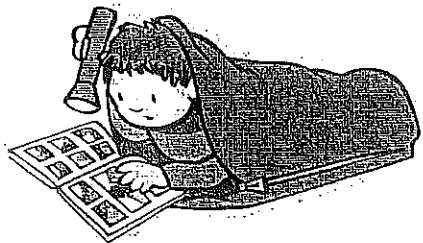




2014 Summer

Reading Packet



Torrington
School District

Summer, 2014

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Each year the children of Forbes School participate in the Governor's Summer Reading Challenge: Connecticut Reads- 2014. Our governor, Governor Malloy, kicks off the summer reading challenge in an effort to highlight the need to encourage Connecticut children to become life-long readers. This year's theme is *FIZZI BOOM! READ!*

The Torrington Library is holding a *FIZZI BOOM! READ!* celebration at the end of the summer. If you bring the Governor's reading log to the Torrington Library by Saturday, August 2, 2014, the reader will be invited to a Summer Reading Party at the library on Monday, August 11th from 3:30-5:30.

In conjunction with the Torrington Library, Forbes School will tally how many children read this summer and how many books were read. If your child does not participate in the Torrington Library's celebration, your child can return their Governor's Summer Reading Log to their teacher during the first weeks of school. If their log lists the titles of the books read during the summer, they will receive a Summer Reading Challenge certificate. The Torrington Library will send the school a list of readers who turned their logs in so they may also receive a certificate.

If your child is unable to read independently, please read to your child and record the title of the books in the summer reading challenge log.

The Torrington FREE Public Library hours are:

Monday, Tuesday, Friday 10-6

Wednesday, Thursday 10-8

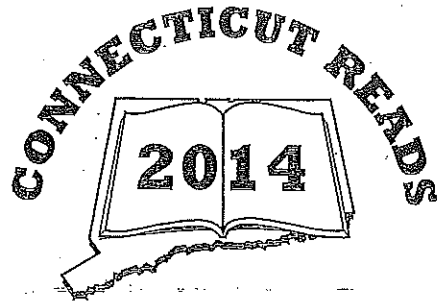
Saturday, 10-3

Remember: READERS ARE LEADERS!

Sincerely,

Georgeann Sabia, Literacy Coach

Shannon Betts, Media Specialist



The Governor's Summer Reading Challenge

A Message to Parents and Students

Why does the State of Connecticut sponsor the Governor's Summer Reading Challenge? Because reading is the most important skill there is. Research shows that reading is crucial to a child's brain development and intellectual stimulation. And that's just the beginning:



Reading is a gateway skill. It opens the door to all other learning.



Reading is the processing of information. It requires the student to develop a capacity for conceptual thinking — an ability to think about the nature and significance of things.



Reading builds language skills. By becoming more familiar with language through reading, students build a rich vocabulary and an ability to express themselves clearly and creatively.



Reading builds better thinking strategies. Analyzing words, sentences, themes and meaning; concentrating, conceptualizing and visualizing — all these elements of reading are strategies to expand a student's ability to think.



Reading is active and disciplined. Students learn to choose what they read and when they read, and they learn to discipline themselves to concentrate on the written word.

What YOU Can Do to Encourage Reading



Use the library.

Make sure everyone in your family has a library card. Help children learn how to use the library's resources: card catalogs, computer systems, best-seller sections, etc. Visit regularly — as often as you go to the grocery store.



Read every day.

Make it a habit to set aside time each day for everyone to read—books, magazines, newspapers, letters. You can even begin by reading television listings, then discussing what you will watch together and why.



Talk about what you're reading.

Children need to see adults reading frequently. They also need to know the benefits of reading. Talk to your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, even young neighbors about what you're reading. Tell them how much you have enjoyed it, what you have learned, and how you have been inspired.



Ask about summer reading materials.

Schools and libraries often provide summer reading lists that highlight excellent books which are readily available, popular and consistent with grade-level reading skills. Call your school or library for information.



Make reading materials part of your home.

Buy books at bookstores and tag sales. Borrow books from the library and from friends. Subscribe to newspapers and magazines. *Then read, read, read!*

**To learn more about the Summer Reading Challenge,
ask your teacher, principal, or school or public librarian,
or contact the Connecticut State Department of Education:
860-713-6751 or www.ct.gov/sde.**



Reto de Lectura de Verano de la Gobernadora

Un Mensaje para los Padres y Estudiantes

¿Por qué el Estado de Connecticut patrocina el programa Reto de Lectura de Verano de la Gobernadora?

