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Dear Students and Families,

Once again this year the Mayor's office and Torrington Public Schools have joined forces to set a reading challenge for all students living in Torrington. This is the third year of collaborative efforts between the school system and the mayor to have a summer reading challenge. How important is it to participate in the Summer Reading Challenge? Results have shown that the vast majority of students who read during the summer months, return to school reading on the same level or higher than the level they were reading in June at the end of the school year. These students do not experience any regression in their ability to read and comprehend. This is very important if students are to maintain a high level of academic performance and achievement.

This year the theme for the elementary reading challenge, for children entering pre-kindergarten through 6th grade is "Dream Big, READ!" and the theme for students entering into grades 7-12 is "OWN the Night." Materials to participate will be handed out in school and students will have two choices in how they would like to participate.

Students can:

- read any book(s) that interest them and is grade appropriate;
- record the book(s) read in a reading log;
- turn in the reading log at school in September;

OR

- sign up for the Dream Big, Read! Or Own the Night summer reading program at the Torrington Library for a fun-filled summer;
- record the books read in a reading log;
- turn in your reading log at the Torrington Library (logs will be returned at the reading celebration);
- fulfill the reading program requirements and attend the celebration;
- turn in your reading log at school in September.

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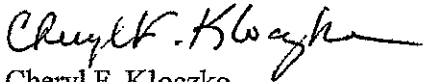
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Either way you can participate in the reading challenge. Attached to this letter are specific directions and a reading log. It's your choice on how you would like to participate, just as long as you do. We are hoping to double the number of students who participated last year.

There is one other special benefit to this year's reading challenge. Northwest Community Bank will deposit \$10.00 in a new or existing savings account with the bank for any student who reads 10 books. That's correct, read 10 books and get \$10.00. This summer you can become "richer" in two ways, by expanding your knowledge base and learning new things through the books you read and receiving \$10.00 toward a new or existing savings account. Details are included in this packet.

If you have any questions regarding the reading challenge please contact your local school or the Torrington Library, depending upon the path you choose to follow. Whichever path, you will experience all the joys and pleasures that come with reading a good book.

Sincerely,



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THE ROAD TO SUMMER READING... CHOOSE YOUR PATH

Read!

Read any book(s) that interests you and is grade appropriate.

Record the book(s) you read in your reading log.

Turn in your reading log at school in September.

Congratulations!

You have completed the Superintendent's Reading Challenge and reached your destination!

OR

Sign up for the *Dream Big, Read!* Summer Reading Program at the Torrington Library for a fun-filled summer!

Record the books you read in your reading log.

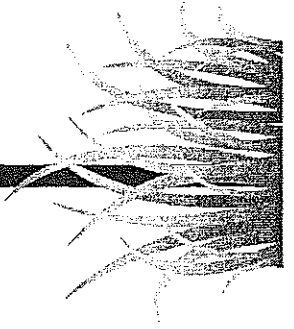
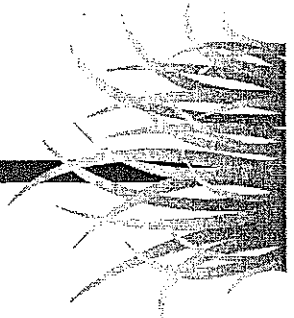
Turn in your reading log at the Torrington Library (logs will be returned at the summer reading celebration or will be available for pick-up at the library after the party, then turn it in at school in September)

Fulfill the reading program requirements and attend the *Dream Big, Read* celebration in August.

Turn in your reading log at school in September.

Congratulations! You have completed the Superintendent's Reading Challenge and reached your destination!

