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Dear Students and Parents,

Summer reading is for pleasure and is a link that ties one school year to the next. Here is an updated list of new books to assist you in your quest for wonderful literature to read during your leisure time this summer. There will also be many great choices from former reading lists and popular series.

All books listed here will be available at the Hanscom Air Force Base Library during the summer and at the school library during the school year.

The HAFB library will not only house the books but will also offer a fabulous series of events as part of their summer reading program "**Starship Adventure**". If you feel you are too old to participate, consider bringing a younger sibling or neighbor's child. Reading is a great sharing *and* solo activity!

Families are also welcome at any summer events at the local public libraries in Lincoln and Bedford.

Have a wondrous book filled summer!

Sincerely,

Mark Kaufman, Principal

Nancy Rote, Librarian

HMS Grade Four Summer Reading 2009

Alexander, Chris. Difficult Origami. How to book.

Follow step-by-step instructions for origami models including a speedboat, picture frame, crested bird, and the classic frog. Check out this and other origami titles for fun rainy day activities

Amato, Mary. The Word Eater. Fiction.

Lerner Chanse, a new student at Cleveland Park Middle School, finds a worm that magically makes things disappear. Will this special worm help her fit in or get revenge? Read this book and find out!

Birney, Betty G. Adventure According to Humphrey. Fantasy.

Humphrey, the classroom hamster, has adventures going to the library, learning about the ocean, and sailing across a pond on a sailboat. Read this and other adventures about Humphrey!

Cleary, Beverly. Ramona Quimby, Age 8. Contemporary fiction, family.

The Quimbys may not be nice all the time, but they stick together through good times and bad.

Gutman, Dan. Nightmare at the Book Fair. Fantasy.

On his way to lacrosse tryouts, Trip Dinkelman is asked to help with the book fair, resulting in Trip sustaining a head injury, which causes him temporary amnesia that affects his journey home.

Kinney, Jeff. Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Last Straw. Contemporary fiction, humor.

Read the third story of middle-schooler Greg Heffley as he nimbly sidesteps his father's attempts to change Greg. Will his dad send him to military school?

McEwan, Jamie. Rufus the Scrub Does Not Wear a Tutu. Fiction, football.

Rufus wants to help Coach Stone have a winning football season, but because he is so clumsy Rufus feels like he is letting the team down. Will ballet lessons make Rufus more graceful?

Morgan, Sally. Clown Fish and other Coral Reef Life. Nonfiction, animals.

This fascinating and vivid book is a must read about life in a coral reef.

Osborne, Mary Pope. Magic Tree House #40: Eve of the Emperor Penguin. Series fiction.

Enjoy the latest in the Magic Tree House series as Jack and Annie travel to Antarctica!

Reibstein, Mark. Wabi Sabi. Picture book.

Wabi Sabi, a cat living in the city of Kyoto, learns about the Japanese concept of beauty through simplicity as she asks various animals about the meaning of her name. Stunning illustrations!

Schulman, Janet. Pale Male: citizen hawk of New York City. Nonfiction, animals.

This true story of Pale Male, a red-tailed hawk living in New York City who has become one of the city's most-watched celebrities. Read this book to learn all about this extraordinary bird.

Scieszka, Jon. Knucklehead: Tall Tales and Mostly True Stories About Growing up Scieszka. Autobiography, humor.

Presents a memoir of what it was like to grow up in the 1950s and other almost true stories by American children's author Jon Scieszka.

HMS Grade Five Summer Reading 2009

Aiken, Joan. **The Serial Garden: The Complete Armitage Family Stories.** Fantasy.

This collection follows Mark and Harriet as they learn to manage dragons, unicorns, witches, and other magical creatures, thanks to a wish my by their mother before they were born.

Appelt, Kathi. **The Underneath.** Fiction, wilderness survival.

A neglected old hound and two kittens endure separation, danger, and many other tribulations in their quest to be reunited and free.

Erdrich, Louise. **The Porcupine Year.** Historical fiction.

Other books by the author: **The Birchbark House** and **The Game of Silence.**

Twelve-year-old Omakayas, an Ojibwe girl, draws strength from the land and spirits as she and her family endure numerous hardships in their search for a new home in northern Minnesota in 1852.

