower by Jean George
J GILSON	Thirteen Ways to Sink a Sub by Jamie Gilson
J	This Island Isn't Big Enough for the Four of Us by Gary Greer
NEWBERY J KONIGSBURG	The View from Saturday by E.L. Konigsburg
JB WALKER 2000 1	Vision of Beauty: The Story of Sarah Breedlove Walker by Kathryn Lasky
J/J PAP 1	Wait Till Helen Comes: A Ghost Story by Mary Downing Hahn
J SMITH	The War with Grandpa by Robert Kimmel Smith
J CURTIS/J PAP/SET 1	The Watsons Go to Birmingham-1963 by Christopher Paul Curtis
J B ANDERSON 2002	When Marian Sang: The True Recital of Marian Anderson by Pam Munoz Ryan
J HOLT	When Zachary Beaver Came to Town by Kimberly Willis Holt
J PAP 1	Winners Take All by Fred Bowen
J FENNER	Yolonda's Genius by Carol Fenner