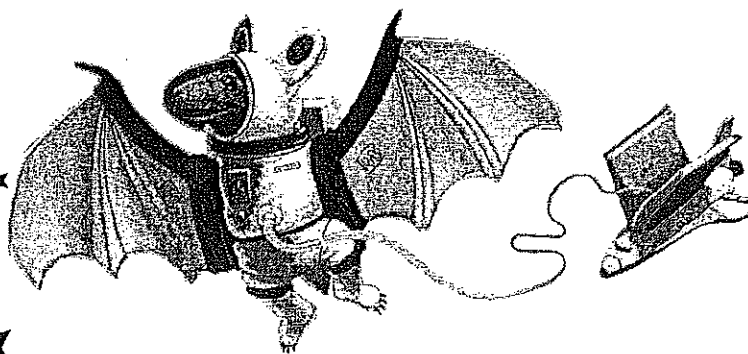
**DESTINATION:
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TORRINGTON LIBRARY 2012 SUMMER READING PROGRAM

partnering with Mayor Bingham's Boundless Bookworms and Superintendent's Reading Challenge

Dream Big READ!



For children entering Pre-Kindergarten — 6th Grade

~Register at the Torrington Library during the month of June~

Upon registering for the Summer Reading Program, each child will receive a summer reading packet.

How many books can you read this summer?

Read as many books as you can!

Prizes will be awarded to the top readers in the following divisions:

Independent Reader, Beginner Reader, Family Reader.

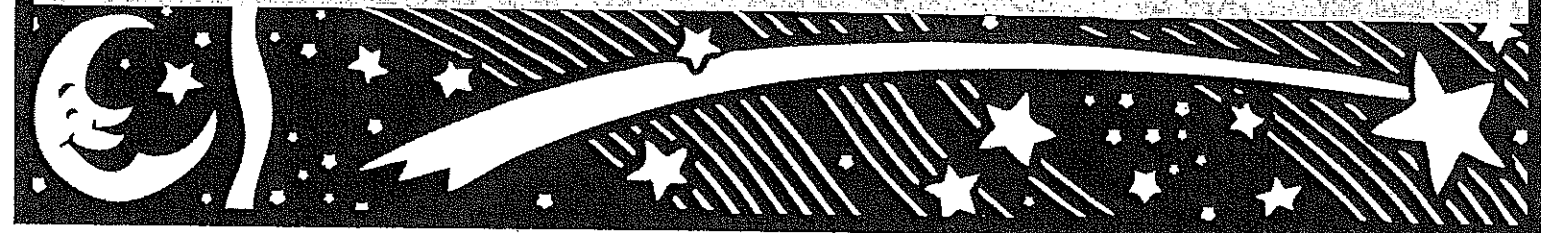
The Library is the place to be this summer! What to look for this summer:

- fun programs!
- weekly raffle drawings during the month of July!

HAVE FUN! READ!

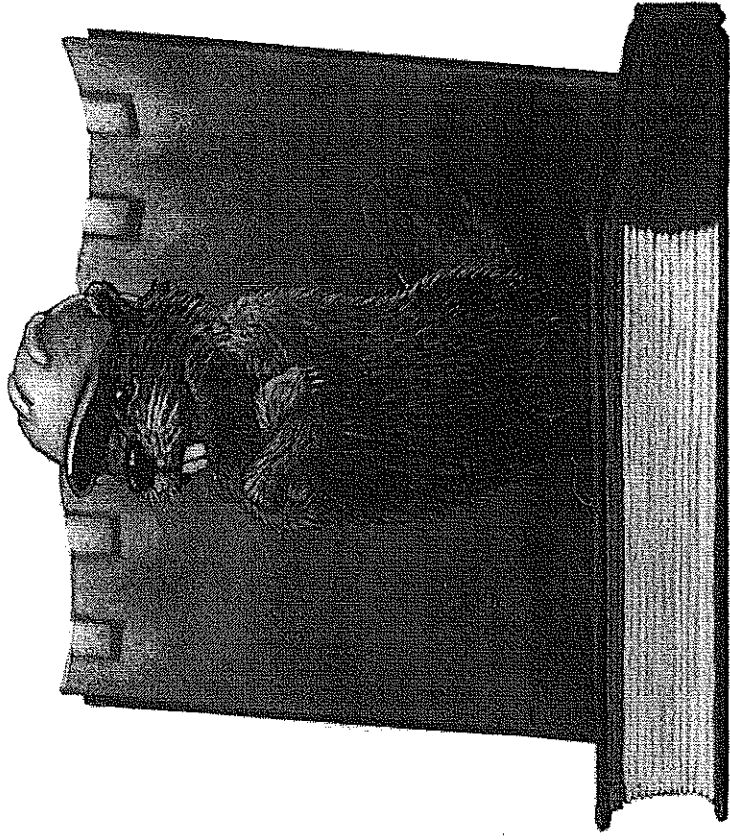
In order to attend the End-of-Summer Reading Celebration each child must:

- return their reading log to the Torrington Library by Friday, August 3 AND
- Read at least one book.



