

Dear Family,

Reading is an important part of everyday life. Just because it's summer, students shouldn't put their books away! Brockton Public Schools invite you and your family to participate in our Summer Reading Program. This year's theme is "Don't Stop Reading."

The importance of summer reading cannot be over emphasized. Educational researchers note that some children's reading levels dropped as much as two grades when students did not read regularly over the summer months. It's really simple: the more students read, the better readers they become. Though only one book is required for summer reading, we hope that your child reads many more. Your support is a critical part of the Summer Reading Program.

Students entering grades 6, 7 and 8 are required to read at least **one** book from the Massachusetts Curriculum Framework Recommended Authors List, the Optional Titles List or students may also choose to read a book of their choice. As a parent or guardian, you may choose a book to read together.

Students will list all books they have read on the Reading Log and then complete an activity for ONE book from the Option Blocks. Extra forms will be available at all branches of the Brockton Public Library and on the Brockton Public Schools' website:

[www.bpsma.org](http://www.bpsma.org)

In September, students will have conversations centering on their summer reading. Students will pass in Reading Logs and Option Block activities and participate in school celebrations planned at each building.

We hope you and your family "don't stop reading" this summer and reap all of the wonderful benefits that reading has to offer.

Sincerely,

Matthew H. Malone Ph.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

## **Brockton Public Library Summer Schedule**

**PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL  
LIBRARY FOR SUMMER HOURS OF  
OPERATION OR CHECK ONLINE AT**

[www.brocktonpubliclibrary.org](http://www.brocktonpubliclibrary.org)

### **Main Library**

304 Main Street  
508.580.7890

### **East Branch**

54 Kingman Street  
508.580.7892

### **West Branch**

540 Forest Avenue  
508.580.7894

## **Brockton Public Schools Summer Reading Program**

***"Don't Stop Reading"*  
2010**



**Program Guide for  
Students Entering  
Grades 6- 8**

# Summer Reading Program 2010 Brockton Public Schools

## Recommended Authors from the Massachusetts Curriculum Framework

Isaac Asimov (*science fiction*)  
Avi (*multi genre*)  
James Berry (*fiction*)  
Nancy Bond (*fiction: fantasy*)  
Ray Bradbury (*science fiction*)  
Bruce Brooks (*fiction*)  
Joseph Bruchac (*fiction: historical*)  
Alice Childress (*fiction: realistic*)  
Vera and Bill Cleaver (*fiction*)  
James and Christopher Collier (*fiction: historical*)  
Robert Comier (*fiction*)  
Sharon Creech (*fiction: realistic*)  
Michael Dorris (*fiction*)  
Paul Fleischman (*poetry, fiction*)  
Russell Freedman (*biography*)  
Jack Gantos (*fiction: humorous*)  
Sheila Gordon (*fiction: Africa*)  
Bette Green (*fiction*)  
Rosa Guy (*fiction: realistic*)  
James Herriot (*informational: animals*)  
Karen Hesse (*fiction: historical, fanciful*)  
Irene Hunt (*fiction: historical: realistic*)  
Paul Janeczko (*poetry*)  
Angela Johnson (*fiction*)  
Diane Wynne Jones (*fiction: fantasy*)  
Norton Juster (*fiction: fantasy*)  
M.E. Kerr (*fiction: realistic*)  
E. L. Konigsburg (*fiction: realistic*)  
Kathryn Lasky (*multi-genre*)  
Madeleine L'Engle (*fiction: fantasy*)  
Ursula LeGuin (*fiction: fantasy*)  
Robert Lipsyte (*fiction: realistic*)  
Lois Lowry (*fiction*)  
Anne McCaffrey (*fiction: fantasy*)  
Robin McKinley (*fiction: fantasy*)  
Patricia McKissack (*informational: history*)  
Albert Marrin (*biography*)  
Milton Meltzer (*informational: history: biography*)  
Jim Murphy (*informational: history*)  
Phyllis Reynolds Naylor (*fiction: realistic*)  
Naomi Nye (*poetry: fiction*)  
Richard Peck (*fiction: historical, realistic*)  
Daniel Pinkwater (*fiction: humorous*)  
Philip Pullman (*fiction: fantasy*)  
Ellen Raskin (*fiction: mystery*)  
J. K. Rowling (*fiction: fantasy*)  
Cynthia Rylant (*short stories: poetry*)

## Grades 6-8



### Recommended websites for parents:

Scholastic Parent Website  
<http://www2.scholastic.com/browse/parentsHome.jsp>

U.S. Dept. of Education – Reading Tips for Parents  
[www.ed.gov/parents/read/resources/readingtips/index.html](http://www.ed.gov/parents/read/resources/readingtips/index.html)

## More Recommended Authors from the Massachusetts Curriculum Framework

Louis Sachar (*fiction: humorous, realistic*)  
Isaac Bashevis Singer (*fiction: historical*)  
Gary Soto (*fiction*)  
Mildred Taylor (*historical: fiction*)  
Theodore Taylor (*fiction: historical*)  
Yoshiko Uchida (*fiction: historical; nonfiction*)  
Cynthia Voigt (*fiction: realistic, fantasy*)  
Yoko Kawashima Watkins (*fiction: historical*)  
Janet Wong (*poetry*)  
Laurence Yep (*fiction*)  
Jane Yolen (*fiction: fantasy*)  
Paul Zindel (*fiction: realistic*)

### Optional Titles Available at Public Libraries

#### FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 6

- *The Chronicles of Narnia* – C. S. Lewis
- *The Egypt Game* – Zilpha Snyder
- *Hatchet* – Gary Paulsen

#### FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 7

- *A Wrinkle in Time* – Madeline L'Engle
- *The Black Pearl* – Scott O'Dell
- *Lily's Crossing* – Patricia Reilly Giff

#### FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 8

- *Esperanza Rising* – Pam Munoz Ryan
- *Solitary Blue* – Cynthia Voigt
- *That Was Then, This is Now* – S. E. Hinton

Or you may also read ...  
A book of your choice!