Lo hace porque, la lectura es la destreza más importante que uno puede desarrollar. Los estudios demuestran que la lectura es un elemento crucial en el desarrollo y estímulo intelectual del cerebro en los niños. Y eso es solo el principio:



La lectura es una destreza de entrada. Abre las puertas al aprendizaje.



La lectura es parte del procesamiento de información. Requiere que el estudiante desarrolle capacidad de pensamiento conceptual-la habilidad para pensar sobre la naturaleza y el significado de las cosas.



La lectura fortalece las destrezas del lenguaje. Al familiarizarse más con el lenguaje, por medio de la lectura, los estudiantes enriquecen su vocabulario y la capacidad de expresarse claramente y con creatividad.



La lectura desarrolla mejores estrategias de razonamiento. Analizar palabras, oraciones, temas y significados; concentrarse, conceptualizar y visualizar — todos estos elementos de lectura son estrategias que expanden la capacidad de pensamiento del estudiante.



La lectura es activa y disciplinada. Los estudiantes aprenden a elegir lo que leen y cuando lo leen, y aprenden a disciplinarse para concentrarse en la palabra escrita.

Qué puede usted hacer para incentivar la lectura.



Utilice la Biblioteca.

Asegúrese de que todos en la familia posean una tarjeta de la biblioteca pública. Enseñe a los niños a utilizar los recursos de la biblioteca: ficheros, sistemas de computadora, las secciones de títulos de mejor venta o más aclamados, etc. Visite regularmente la biblioteca— tan a menudo como usted va al supermercado.



Lea todos los días.

Cree el hábito de dedicar tiempo cada día para que todos en su hogar lean -libros, revistas, periódicos, cartas. Usted puede empezar leyendo los listados de programación televisiva, para luego discutir los programas que ustedes observarán y por qué.



Hable sobre lo que están leyendo.

Los niños necesitan ver a los adultos leyendo con frecuencia. Ellos también necesitan saber los beneficios derivados de la lectura. Hable con sus niños, nietos, sobrinas, sobrinos, inclusive con sus vecinos jóvenes, acerca de lo que usted está leyendo. Dígalos cuánto ha disfrutado usted de la lectura, lo que ha aprendido, y cómo ha sido inspirado(a).



Pregunte por materiales de lectura de verano.

Las escuelas y las bibliotecas a menudo proporcionan listas de lecturas de verano que destacan excelentes libros, fácilmente disponibles, populares y consistentes con las destrezas de lectura para cada nivel de grado. Llame a su escuela o biblioteca para más información.



Haga que los materiales de lectura sean parte de su hogar.

Compre libros en librerías y en ventas de rebaja. Pida prestado libros de la biblioteca y de amigos. Suscríbase a periódicos y revistas. ¡Entonces, lea, lea, y lea!

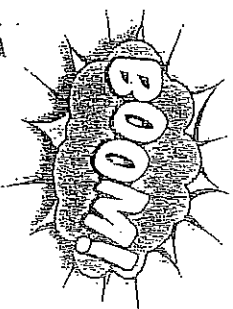
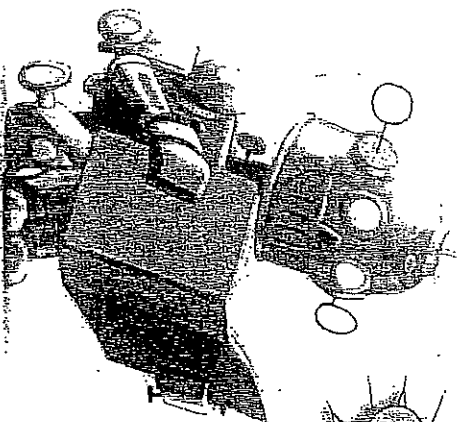
Para indagar más sobre el Programa de Reto de Lectura de Verano,
pida información a su maestro(a), principal, escuela y/o bibliotecario(a),
o comuníquese con el Departamento de Educación del Estado de Connecticut:
860-713-6751 o visite la página del web www.ct.gov/sde