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Dream Big! READ!



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**TORRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SUMMER READING SUGGESTIONS*
GRADES K-2**



*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!



Childhood Classics

- I | 1 Angelina Ballerina, Holabird
- M | 28 Blueberries for Sal, McCloskey
- H | 16 The Carrot Seed, Krauss
- J | 18 Curious George, Rey
- J | 8 Danny and the Dinosaur, Hoff
- J | 18 If You Give a Mouse a Cookie, Numeroff
- J | 18 The Doorbell Rang, Hutchins
- H | 16 Goodnight Moon, Brown
- K | 24 Harold and the Purple Crayon, Johnson
- J | 18 Horton Hears a Who, Seuss
- K | 24 Little Engine That Could, Piper
- L | 24 Make Way for Ducklings, McCloskey
- M | 30 Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel, Burton
- M | 28 Prehistoric Pinkerton, Kellogg
- M | 28 The Story of Babar, de Brunhoff
- J | 18 We're Going on a Bear Hunt, Rosen

Nursery Rhymes and Folktales:

- I | 16 The Gingerbread Man
- M | 28 Jack and the Beanstalk
- H | 16 The Little Red Hen
- M | 20 Mother Goose Rhymes
- M | 28 The Three Little Pigs
- P | 38 Tomie DePaola's Mother Goose, DePaola
- M | 28 Town Mouse, Country Mouse, Brett
- J | 18 We're Going on a Bear Hunt, Rosen
- M | 20 Pio peep!: Traditional Spanish Nursery Rhymes, Campoy
- G | 12 This is the House that Jack Built, Taback



Fabulous Fiction

- J | 18 Dog and Bear, Seeger
- The Giant Jelly Bean Jar, Aboff
- M | 28 Gus & Gertie and the Missing Pearl, Nixon
- I | 16 How Do Dinosaurs Eat Their Food?, Yolen
- M | 28 I Love Saturdays y Domingos, Ada
- M | 28 Let the Good Times Roll with Pirate Pete and Pirate Joe, Cannon
- Maybelle Goes To Tea, Speck
- L | 24 Muncha! Muncha! Muncha!, Fleming
- I | 16 My name is Yoon, Recorvits
- Spaghetti Eddie, San Angelo

Books in Series:

Beginning Readers and Short Chapter Books

- J | 18 Amanda Pig, Van Leeuwen
- K | 20 Arthur, Hoban
- G | 12 Biscuit, Capucilli
- J | 18 Cork and Fuzz, Chaconas
- J | 18 Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa, Silverman
- Elephant and Piggie, Willems
- K | 24 Fluffy, by McMullan
- J | 18 Fly Guy, Arnold
- K | 20 Frog and Toad, Lobel
- L | 24 George and Martha, Marshall
- J | 18 Henry and Mudge, Rylant
- J | 18 Mr. Putter and Tabby, Rylant
- M | 28 A-Z Mysteries, Roy
- M | 28 Young Amber Brown, Danzinger
- M | 28 Bailey School Kids, Dadey
- L | 24 Cam Jansen, Adler
- L | 24 Horrible Harry, Kline
- M | 28 Junie B. Jones, Park
- M | 28 Magic Tree House, Osborne
- M | 28 Mercy Watson, DiCamillo
- K | 20 Nate the Great, Sharmat
- L | 24 Pinky and Rex, Howe