Frazier, Sundee T. **Brendan Buckley's Universe and Everything In It.** Fiction, multicultural.

Ten-year-old Brendan Buckley applies his scientific problem-solving ability and newfound interest in rocks and minerals to connect with his grandfather and learn about his mom.

Kalman, Bobby & Burns, Kylie. **Endangered Bears.** Nonfiction, animals.

This book describes a bear's body basics, its behavior, its life cycle, and threats (dangers).

Parry, Rosanne. **Heart of a Shepherd.** Fiction.

Ignatius "Brother" Alderman, nearly twelve, promises to help his grandparents keep the family's Oregon ranch the same while his brothers are away and his father is deployed to Iraq.

Nobleman, Marc Tyler. **Boys of Steel: The Creators of Superman.** Biography.

Read about the lives of Cleveland teenagers Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster and their journey to create Superman!

Nuzum, K. A. **The Leanin' Dog.** Contemporary Fiction.

Dessa Dean, mourning her mother's death, finds a dog on her porch. See how they help each other.

Pulver, Robin. **Punctuation Takes a Vacation.** Humor.

What would happen if punctuation took the summer off, just like you?

Riordan, Rick. **The Last Olympian.** Fiction, extremely popular series.

The long-awaited prophecy surrounding Percy Jackson's sixteenth birthday unfolds.

Sandler, Michael. **Specials Ops: Pararescuemen in Action, Army Rangers in Action, Marine Force Recon in Action, Navy Seals in Action.** Nonfiction, military.

This series is an introduction to the Special Operations Group in the armed services describing their training, gear, missions, and goals.

Walters, Eric. **In a Flash.** Contemporary fiction.

Oswald and Ian, leaders and participants in a series of flash mobs, decide to use their organizational skills to create a peaceful protest when the school principal cancels the school dance.

HMS Grade Six Summer Reading 2009

Barker, Charles Ferguson. **Under New England: The Story of New England's Rocks and Fossils.** Nonfiction, science.

Explore the geology of New England in a colorful and kid-friendly book.

Cooper, Lynn Huggins. **Awesome Animals: Amazing Creatures.** Nonfiction, animals.

Describes unusual species of mammals, reptiles, and fish that have unique features and behaviors that help them adapt to their habitats. Enjoy this book and others in the Awesome Animals series.

Dowell, Frances O'Roark. **The Kind of Friends We Used to Be.** Contemporary fiction.

Twelve-year-olds Kate and Marylin, friends since preschool, draw further apart as Marylin becomes involved in student government and cheerleading, while Kate wants to play guitar and write songs.

Fleishman, Sid. **The Trouble Begins at 8: a life of Mark Twain in the wild, wild West.**

Biography.

A narrative account of the childhood and youth of nineteenth-century writer Mark Twain. Includes period engravings, newspaper cartoons, and black-and-white photographs.

Gordon, Roderick & Williams, Brian. **Tunnels.** Adventure.

When Will Burrows and his friend Chester embark on a quest to find Will's archaeologist father, who has inexplicably disappeared, they are led to a sinister labyrinth in a world underneath London.

Hesse, Karen. **Brooklyn Bridge.** Historical fiction.

Fourteen-year-old Joseph Michtom's life takes a dramatic turn when, in 1903 Brooklyn, his parents turn their apartment into a factory for making teddy bears.

Law, Ingrid. **Savvy.** Fantasy.

A Newbery Honor Book that recounts the adventures of Mibs Beaumont, whose thirteenth birthday has revealed her "savvy", a magical power unique to each member of her family.

McKay, Hilary. **Saffy's Angel.** Fiction, family.

After learning that she was adopted, thirteen-year-old Saffron's relationship with her eccentric, artistic family changes.

Nicholls, Sally. **Ways to Live Forever.** Fiction, illness.

Eleven-year-old Sam McQueen, who has leukemia, writes a book about his life. Read about his dreams, fears, and experiences in this remarkable novel.

Scieska, Jon. **Guys Write for Guys Read.** Nonfiction.

An excellent collection of stories written by boys, for boys!

Smith, Yeardley. **I, Lorelei.** Contemporary fiction.

In letters to her recently deceased cat Mud, eleven-year-old Lorelei chronicles the ups and downs of her sixth-grade year.

HMS Grade Seven & Eight Summer Reading 2009

Broach, Elise. Masterpiece. Mystery.

