

Liberty Middle School
2018 Summer Reading Program
Due Date: August 28, 2018 (first day of school!)

Summer reading gives students the opportunity to sustain and improve the reading progress they have made during the academic year. Liberty Middle School will be encouraging all students to read over the summer with the following guidelines:

Alan Gratz will be visiting Liberty in October! To prepare for his visit, we are asking every rising 7th and 8th grader to read at least one of his books and complete a written assignment (see below). This visit is a great opportunity for students to meet and interact with a best-selling author.

Alan Gratz Books



For more options and other genres, please visit Alan Gratz's [website](#).

Assignment: Complete two of the three activities below written neatly on lined paper or typed and printed to turn in to your English teacher on the first day of school.

- **Problem Solve:** Select between the following and answer in 5-7 sentences:
 - Identify the conflict in your book. Explain which characters are involved in the conflict and how it was resolved.
 - If the problem is not resolved, explain why. What minor conflicts occur and how are they resolved?
- **Create:** Create an alternative ending to your book. How does this affect the characters and/or the plot of your story? What would you change and why, and how does that change the overall story? Explain and use details and descriptive language (5-7 sentences).
- **Personal Connection:** The connection should go beyond the obvious “We both play football” or “We both like pizza.” A good connection could include shared personality traits or feelings/reactions to situations. For example: What is a challenge your character faced? How did he/she react? What is a challenge you've faced? How did you react? Was it the same or different from your character (5-7 sentences)?



Bonus Assignment!

We are also encouraging students to read 4 additional age and grade level appropriate books. For any students who meet this challenge, there will be a pizza party during the first quarter of the school year. To earn an invitation, students need to read the 4 additional books and make a list of them including the title, author, and a brief summary (5-7 sentences).

Book Suggestions by Genre

Realistic Fiction	Mystery
<i>Booked</i> by Kwame Alexander <i>Ghost</i> by Jason Reynolds	<i>I Am Princess X</i> by Cherie Priest <i>Doll Bones</i> by Holly Black
Fantasy/Sci-Fi	Graphic Novels
<i>The Graveyard Book</i> by Neil Gaiman <i>The House of the Scorpion</i> by Nancy Farmer	<i>Roller Girl</i> by Victoria Jamieson <i>American Born Chinese</i> by Gene Yang
Nonfiction	
<i>Undefeated</i> by Steve Sheinkin	<i>Taking Flight: From War Orphan to Star Ballerina</i> by: Michaela DePrince and Elaine DePrince
<i>Hidden Figures</i> by Margot Lee Shetterly	<i>Go</i> by Chip Kidd

Would you like more book suggestions? Check out the FCPS “What to Read Next” site:
Bit.ly/WhatToReadNext

The Liberty MS Library will be open most Thursdays this summer for checkout!

8AM to 1PM

July 5, 12, 19, & 26

August 9 & 16

*Students participating in the Centreville Public Library summer reading program can use the same book titles for Liberty’s program. So if a student reads at least 5 books, they can get the coupon book from the public library and the pizza party at school!