Let's Learn About... Nonfiction Books

- O | 40 Big Cats, Simon
- Boyl Were We Wrong
- About Dinosaurs, Kudlinski
- M | 28 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
- Surprising Sharks, Davies
- Trains, Gibbons
- Wangari's Trees of Peace: A True Story from Africa, Winter
- What Can You Do With an Old Red Shoe?, Alter
- 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



Great Read-Alouds

- O | 34 Atomic Ace: He's Just My Dad, Weigl
- K | 20 Bats at the Beach, Lies
- H | 14 Bear Snores On, Wilson
- M | 28 Big Bad Wolves at School, Krensky
- J | 16 The Big Hungry Bear, Wood
- Buzz, Spinelli
- Calvin Can't Fly, Berne
- Don't Worry Bear, Foley
- J | 18 Duck at the Door, Urbanovic
- L | 24 Fluffy and Baron, Rankin
- M | 28 The Gruffalo, Donaldson
- J | 18 Hibernation Station, Meadows
- M | 28 Interrupting Chicken, Stein
- N | 30 Library Mouse, Kirk
- Little Red Hen (Makes a Pizza), Sturges
- Move Over Rover, Beauont
- My Lucky Day, Kasza
- Night Pirates, Harris
- Ouchi, by Scamell
- The Perfect Nest, Friend
- Tell Me One Thing Dad, Pow
- Too Many Frogs, Ashner
- A Visitor for Bear, Becker
- Wee Little Bunny, Thompson

Awesome Authors

- Jan Brett
- Marc Brown
- Eric Carle
- Tomie DePaola
- Gail Gibbons
- Suzy Kline
- Laura Numeroff
- Patricia Polacco
- Dr. Seuss
- Nancy Tafuri
- Rosemary Wells



Books In A Series (Levels)

Level 12 Series Books (G)

Biscuit

Level 14/16 Series Books (H)

Messy Bessy
Robin Hill School

Level 18 Series Books (I)

A Is For Amber
Amelia Bedelia
Arthur (Picture Books)
Beezy
Danny the Dinosaur
Fox Series
Froggy Series
Henry and Mudge
Little Animal Ark
Minnie and Moo
Mr. Putter and Tabby
Poppleton Series

Level 20 Series Books (K)

Clifford
Fluffy Series
Franklin Series
High Rise Private Eyes
Iris and Walter
M&M Series
Nate the Great (Mystery)
World Discovery History
World Discovery Science

Level 24 Series Books (L)

Annabel the Actress
Black Lagoon Adventures
Bunnicula
Cam Jansen (Mystery)
Commander Toad
George and Martha
Horrible Harry
Invisible Inc.
PeeWee Scouts

Level 24 Series Books (L) Cont.

Pinky and Rex
Robert Series
Ronald Morgan
Stink
Triplet Trouble
Young Cam Jansen

Level 28 Series Books (M)

Adam Sharp
Arthur (Chapter books)
A-Z Mysteries
Bailey School Kids
Calendar Club Mysteries
Dragon Slayer Academy
Geronimo Stilton
Ghostville Elementary
Junie B. Jones
Kids of Einstein Elementary
Kids of Ms. Coleman's Class
Kids of Polk Street School
Little House
Littles
Magic Tree House
Marvin Redpost
Matt Christopher Books
Puppy Patrol
Ready Freddy
Riverside Kids
Secrets Of Droon
Soccer Cats
Zack Files

Level 30 Series Books (N)

Amber Brown
Ballet Slippers Series (Rosie)
Beanie
Catwings
Cobble Street Cousins
Herbie Jones
Jigsaw Jones Mystery
Magic School Bus (Chapter Books)
Song Lee
Stanley
Stories Julian Tells

Level 34 Series Books (O)

Babysitter Club
Barbara Park Books
Boxcar Children
Mrs. Piggle Wiggle
Ramona Series

Level 38 Series Books (P)

Best/Worst School Year Series
Bunnicula (Tales from House)
Encyclopedia Brown
Magic School Bus (Picture Books)

Level 40 Series Books (Q)

American Girl
Animal Ark
Hank the Cowdog
Spiderwick Chronicles

Level 50-70 Series Books (U,V)

Pippi Longstocking
Harry Potter (V)