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CONNECTICUT
2014
The Governor's
Summer Reading
Challenges



READING LOG

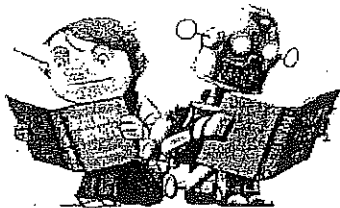
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BOOM READ



Important information about the Torrington Library Summer Reading Program

*To attend the Fizz Boom Read! Celebration
at the end of the summer each child must:*

*Return their reading log to the Torrington Library no later than
Saturday, August 2

Read at least **ONE book

Bring your raffle tickets on your weekly visit: During the month of July we will be having weekly raffles. Every Saturday, we will pull one name at 1:00 p.m., and the winner will be notified. This is a great opportunity to check out new books at the library, while entering the raffle. Children must be present to enter, but not to win!

Incentive Game: In your packet there is a worksheet labeled "Incentive Game". For every 3 incentives you do during a month of July, you can dig into the treasure box of goodies for a prize! Be sure to bring the game sheet to the library each time you come! You can easily get incentives just by borrowing items from the library!

Be responsible: It is very important to be responsible for the Reading Log. Logs must be turned in *no later than Saturday, August 2nd before 1:00pm.*

Read age appropriate books: For this program, only age appropriate books will count toward the total number read.

Record your books: You must record the books in the Reading Log in order to receive credit for them.

"Ambitious Reader" Status: Read 10 or more age appropriate books, and become an Ambitious Reader! A child who becomes an Ambitious Reader will receive extra rewards at the Summer Reading Celebration!

Return: Saturday, August 2nd is the reading log deadline. Logs may be returned **any time prior to August 2nd**, however, **logs cannot be accepted after Saturday, August 2nd**. Returning the log is necessary to receive an invitation to the end-of-summer celebration. Parents may return the Reading Log for their children.

Recognition: Recognition will be given for top readers in these grade groups: Entering Pre-k—1st grade, entering 2nd—4th grade, and entering 5th—6th grade.

Have Fun! It is the *most* important thing!

Summer Fun at your Library

Teaching Creatures (Ages 5 and up!)

Monday, July 7th at 4:30pm

Registration begins June 9th

Kick off summer reading with live animals. This is a fun and engaging program that will educate children with live animals.

Time Travel Series: 1970's

Puppet Show Theater (ages 3-6)

Wednesday, July 9th at 11:30

Registration begins June 9th

Come watch your favorite librarians perform classic children's stories with the help of some puppet friends.

Book Club (ages 10-12)

Wednesday's beginning July 9th and ending July 23rd @ 6pm

Registration begins June 9th

Get your summer reading done with a group of friends. There will be snacks and lots of laughs! This is a 3 week event!

Sciencetellers (ages 5 and up)

Friday, July 11th at 4:30

Registration begins July 9th

Come see a show that combines storytelling, comedy, and science experiments.

Percy Jackson and The Lightning Thief (ages 9-13)

Monday, July 14th at 6:30-8:00

Registration begins June 16th

"Being a half-blood is dangerous. It's scary. Most of the time, it gets you killed in painful, nasty ways" (Riordan, 1). Come see the library transform into Camp Half Blood as you go room to room getting clues to find your team's lightning bolt.

Science Club (ages 6-10)

Wednesdays beginning July 16th to July 30th @ 11:30

Registration begins June 16th

Come do experiments/crafts with your favorite librarians! This is a 3 week event!

Teddy Bear Sleep Over (ages 3-6)

Thursday, July 17th @ 6:30 and Friday, July 18th at 10:30

Registration begins June 16th

Join Ms. Jill and Ms. Jeni for this two day event! On Thursday, July 17th bring your Teddy Bears to the library for their own special Teddy Bear sleepover! We will read stories about sleepovers and sing our Teddy Bear's lullabies. On Friday, July 18th come to the library to pick up your Teddy Bears and see what kind of trouble they got into when they spent a night at the library alone! We will watch a slide show of fun photos our Teddy Bears took!

Llama Fun! (ages 4 and up)

Friday, July 18th at 4:30 pm

Registration begins June 16th

Come meet a real Llama and learn lots of fun facts about them!

