Get a Start on Summer Reading! 

Greetings to Incoming 7th & 8th Graders and their Family Members!

 The tradition of summer reading for students in the Westhill School District continues for the summer of 2018 with something fun and exciting for everyone.

* **This year all students entering grades 5-8 are required to read the award-winning book *Wishtree* by Katherine Applegate.**
* **It is suggested that students entering 7th or 8th grade read at least one additional book of their choice this summer. Feel free to use the attached list to assist in this selection process.**

This past year our Student Summer Reading Advisory Team worked diligently to compile a list of books for each grade level that has something for all readers. Although we kept some of our favorite titles, we added many new titles and included some graphic novels. Student voice and choice definitely made our reading lists interesting and diverse.

If you need any help finding titles for summer reading, please feel free to visit the OHMS librarian, Mrs. Feeney, at the Onondaga Free Public Library on Tuesdays (9-5), Wednesdays (9-1), and Thursdays (9-5) this summer.

 Thank you for making summer reading a meaningful priority. We look forward to seeing you all in September.

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*"Reading is the fuel we need to grow our hearts and minds."* Matt de la Pena

**7th Grade** Summer Reading Suggestions:

* *Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus* by Dusti Bowling
* *Chains Series* by Laurie Halse Anderson
* *Petey* by Ben Mikaelsen
* *Sophia’s War* by Avi
* *Refugee* by Alan Gratz
* *Ghost* by Jason Reynolds
* *Smile and Sisters Graphic Novels* by Raina Telgemeier
* *Freak the Mighty* by Rodman Philbrick
* *Wings of Fire Series* by Tui Sutherland
* *Rain Reign* by Ann Martin
* *Amulet* *Graphic Novel Series* by Kazu Kibuishi
* *Series of Unfortunate Events* by Lemony Snicket

**8th Grade** Summer Reading Suggestions:

* *Stormbreaker* by Anthony Horowitz
* *Dorothy Must Die* by Danielle Paige
* *Maximum Ride Graphic Novel Series* by NaRae Lee
* *Code of Honor* by Alan Gratz
* *A Sun is also a Star* by Nicola Yoon
* *Orbiting Jupiter* by Gary Schmidt
* *Salt to the Sea* by Ruta Sepetys
* *Out of My Mind* by Sharon Draper
* *Lord of the Rings* *Series* by J. R. R. Tolkien
* *We Are All Made of Molecule*s by Susin Nielsen
* *Scythe* byNeal Shusterman
* *Call Me Hope* by Gretchen Olson
* *The Kidnappers* by Willo Davis Roberts