After Marvin, a beetle, makes a miniature drawing as an eleventh birthday gift for James, a human with whom he shares a house, the two new friends work together to help solve a mystery!

Collard, Sneed B. Science Warriors: The Battle Against Invasive Species. Nonfiction.

Explains what invasive species are and the damage they cause to local economies and ecosystems.

Greenburg, Jan and Jordan, Sandra. Christo and Jeanne-Claude. Biography.

Examines the lives and works of Christo and Jeanne-Claude, a married couple who create environmental art installations, and features "The Gates," displayed in Central Park in winter 2005.

Hardinge, Frances. Well Witched. Fantasy, suspense.

Three friends fall prey to the demands of the Well Witch when they trespass in her wishing well.

Jones, V.M. Out of Reach. Sports fiction.

Pip McLeod feels pressure from his aggressively competitive father. How does he react?

Laidlaw, Rob. Wild Animals in Captivity. Nonfiction, animals.

A look at how zoo life affects the health and behavior of wild animals.

Lindeen, Mary. Cool Latin Music. Nonfiction, music.

Learn about Latin music including instruments, legends and activities to experience Latin music.

Mass, Wendy. Every Soul a Star. Contemporary fiction.

Ally, Bree, and Jack meet at Moon Shadow, an isolated campground, to watch a total eclipse of the sun. Also read her inspiring title A Mango Shaped Space.

Pratchett, Terry. Nation. Fantasy.

A tsunami destroys everything leaving Mau, an island boy, Daphne, an aristocratic English girl, and a small group of refugees responsible for rebuilding their village and their lives.

Rubin, Susan Goldman. Whaam! The Art & Life of Roy Lichtenstein. Biography.

A picture book biography of American pop artist Roy Lichtenstein, discussing his work as a teacher and innovator, and his lasting influence on the art world. Includes vibrant examples of his paintings.

Salisbury, Graham. Night of the Howling Dogs. Realistic fiction.

A group of Boy Scouts and fellow campers use survival skills when a massive earthquake strikes.

Thompson, Kate. The New Policeman. Fantasy.

J.J. Liddy leaves his small, Irish town and travels to the land of the fairies and learns a secret.

Various. Lay-ups and Long Shots. Short stories, sports.

A collection of nine short stories about sports by various authors, including David Lubar, Joseph Bruchac, and Terry Trueman.



STARSHIP ADVENTURE **at Your Library**

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Hanscom AFB Library 2009 Summer Reading Program

Registration begins Monday 22 June Must have a picture ID, Library card, or be accompanied by a parent to register for the program and to check out materials.

Starship Adventure Crafts Thursdays from 10:30am – 11:45am

Join us on the library patio anytime between 10:30am – 11:45am for a few quick (20 minutes or less) easy crafts for all ages

Begins on Thursday July 9th

Reading Incentive Prizes: Read at least 1 book from your grade-level Reading List and complete 5 levels to receive the following prizes:

1 st	<i>Space Pencil & Planet Eraser</i>
2 nd	<i>Planet Notepad</i>
3 rd	<i>Alien Pop-ups & Flying saucer</i>
4 th	<i>Earth Punch Ball</i>
5 th	<i>Glow-in-the Dark Space Ball</i>

To complete each level:

- Listeners will listen to **10** books (total of **50** books)
- Beginning Readers will read 5 books (total of **25** books for the summer)
- Experienced Readers will read **200** pages in a chapter book (total of **1000** pages)

End-of-Summer Party will be held on Thursday July 30th at 10:30am

Join us for cake, lemonade, pinata and our last craft !!!!!

Summer Reading Ends: Friday 31 July –last day to pick-up prizes earned.

TEEN SUMMER READING 2009



REGISTRATION BEGINS.

MONDAY 22 JUNE 2009
OPEN TO MIDDLE SCHOOL & UP

TEEN CRAFT DAYS:

WEDNESDAY 8 JULY 2009 (2:00PM – 3:00PM)

TIE DYE EXPLOSION!

BRING AN ITEM FROM HOME TO TIE DYE!

WEDNESDAY 22 JULY 2009 (2:00PM – 3:00PM)

CHRISTMAS IN JULY!

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS IN JULY BY MAKING
CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS!