



# S U M M E R R E A D I N G

Before you head off for summer fun, make **a list of two to five books** that you would like to read on your own this summer. Of course, it's ***GREAT*** if you read more than that!

→ **If you will be a NEW Del Mar student, read this over and do the best you can.**

**IF** you're not sure about where to start, we suggest that you look online for Newbery books or authors. You've probably read a few great books from this well-known list, so that should make it easy to find other enjoyable books. You might also look on the Del Mar Library Site for ideas and check out what's new at the public library. Think about joining the summer reading program there if you need extra motivation!

## **SO, WHAT'S UP WITH THE BLANK LIST?!**

- The list is **blank** because **each student's list will be different**. The goal is that YOU will create a list that is filled with enjoyable books that will be a good fit for **you** and your interests.
- For example, if you are an eager reader, you will probably make a goal to read five or more books. If you are a "typical" student, you will probably set a goal of three to five books for your list. If, however, it takes you longer to read books, you may decide that tackling to two or three books is just right for you. *Reading along with audio books is fine too.*
- Make sure you include "back up" books or authors. If a book is a "dud" or you just can't get into it after an honest try, find something else! Don't give up.

## **SO, HOW DO I MAKE MY LIST?**

- If you have enjoyed a particular **book** this year, look for other books by the same **author**.
- If you have a favorite **author**, explore the library catalog or the shelves to find **another book** by this writer.
- Listen to the presentations from Del Mar classmates and our librarian. These have been created with SUMMERTIME in mind.
- **Talk to your classmates and friends!** Maybe you can **trade** books with each other or even read the same book and discuss it.
- Summertime is a great time to explore new authors, books, or genres.
- **After you finish each book**, find your list, add the **date**, give it a **rating**, and ask your parent or other adult who saw you reading to **sign** the box. (If you fill up the sheet, make your own new list to keep track of your extra books! ☺)
- The folks at the **public library** know you will be dropping in to look for some great books. Browse the shelves and ask for ideas.
- If you decide on a book that's not available on the shelves, the librarians can show you how to **request a book from another library**. You can also **reserve a book online** with your library card. Try it! <http://www.bel-tib-lib.org>
- **Local bookstores'** summer displays have a lot of great authors and books to browse through. If you **travel, visit bookstores** and explore!





***These are only ideas!***  
***MANY kids have enjoyed books by these authors!***  
***If you're stuck, explore some of these writers or these books!***

**AUTHORS:**

- ∞ Lloyd Alexander
- ∞ Anne Brashares
- ∞ Gail Carson Levine
- ∞ Meg Cabot
- ∞ Eion Colfer
- ∞ Caroline Cooney
- ∞ Sharon Creech
- ∞ Christopher Paul Curtis
- ∞ Tomie dePaola
- ∞ Kate DiCamillo
- ∞ Nancy Farmer
- ∞ Cornelia Funke
- ∞ Jean Craighead George
- ∞ Virginia Hamilton
- ∞ E.L. Konigsburg
- ∞ Madeline L'Engle
- ∞ Lois Lowry
- ∞ Ann M. Martin
- ∞ Scott O'Dell
- ∞ Katherine Paterson
- ∞ Gary Paulsen
- ∞ Richard Peck
- ∞ Phillip Pullman
- ∞ Phyllis Reynolds-Naylor
- ∞ Louis Sachar
- ∞ Lemony Snicket
- ∞ Jerry Spinelli
- ∞ E.B. White
- ∞ Lawrence Yep
- ∞ Jane Yolen

**BOOKS:**

- ∞ *Al Capone Does My Shirts*
- ∞ Alex Rider Series
- ∞ Artemis Fowl Series
- ∞ *Because Of Winn-Dixie*
- ∞ *Bridge To Terabithia*
- ∞ *Criss Cross*
- ∞ The Chronicles Of Narnia
- ∞ *Dragon's Gate*
- ∞ *The Ear, The Eye And The Arm*
- ∞ *The Egypt Game*
- ∞ *Esperanza Rising*
- ∞ *Freak The Mighty*
- ∞ *Harry Potter*
- ∞ *Hatchet* (and the series)
- ∞ *Hoot*
- ∞ *Hope Was Here*
- ∞ *Joey Pigza Loses Control*
- ∞ *Julie Of The Wolves*
- ∞ *Lily's Crossing*
- ∞ *Lion Boy*
- ∞ *Loser*
- ∞ *Maniac Magee*
- ∞ *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh*
- ∞ Pendragon Series
- ∞ Redwall Series
- ∞ The Shadow Children Series
- ∞ *The Tale Of Despereaux*
- ∞ *True Confessions Of Charlotte Doyle*
- ∞ *The Wanderer*
- ∞ *The Westing Game*
- ∞ *A Wrinkle In Time*



