

Decatur Elementary Reads

Summer 2023



Did you know that you can explore far away places and meet new and exciting people in your own backyard? You can – just by picking up a book. For those who love magic, open up *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone* and you’ll be plunged into a world of wizards and magic (and there’s even a bad guy!). For adventure seekers, try out the *I Survived* series and be thrown into the middle of the Atlantic Ocean on a sinking ship. For those who love history and historical fiction, try out the *Tangled in Time* or *The Last Musketeer* series and go back in time. So many choices, so little time – books can take us on some pretty exciting trips!

Summer is the perfect time to explore the world around us!

Decatur Summer Reading Challenge

The research is clear that children who don’t read during the summer can lose up to three months of reading progress and that loss has a cumulative, long-term effect (*Reading Rockets*). Here at Decatur, we know how hard our students work to progress during each year, and we want to encourage them to keep up the good work!

So to keep Decatur reading, prizes will be awarded to the class with the most time spent and the most pages read in each grade.

Each student will need to keep track of their time spent reading and the number of pages read ([Decatur Summer Reading Log](#)). At the end of each reading session/book, parents or guardians should initial the reading log. At the beginning of the year, each student will bring their initialed reading log back to their teacher.

We will celebrate the class at each grade level with the most time spent and pages read. And we'll share all the things we have learned or wondered about through our reading.

Here's a list of suggestions to get you started on your summer reading journey:

The American Library Association summer reading recommendations:

<https://www.ala.org/alsc/publications-resources/book-lists/summer-2023>

Reading Rockets Book list: <https://www.readingrockets.org/booklists/summer-reading-guide-2022>

Decatur picks:

Kindergarten & Grade 1 and 2

Title:

Magic Tree House Series

Cam Jansen Series

Amelia Bedelia Series

Junie B., Jones Series

Nate the Great Series

Frog and Toad Series

Curious George Series

Clifford Series

Henry and Mudge Series

Pete the Cat Series

Humphrey

Who Would Win? Series

• *Any titles by Denise Fleming*

• *Any titles by Frank Asch*

• *Any titles by Lois Ehlert*

• *Any titles by Ezra Jack Keats*

• *Any titles by Jean Van Leeuwen*

• *Capital Mysteries by Ron Roy*

• *A Chair for My Mother*

Author:

Mary Pope Osborne

David A. Adler

Peggy Parish

Barbara Park

Marjorie Sharmat

Arnold Lobel

H. A. Rey

Norman Bridwell

Cynthia Rylant

James Dean

Betty G. Birney

Various Authors

Vera Williams

Grades 3, 4 & 5

Series:

Sideways Stories from Wayside School

Story Treehouse

Land of Stories

Sisters Grimm

Who/What/Where Was Series

I Survived

Among the Hidden Series (5th grade)

Any titles by Kate DiCamillo

Any titles by Roald Dahl

Any titles by Andrew Clements

The One and Only Ivan

From the Mixed Up Files of Basil E. Frankenweiler

Bunnicula

Night of the Twisters

The Mouse and the Motorcycle

Titanic #1: Unsinkable

The Dog that Pitched a No-Hitter

Maniac Magee or Stargirl

Holes

Author:

Louis Sachar

Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton

Chris Colfer

Michael Buckley

Various Authors

Various Authors

Margaret Peterson Haddix

Katherine Applegate

E.L. Konigsburg

Deborah and James Howe

Ivy Ruckman

Beverly Cleary

Gordon Korman

Matt Christopher

Jerry Spinelli

Louis Sachar

Bloomability
Who Would Win? Series

Sharon Creech
Various Authors

Grades 6, 7 & 8

Chains (series)
Divergent (series)
Eragon (series)
Uglies (series)
The Hunger Games (series)
The Maze Runner (series)
Among the Hidden (Shadow Children series)
Any title by Rick Riordan
Any title by Kwame Alexander
Any title by Sharon Draper
Hoot
Travel Team
Ender's Game
The Book Thief
I Am Malala (Young Reader's edition)
The Outcast of 19 Schuyler Place
Paperboy

Laurie Halse Anderson
Veronica Roth
Christopher Paolini
Scott Westerfield
Suzanne Collins
James Dashner
Margaret Petersen Haddix

Carl Hiassen
Mike Lupica
Orson Scott Card
Marcus Zusak
Malala Yousafzai
E.L. Konigsburg
Vince Vawter

Digital Resources:

Scholastic Summer Reading Home Base (ages 0-12)

<https://www.scholastic.com/site/summer-reading.html><https://www.scholastic.com/site/summer-reading.html>