

Summer 2019

Dear WMS Families,

This year Westerly Middle School's summer reading program will be coordinated with the Westerly Public Library's theme "Universe of Stories." We are asking that all students read any two books of their choice and fill out a postcard for each book. Students can also post their reads on social media to help share recommendations.

Summer Reading 2019 - Instructions

1. Read any **two** books of your choice. Any titles, any genres - just read! If you need recommendations, please see the list provided. If you want to read more, don't stop at two books!
2. Fill out a postcard for each of the books (**two** postcards per student). On the postcard, tell us a little about the book, why you liked the book (why it "is out of this world"), and complete a rating.
3. The postcard should be filled out with the required identifying information (name, grade, book title, author, and genre). If you lose the provided postcards, please use index cards to make your own postcards.
4. Drop your postcards off at a designated mailbox around town or return them to WMS at the beginning of the school year. Participants will receive an outdoor lunch pass to use when school resumes!

Mailbox locations include:

- Westerly Middle School
 - Springbrook, State Street, & Dunn's Corners Elementary Schools
 - Tower Street School Community Center
 - Westerly Public Library
 - Ocean Community YMCA
 - Savoy Bookshop & Cafe
5. (Optional) Post a picture of your book, yourself reading, or a selfie using the following hashtag: #WMSUniverseOfStories

Enjoy your summer, and we look forward to seeing you in September!

Happy reading!

Out of This World Reads

You can read any books you want but if you need a suggestion, here are a few recommendations.



Sanjiv and Tallulah
by Molly Brooks

Sanjiv Jones and Tallulah Vega are best friends on the space station Wilnick. Gifted scientist Sanjiv uses her lab skills to create an illegal-but-cute three-headed kitten and it isn't long before the cat escapes to wreak havoc on the space station. Can the girls find her before causing the whole place to evacuate or will they be too late?



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Adventure



The World Below
by Wesley King

An earthquake hits and Mr. Baker's 8th grade class field trip takes a terrifying turn. The students are plunged into an underground lake and their teacher goes missing. Now they will have to work together and make their way above ground.

Also:

- [Click Here to Start](#) Dennis Markell
- *Island of Blue Dolphins* Scott O'Dell
- *Scar Island* Dan Gemeinhart

Graphic Novels



New Kid
by Jerry Craft

"Seventh grader Jordan Banks loves drawing cartoons. But instead of sending him to the art school of his dreams, his parents enroll him in a private school known for its academics. He finds himself torn between two worlds--and not really fitting into either one.

Also:

- *Nameless City* Faith Erin Hicks
- *Be Prepared* Vera Brosgol
- *Maus** Art Spiegelman

Mystery



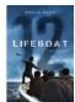
The Secret Keepers
by Trenton Lee Stewart

When Reuben discovers a watch with a secret power, his life takes an intriguing turn. As one secret leads to another, he finds himself on a dangerous adventure. Can Reuben outwit a sly villain as he races to solve the mystery before it is too late?

Also:

- *The Westing Game* Ellen Raskin
- *Holes* Louis Sachar
- *The Inn Between* Marina Cohen

True Stories



Lifeboat 12
by Susan Hood

Nazis are bombing London, so 13 year-old Ken escapes aboard a cruise ship. 5 days later, the Captain announces that they are out of danger...But they're not. A torpedo strike forces Ken and 5 other boys to flee on a lifeboat. Can they survive on the open sea while avoiding the Nazis?

Also:

- *I Am Malala* Malala Yousafzai
- *Brown Girl Dreaming* Jacqueline Woodson
- *The Faithful Spy* John Hendrix

Sci-Fi/Fantasy



Train of Lost Things
by Ammi-Joan Paquette

Marty goes in search of the mythical Train of Lost Things, hoping to find something to save his father from cancer. On board he discovers that, without a driver and conductor, the train is malfunctioning and only Marty and his new friends can fix it

Also:

- *Estranged* Ethan M. Aldridge
- *City of Ghosts* Victoria Schwab
- *Night Books* J.A. White

Friends & Family



The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle
Leslie Connor

Mason Buttle is the biggest kid in his grade, but he can barely read or write. 15 months ago, Mason's friend, Benny, turned up dead in his family's orchard. Both Mason and his new friend, Calvin, are bullied so they create a club together. But when Calvin goes missing too, Mason is desperate to figure out what happened to him, and eventually, Benny.

Also:

- *Drum Roll, Please** Lisa Jenn Bigelow
- *Ghost* Jason Reynolds
- *The House on Mango Street* Sandra Cisneros

Find more suggestions and other information at

<http://guides.rilinkschools.org/wmslibrary>

Titles with a (*) indicate books for mature readers.