LEGO Club (ages 5 and up)

Monday's beginning July 21st and ending August 4th @ 4:30

Registration begins June 16th

Use your imagination as you create masterpieces with your friends! This is a 3 week event!

Silly Animals Story Time (ages 3-6)

Thursday, July 24th at 6:30

Registration begins June 16th

Come hear fun stories about ZANY animals! There will be a crazy craft and a goony game!

Bizarro Day! (ages 3-6)

Friday, July 25th at 11:00

Registration begins June 16th

Backwards and bizarre and inside out and back again! This is not your normal story time! (Weather permitted it will be held outside so bring a blanket or towel!)

BINGO (ages 6-12)

Wednesday, July 30th

Registration begins July 14th

Play this classic game and win all sorts of fun prizes!

Scavenger Hunt (ages 8-12)

Thursday, July 31st at 6:00pm

Registration begins July 14th

In celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl the library will be holding a hunt for the Golden Ticket. Join us for this fun event!

Time Travel Series: 1980's

Ninja Turtle Pizza Party! (ages 3-8)

Friday, August 1st at 11:30

COWABUNGA DUDE! Go back in time and join your favorite crime fighting turtles as we eat pizza and make fun crafts and play lots of games!

Pigs and Pajamas (ages 3-6)

Thursday, August 7th at 6:30pm

Registration begins July 14th

Come in your jammies and enjoy stories about pigs! There will be a craft and a game

Animal Embassy (ages 4 and up)

Friday, August 15th at 4:30

Registration begins July 14th

End the summer off with some of the coolest animals you will meet!

Reminder:

Summer Reading Logs are due by Saturday, August 2nd before 1:00pm
Feel free to bring them in before August 2nd! When logs are returned you will be handed a Summer Reading Party Invite!! The Celebration is on Monday, August 11th from 3:30-5:30.

*Summer vacation is the perfect time to read a good book. This list is published to give parents and students ideas of good reading material. It is not a required reading list. Please encourage your child to read for pleasure, read for information, read for adventure...just read!

TORRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS SUMMER READING SUGGESTIONS* GRADES K- 2



Childhood Classics

Angelina Ballerina, Holabird
Blueberries for Sal, McCloskey*
The Carrot Seed, Krauss*
Curious George, Rey*
Danny and the Dinosaur, Hoff*
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie, Numeroff*
The Doorbell Rang, Hutchins*
Goodnight Moon, Brown*
Harold and the Purple Crayon, Johnson*
Horton Hears a Who, Seuss*
Little Engine That Could, Piper*
Make Way for Ducklings, McCloskey*
Mike Mulligan & His Steam Shovel, Burton*
Prehistoric Pinkerton, Kellogg
The Story of Babar, de Brunhoff
We're Going on a Bear Hunt, Rosen

Nursery Rhymes and Folktales:

The Gingerbread Man
Goldie and the Three Hares, Palatini
Jack and the Beanstalk
The Little Red Hen*
Mother Goose Rhymes
The Three Little Pigs
Tomie DePaola's Mother Goose, DePaola
Town Mouse, Country Mouse, Brett
We're Going on a Bear Hunt, Rosen
Pio peep!: Traditional Spanish
Nursery Rhymes, Campoy*



Fabulous Fiction

Dog and Bear, Seeger
The Giant Jelly Bean Jar, Aboff
Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site, Rinker
How Do Dinosaurs Eat Their Food?, Yolen*
I Love Saturdays y Domingos, Ada
Let the Good Times Roll with Pirate Pete and Pirate Joe, Cannon
The Lorax, Seuss
Maybelle Goes To Tea, Speck
Muncha! Muncha! Muncha!, Fleming
Spaghetti Eddie, San Angelo
Underground, Fleming
Yucky Worms, French

Books in Series:

Beginning Readers and Short Chapter Books

Amanda Pig, Van Leeuwen
Arthur, Hoban
Biscuit, Capucilli*
Cork and Fuzz, Chaconas
Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa, Silverman
Elephant and Piggie, Willems
Fly Guy, Arnold
Frog and Toad, Lobel*
Froggy, London*
George and Martha, Marshall
Henry and Mudge, Rylant
Ivy + Bean, Barrows
Mr. Putter and Tabby, Rylant
A to Z Mysteries, Roy
Amber Brown, Danzinger*
Bailey School Kids, Dadey
Cam Jansen, Adler
Horrible Harry, Kline
Junie B. Jones, Park*
Magic Tree House, Osborne
Mercy Watson, DiCamillo
Nate the Great, Sharmat
Pinky and Rex, Howe
Turtle and Snake, Spohn

