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Required for all students  
entering grades **6, 7, & 8**

Name

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Student ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Parent / Guardian:

Few things are better than relaxing on a summer day with a good book. Research overwhelmingly shows that reading over the summer break is essential to maintaining and improving a student's literacy levels.

With that in mind, we'd like to remind you of Everett Public Schools Summer Reading Program requirements and the opportunities available to your student.

Included in this brochure you will find your student's grade or course level reading list and other information about our Summer Reading Program. Your student should choose and read at least one book that sounds interesting from their list, this is a requirement. Then read as many other books of their choice as they wish. They should feel free to read outside the list after finishing their one book from the list.

Each time your student finishes a book (our expectation is that they finish at least one off the required list), they should take an Accelerated Reader (AR) test for that book. They can link to AR tests on any connected device by visiting their school's district website. Students will be eligible for rewards after reading and passing AR tests for two books, three books, and more than three books.

The district has partnered with our local public libraries to ensure that copies of our listed books will be readily available both in print and in digital format.

We hope that your summer is full of joy and great reads!

Middle School Librarians

*Greg Elder   Sara Herber   Kenteigh Kelly*  
*Qwen Papenhausen   Stacy Stephens*

**Summer Reading Guidelines**

**Step one:** Read one **required** book listed for the grade or course you are entering. When you have completed the book, take an AR test.

**Step two:** Read one or more books of your choice that are age appropriate. When you have completed the book, take an AR test.

**Directions to Access AR**

Between June 20, 2018 and August 31, 2018 go to <https://rdiweb.everett.k12.wa.us/> to take an **Accelerated Reader (AR)** test. Log in with your **six digit** student ID number and the same password you use at school. AR tests can be taken anywhere you have internet access.

**Reading Incentives**

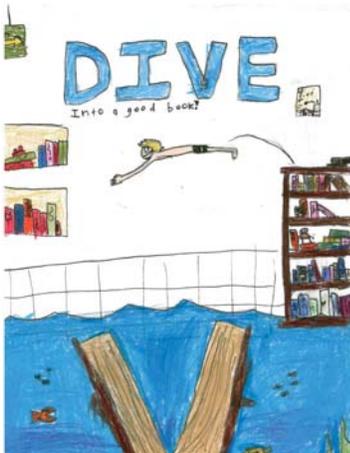
Students will receive rewards for reading two books, three books, and more than three books. An AR test must be completed for each book read.

**Two books**—Name entered into a drawing for a variety of \$25 gift cards and recognition at a school assembly.

**Three books**—Name entered into a drawing for a variety of \$25 gift cards, recognition at a school assembly, and your name published in *The Daily Herald*.

**More than three books**—All of the above plus your name entered into a drawing for a Kindle Tablet.

Schools with a 75% participation rate will be presented with a banner at a school board meeting in October.



2018  
 Middle School  
 Summer Reading

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### Entering Grade 6 — Required Book

#### Wonder by R.J. Palacio

Wonder books will be available to check out from your elementary library in June. You may return the book to the elementary library or your middle school library.

You may read one of the following books if you have already read *Wonder*.

#### *El Deafo* by Cece Bell

Going to school and making new friends can be tough. But going to school and making new friends while wearing a bulky hearing aid strapped to your chest? That requires superpowers! In this funny, poignant graphic novel memoir, author/illustrator Cece Bell chronicles her hearing loss at a young age and her subsequent experiences with the Phonic Ear, a very powerful—and very awkward—hearing aid.

#### *Ghost* by Jason Reynolds

Ghost. Lu. Patina. Sunny. Four kids from wildly different backgrounds with personalities that are explosive when they clash. But they are also four kids chosen for an elite middle school track team—a team that could qualify them for the Junior Olympics if they can get their acts together. They all have a lot to lose, but they also have a lot to prove, not only to each other, but to themselves. Running. That's all Ghost (real name Castle Cranshaw) has ever known. But Ghost has been running for the wrong reasons—it all started with running away from his father, who, when Ghost was a very little boy, chased him and his mother through their apartment, then down the street, with a loaded gun, aiming to kill. Since then, Ghost has been the one causing problems—and running away from them—until he meets Coach, an ex-Olympic Medalist who sees something in Ghost: crazy natural talent. If Ghost can stay on track, literally and figuratively, he could be the best sprinter in the city. Can Ghost harness his raw talent for speed, or will his past finally catch up to him?

#### *Lily and Dunkin* by Donna Gephart

Lily Jo McGrother, born Timothy McGrother, is a girl. But being a girl is not so easy when you look like a boy. Especially when you're in the eighth grade. Dunkin Dorfman, birth name Norbert Dorfman, is dealing with bipolar disorder and has just moved from the New Jersey town he's called home for the past thirteen years. This would be hard enough, but the fact that he is also hiding from a painful secret makes it even worse. One summer morning, Lily Jo McGrother meets Dunkin Dorfman, and their lives forever change.

