

BMS Summer Reading Program



Summer is here, and we know you and your family are looking forward to a summer filled with fun and relaxation. We hope part of that fun and relaxation includes reading. Inside this brochure is a list of suggested books. It is intended to help your child find good books on his or her grade level; however, students are not limited to this list. We wish you a summer filled with fun, relaxation, and reading!

What do I have to DO?

- Read at least three books on or close to your reading level.
- Record each book on the reading log and return the log to your English teacher the first week of school.

What's in it for ME?

- Ice cream party in August!
- Get a head start on your required reading for the first nine weeks.
- Stronger reading and comprehension skills
- Develop a life-long love of reading



When can I take an AR QUIZ?

The BMS library will be open two days in June and two days in July for AR testing. You will be notified about the time and date through the BMS Facebook page and a PACE call.



Logs are available at

- <http://www.lpssonline.com/site243.php>
- Broussard Middle School
- Broussard branch of the public library

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Wild about Reading



Broussard Middle School

7th Grade Summer Reading List 2019



"I Spy..." Books Full of Mystery and Suspense

Greetings from Witness Protection (Jake Burt) (5.1): Thirteen-year-old Nikki Demere is an orphan and a kleptomaniac, making her the perfect girl to portray the Trevors' daughter in witness protection, but she soon learns that the biggest threat to her new family's security comes from her own past.

In the Shadow of the Sun (Anne Sibley O'Brien) (5.1): Twelve-year-old Mia is on a five-day tour of North Korea with her older brother, Simon, and their father, Mark, a food aide worker, but she is scared because her father keeps sneaking off at night, seeking to expose North Korean atrocities.

Long Way Down (Jason Reynolds) (4.3): As fifteen-year-old Will sets out to avenge his brother Shawn's fatal shooting, seven ghosts who knew Shawn board the elevator and reveal truths that Will needs to know. Will's story is told in free verse.

The Girl in the Locked Room (Mary Downing Hahn) (4.3): Jules, whose father is restoring an abandoned house, and Lily, a girl who lived there a century before, begin to communicate. Slowly, Lily's tragic story is revealed.

Get in the Game: Sports Books

Rebond (Kwame Alexander) (4.3): Told through free-verse, Chuck "Da Man" Bell deals with the loss of his father and discovers basketball.

Gutless (Carl Deuker) (4.9): With both good speed and good hands, wide receiver Brock should be a natural for the varsity team, but he shies from physical contact. Now a target for bullying, Brock struggles to overcome his fears and discover that, in his own way, he is brave enough.

Ten: A Soccer Story (Shamini Flint) (4.7): In 1986 Malaysia, 11-year-old ardent soccer fan Maya trains herself and pulls together a team at her girls' school, despite soccer being a "boys' game."

The Big Game (Tim Green) (4.4): Danny Owens is dedicating his seventh-grade football season to his recently-deceased father, an NFL legend, but the pressure to succeed is magnified by his inability to read.



Books That Will Make You LOL!



All's Faire in Middle School (Victoria Jamieson) (3.4): Homeschooled by Renaissance fair enthusiasts, eleven-year-old Imogene has a hard time fitting in when her wish to enroll in public school is granted.

Slider (Pete Hautman) (4.3): David can eat a sixteen-inch pepperoni pizza in four minutes and thirty-six seconds. Not bad, but he knows he can do better. In fact, he will have to do better. He is going to compete in the Super Pigorino Bowl, the world's greatest pizza-eating contest.

Let Your Imagination Run Wild—Fantasy Tales

Frogkisser! (Garth Nix) (6.0): The evil duke has a bad habit of turning enemies into frogs, and only Anya and her magical lip balm can restore them. To save the kingdom, she is going to have to kiss a lot of frogs



Willa of the Wood (Robert Beatty) (6.3): A twelve-year-old night-spirit living on the Great Smoky Mountain despairs as homesteaders destroy her forest habitat, until an encounter with a "day-folk" man changes everything she thought she knew about her people.

"Back in the Day"—Historical Fiction



Refugee (Alan Gratz) (5.3): Josef is a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany. Isabel is a Cuban girl in 1994. Mahmoud is a Syrian boy in 2015. All three kids go on harrowing journeys in search of refuge, and all face unimaginable dangers.

A Taste for Monsters (Matthew Kirby) (5.7): In 1888, seventeen-year-old Evelyn, herself disfigured, has been hired as a maid to Joseph Merrick, the Elephant Man. When the Jack the Ripper murders begin, she and Merrick find themselves haunted by the ghosts of the slain women.

The Night Diary (Veera Hiranandani) (4.5): Shy twelve-year-old Nisha, forced to flee her home with her Hindu family during the 1947 partition of India, tries to find her voice and make sense of the world falling apart around her by writing in the pages of her diary.

The Warden's Daughter (Jerry Spinelli) (4.1): Cammie O'Reilly lives in an apartment above the entrance to the Hancock County Prison and also lives in a prison of grief and anger about the mother who died saving her from harm.



As Real As It Gets: Realistic Fiction & Nonfiction

Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus (Dusti Bowling) (4.6): New friends and a mystery help 13-year-old Aven adjust to middle school and life at a dying western theme park in a new state, where her being born armless presents many challenges.

The Red Bandanna-Young Edition (Tom Rinaldi) (6.7): This book presents the story of 9/11 hero Welles Crowther, highlighting his faith, position as a volunteer in his local fire department, and how he sacrificed his life to save people trapped in the South Tower.

Louisiana's Long Way Home (Kate DiCamillo) (4.5): When Louisiana's granny wakes her up in the middle of the night to tell her that the day of reckoning has arrived and they have to leave immediately, Louisiana isn't overly worried. Granny has many middle-of-the-night ideas, but this time is different.

Stand Up for What's Right—Books about Social Issues

Ghost Boys (Jewell Parker Rhodes) (3.0): After seventh-grader Jerome is shot by a white police officer, he observes the aftermath of his death and meets the ghosts of other fallen black boys, including historical figure Emmett Till.

Amina's Voice (Hena Khan) (5.0): Amina, a Pakistani American Muslim girl, struggles to stay true to her family's culture while dealing with the vandalism of the local Islamic Center and mosque and her best friend Soojin's new friendship with their former nemesis.

Betty Before X (Ilyasah Shabazz) (4.9): Raised by her aunt until she is six, Betty, who will later marry Malcolm X, joins her mother and stepfamily in 1940s Detroit, where she learns about the civil rights movement.

Harbor Me (Jacqueline Woodson) (4.1): When six students are chosen to participate in a weekly talk with no adults allowed, they discover that when they're together, it's safe to share the hopes and fears they have to hide from the rest of the world.

Start A New Series!

Track Series (Jason Reynolds) - Ghost (Book 1) - SPORTS

The Trials of Apollo (Rick Riordan) - The Hidden Oracle (Book 1) - GREEK MYTHOLOGY

Awkward (Svetlana Chmakova) - Awkward (Book 1) - GRAPHIC NOVEL