Let's Learn About...Nonfiction Books

Big Cats, Simon
Boy! Were We Wrong
About Dinosaurs, Kudlinski
The Butterfly Alphabet Book,
Cassie and Pallotta
Dogs and Cats, Jenkins*
I See A Kookaburra! Discovering
Animal Habitats Around the
World, Jenkins
Looking Closely Through the
Forest, Serafini
Manfish: a story of Jacques
Cousteau, Berne
One is a Snail, Ten is a Crab: a
Counting by Feet Book, Sayre
Subway Ride, Miller
Surprising Sharks, Davies
Trains, Gibbons
Wangari's Trees of Peace: A True
Story from Africa, Winter*
What Do You Do With a Tail
Like This?, Jenkins*

Poetry

In Our Backyard Garden, Spinelli
Bow Wow Meow Meow: it's rhyming
cats and dogs, Florian
Chatter, Sing, Roar, Buzz, Salas
Dirty Laundry Pile, Janeczko
Doodle Dandies: poems that take shape, Lewis
Days Like This: a collection of small
poems, James
Swirl by Swirl: Spirals in Nature, Sidman
Take Me Out of the Bathtub,
Katz



Great Read-Alouds

Bats at the Beach, Lies
Bear Snores On, Wilson*
Big Bad Wolves at School, Krensky
The Big Hungry Bear, Wood
Buzz, Spinelli
Calvin Can't Fly, Berne
Duck at the Door, Urbanovic
The Duckling Gets a Cookie!?, Willems
Fluffy and Baron, Rankin
The Gruffalo, Donaldson*
Hibernation Station, Meadows
Interrupting Chicken, Stein*
Library Mouse, Kirk
Move Over Rover, Beauant
My Lucky Day, Kasza*
Night Pirates, Harris*
Ouch!, by Scamell
The Perfect Nest, Friend
Too Many Frogs, Ashner
A Visitor for Bear, Becker
Wee Little Bunny, Thompson
Yes Day!, Krouse



Biography

Barnum Brown: Dinosaur Hunter, Brown
Planting the Trees of Kenya, Nivola*

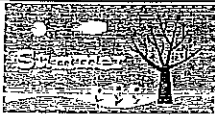
Awesome Authors

Jan Brett	Eileen Spinelli
Marc Brown	Nancy Tafuri
Eric Carle	Karma Wilson
Tomie DePaola	Mo Willems
Kater DiCamillo	
Gail Gibbons	
Kevin Henkes	
Suzy Kine	
Laura Numeroff	
Patricia Polacco	
Dr. Seuss	



*Title also published in Spanish .





**TORRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SUMMER READING SUGGESTIONS
GRADES 3- 5**



Fantasy and Science Fiction

City of Ember, DuPrau*
Eager, Fox
Found, Haddix*
Doll People, Martin
Ella Enchanted, Levine
Gregor the Overlander, Collins*
Lightning Thief, Riordan *
Masterpiece, Broach
McMummy, Byars
Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*,
The Tale of Despereaux, DiCamillo*
The Mouse and the Motorcycle, Cleary*
Sweet Miss Honeywell's Revenge, Reiss
Poppy, Avi
Power of Un, Etchemendy
A Wrinkle in Time, L'Engle

Back in Time ... Historical Fiction

Beneath the Streets of Boston, McKendry
Blood on the River, Carbone
Esperanza Rising, Ryan*
Fever, Anderson
The Dreamer, Ryan*
Inside Out & Back Again, Lai
Jacob Have I Loved, Paterson*
Joshua's Song, Harlow
Lily's Crossing, Giff
Number the Stars, Lowry*
Trouble Don't Last, Pearsall
Winter of Red Snow, Gregory

Adventure

The Cay, Taylor*
Kensuke's Kingdom, Morpugo
My Side of the Mountain, George
Nim's Island, Orr
Wanderer, Creech