### Entering Grade 6 — continued

#### *The Thing About Jellyfish*

by Ali Benjamin

Everyone says that it was an accident... that sometimes things "just happen". But Suzy won't believe it. Ever. After her best friend dies in a drowning accident, Suzy is convinced that the true cause of the tragedy was a rare jellyfish sting. Retreating into a silent world of imagination, she crafts a plan to prove her theory—even if it means traveling the globe, alone. Suzy's achingly heartfelt journey explores life, death, the astonishing wonder of the universe...and the potential for love and hope right next door.

### Entering Grade 7 Choose One (Required)

#### *Bystander* by James Preller

#### *Cinder (The Lunar Chronicles #1)* by Marissa Meyer

#### *Schooled* by Gordon Korman

#### *The Boys in the Boat: Young Readers' Edition* by Daniel James Brown

#### *The Honest Truth* by Dan Gemeinhart

#### *The Running Dream* by Wendelin Van Draanen

#### *We Beat the Street: How a Friendship Pact Led to Success* by Sampson Davis, George Jenkins, Sharon M. Draper and Rameck Hunt

### Entering Grade 8 Choose One (Required)

#### *Counting by 7s* by Holly Goldberg Sloan

#### *I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban* by Malala Yousafzai and Christina Lamb

#### *Legend (Legend trilogy book #1)* by Marie Lu

#### *March (March trilogy book #1)* by John Robert Lewis, Andrew Aydin and Nate Powell

### Entering Grade 8 — continued

#### *The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander

#### *The Port Chicago 50: Disaster, Mutiny, and the Fight for Civil Rights* by Steve Sheinkin

#### *We Are All Made of Molecules* by Susin Nielsen

### English I

Students taking English I during the 2018-19 school year are **required** to read one of the books listed below instead of a grade level book.

### Students attending Gateway & Heatherwood Middle School

You are **required** to read **one** book from this list. Additional books are free choice.

#### *Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie (2007)

\*\*Free audiobook and ebook: [http://esl-bits.net/ESL\\_English\\_Learning\\_Audiobooks/Absolutely\\_True\\_Diary/preview.html](http://esl-bits.net/ESL_English_Learning_Audiobooks/Absolutely_True_Diary/preview.html)

#### *Great Expectations*

by Charles Dickens (1861)

#### *Between Shades of Gray*

by Ruta Sepetys (2011)

#### *Eleanor and Park*

by Rainbow Rowell (2013)

#### *The Reluctant Journal of Henry K. Larsen*

by Susin Nielsen Fernlund (2012)

#### *Ready Player One*

by Ernest Cline (2011)

### English I continued

### Students attending Eisenhower, Evergreen, & North Middle School

You are **required** to read the following book. Additional books are free choice.

#### *Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie (2007)

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### Online Resources

#### Everett Public Schools Summer Reading

<https://www.everetsd.org/summerreading> (also visit your school library page for additional info)

#### Young Adult Library Services Association Best Lists

<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/best>

#### YALSA Teen Book Finder

<http://booklists.yalsa.net/>

#### Sno-Isle Libraries Teen Page

<https://sno-isle.org/teens>

#### Goodreads Children's Genre Lists

<https://www.goodreads.com/genres/childrens> (also try searching "middle grade" under genre lists)

#### Synch Audiobooks (free audiobooks each week)

<https://audiobooksync.com/>

#### Washington State Library Free Resources- eBooks

<https://www.sos.wa.gov/library/eaudiobooks/public/free/ebooks.aspx>

### Everett Public Schools Library Schedules

School	Days/Hours
Eisenhower	<b>Tuesdays</b> 6/26; 4–6 p.m. 7/17, 7/24, 7/31, 8/7, 8/14 <b>Time:</b> 3–6 p.m.
Evergreen	<b>Tuesdays</b> 6/26, 7/10, 7/17, 7/24, 8/7, 8/14 <b>Time:</b> 10 a.m.—12 p.m.
Gateway	GMS will be closed for construction this summer. Please visit the Mill Creek Public Library for additional summer reading material. Gateway Library website: <a href="https://www.everetsd.org/domain/1921">https://www.everetsd.org/domain/1921</a>
Heatherwood	<b>Wednesdays</b> 6/20, 7/11, 7/18, 7/25, 8/1, 8/8, 8/15, 8/22 <b>Time:</b> 9 a.m.—12 p.m.
North	NMS will be closed for construction this summer. Please visit the Everett Public Library to check out summer reading materials.  North Library website for suggestions: <a href="https://www.everetsd.org/domain/1922#calendar10609/20180514/month">https://www.everetsd.org/domain/1922#calendar10609/20180514/month</a>

### Library Hours

#### Everett Public Library Main Library (North Everett)

2702 Hoyt Avenue  
Everett, WA 98201  
(425) 257-8000

Monday – Wednesday	10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Thursday – Friday	10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Saturday	10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sunday	1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

#### Evergreen Branch (South Everett)

9512 Evergreen Way  
Everett, WA 98204  
(425) 257-8250

Monday	10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Tuesday & Wednesday	10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Thursday & Friday	10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Saturday	10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sunday	1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

#### Sno-Isle Libraries

Mill Creek Library  
15429 Bothell Everett Hwy  
Mill Creek, WA 98012  
(425) 337-4822

Monday – Thursday	9 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday – Saturday	10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday	1 p.m. – 5 p.m.