Let's Learn About...Nonfiction Books

African Critters, Haas
Colonial Voices: Hear Them Speak, Winter
Don't Know Much About Pilgrims, Davis
If Stones Could Speak, Aronson
Owen and Mzee, Hatkoff*
Far Out Science Projects about the Earth's
Sun and Moon, Gardner
Finding the Titanic, Ballard
Knut: How One Little Polar Bear Captivated
the World, Hatkoff*
Riding to Washington, Swain
The Truth About Great White Sharks, Cerullo
Nubs: the true story of a mutt, a marine & a
Miracle, Dennis
Unite or Die: How Thirteen States Became
a Nation, Jules
Wolves are Back, George
What is the Solar System? Bredeson

Fabulous Fiction

Because of Winn-Dixie, DiCamillo*
Bridge to Terabithia, Paterson*
Clementine, Pennypacker*
Dear Mr. Henshaw, Cleary*
Dicey's Song, Voigt
Frindle, Clements*
Ida B., Hannigan*
Granny Torrelli Makes Soup, Creech
Holes, Sachar
The Invention of Hugo Cabret, Setznick
Masters of Disaster, Paulsen
Mick Harte Was Here, Park
MVP* Magellan Voyage Project, Evans
On My Honor, Bauer
Rules, Lord
Saving Lilly, Kehret
Savvy, Law; Scumble, Law
So B. It, Weeks
Summer of the Swans, Byars
Wringer, Spinelli
Young Man and the Sea, Philbrick

Magazines

American Girl
Boys' Life
Cricket
Discovery Girls
Kids Discover
My Big Backyard
National Geographic for Kids
Sports Illustrated for Kids
ZooBooks



Solve It! ... Mystery

39 Clues: Maze of Bones, Riordan
Chasing Vermeer, Balliett
Following Fake Man, Holmes
The Ghost of Fossil Glen, DeFelice
From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E.
Frankweiler, Konigsburg
Regarding the Fountain, Klise
Shakespeare's Secret, Broach
Skeleton Man, Bruchac
Westing Game, Raskin

2015 Nutmeg Book Award Intermediate Nominees (Grades 4, 5 & 6)

Walls Within Walls, Sherry
White Fur Flying, MacLachlan
The Unwants, McMann
Tuesdays at the Castle, George
Spy School, Gibbs

Biographies

26 Fairmount Ave, DePaola
Barack Obama: Son of Promise, Child of
Hope, Grimes
The Boy on Fairfield Street, Krull
The Boy Who Drew Birds: Davies
Farmer George Plants a Nation, Thomas
George Washington's Mother, Fritz
Life in the Ocean, Nivola
Mama Miti: Wangari & the Trees of Kenya, Napoli
Minty: A Story of Young Harriet Tubman,
Schroeder
Rosa, Giovanni
The Secret Soldier, McGovern
Stand Tall, Abe Lincoln, St. George
The Story of Ruby Bridges, Coles
Talkin' About Bessie..., Grimes

Favorite Series

Amber Brown, Danziger
A to Z Mysteries, Roy
Animal Ark, Baglio
Baseball Card Adventure, Gutman
Cam Jansen, Adler
Chet Gecko, Hale
Children of the Red King, Nimmo
Dark Hills Divide, Carman
Deltora Quest, Rodda
Harry Potter, Rowling
Horrible Harry, Kline
Jigsaw Jones, Preller
Judy Moody, McDonald
Land of Elyon, Carman
Magic Shop, Coville
Magic Tree House; Osborne
Tales From the Odyssey,
Osborne
Marvin Redpost, Sachar
Percy Jackson and the Olympians, Riordan
Shadow Children, Haddix
Missing, Haddix
Ramona, Cleary
Redwall, Jacques
Rowan of Rin, Rodda
Sammy Keyes, Van Draanen
Secrets of Droon, Abbott
Series of Unfortunate Events, Snicket
Spiderwick Chronicles, DiTerlizzi & Black
Underland Chronicles, Collins
Time Warp Trio, Scieszka
Zack Files, Greenburg
Shredderman, Van Draanen
The Time Warp Trio, Scieszka



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Additional titles and books by CT authors can be found at : http://www.webjunction.org/documents/connecticut/Summer_Reading_Lists2013.html