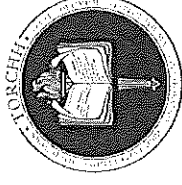
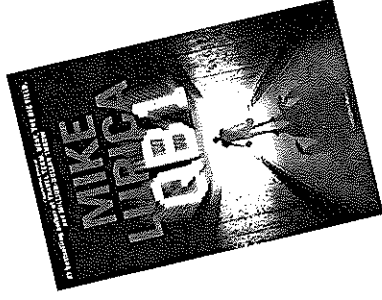


ADDITIONAL FICTION TITLES

1. The One and Only Ivan by K. Applegate
2. All Rise for the Honorable Perry T. Cook by L. Connor
3. Nine, Ten: A September 11 Story by N. Baskin
4. Lost in the Sun by L. Graff
5. Lucky Dog by K. Larson
6. Moon Over Manifest by C. Vanderpool
7. Theodore Boone by J. Grisham
8. Ellie's Story: A Dog's Purpose Novel by W.B. Cameron
9. Ugly by R. Hoge
10. The Losers Club by A. Clements
11. See You in the Cosmos by J. Cheng
12. Echo by P. Munoz Ryan
13. Tesla's Attic by N. Shusterman

ADDITIONAL NONFICTION TITLES

1. The Playbook by K. Alexander
2. Bridge to the Wild by C. O'Connell
3. The Boys Who Challenged Hitler by P. Hoose
4. We Will Not Be Silent by R. Freedman
5. Hana's Suitcase by K. Levine
6. Irena's Children by T. Mazzeo
7. The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind by W. Kamkwamba
8. The Distance Between Us by R. Grande
9. Brown Girl Dreaming by J. Woodson
10. I am Malala by M. Vousafzai
11. Hidden Like Anne Frank by P. Steenhuis
12. One Last Word of Wisdom From the Harlem Renaissance by N. Grimes



2019 TAUNTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER READING LIST



Middle School Families,

We hope you and your child enjoy your time together this summer. This year please enjoy our featured titles for this year's summer reading list. We encourage our students to read as many titles from the suggested summer reading list. Please explore the Taunton Public School Website for more information on our Summer Reading Incentive Program where your child can win a prize for reading all summer long!

Best,
The TPS Middle School Summer Reading Committee

FICTION TEXTS

QB1 by Mike Lupica

Jake Cullen is a freshman quarterback playing high school football in Texas, the high-pressure land of Friday Night Lights. He is also the brother of Wyatt Cullen, who quarterbacked his team to the Texas State Championship last season—not to mention the son of former NFL quarterback and local legend, Troy Cullen. To be a Cullen in Texas is to be football royalty . . . which leaves 14-year-old Jake in a Texas-sized shadow. Being a good teammate comes naturally to Jake; being a winner and a celebrity does not. Jake may be a Cullen, and he may play quarterback, but he is not his brother or his father. He's just like every other kid: fighting for every ounce of respect, awkward around a pretty girl, in awe of his famous family, and desperate to simultaneously blend in and cast his own shadow. Inspired by the real-life Manning family of quarterbacks and set amid the football-crazy culture of Texas, QB 1 is a coming-of-age story perfect for the fan of MILLION-DOLLAR THROW and HEAT.

Rain, Reign by Ann Martin

Rose Howard is obsessed with homonyms. She's thrilled that her own name is a homonym, and she purposely gave her dog Rain a name with two homonyms (Reign, Rein), which, according to Rose's rules of homonyms, is very special. Not everyone understands Rose's obsessions, her rules, and the other things that make her different – not her teachers, not other kids, and not her single father.

When a storm hits their rural town, rivers overflow, the roads are flooded, and Rain goes missing. Rose's father shouldn't have let Rain out. Now Rose has to find her dog, even if it means leaving her routines and safe places to search. Hearts will break and spirits will soar for this powerful story, brilliantly told from Rose's point of view.

When Friendship Followed Me Home by Paul Griffin

Ben Coffin has never been one for making friends. As a former foster kid, he knows people can up and leave without so much as a goodbye. Ben prefers to spend his time with the characters in his favorite sci-fi books . . . until he rescues an abandoned mutt from the alley next-door to the Coney Island Library. Scruffy little Flip leads Ben to befriend a fellow book-lover named Halley—yes, like the comet—a girl unlike anyone he has ever met. Ben begins thinking of her as "Rainbow Girl" because of her crazy-colored clothes and her laugh, pure magic, the kind that makes you smile away the stormiest day. Rainbow Girl convinces Ben to write a novel with her. But as their story unfolds Ben's life begins to unravel, and Ben must discover for himself the truth about friendship and the meaning of home.

NONFICTION TEXTS

The Boy On The Wooden Box by Leon Leyson

This, the only memoir published by a former Schindler's list child, perfectly captures the innocence of a small boy who goes through the unthinkable. Leon Leyson (born Leib Lezjon) was only ten years old when the Nazis invaded Poland and his family was forced to relocate to the Krakow ghetto. With incredible luck, perseverance, and grit, Leyson was able to survive the sadism of the Nazis, including that of the demonic Amon Goeth, commandant of Plaszow, the concentration camp outside Krakow.

Ultimately, it was the generosity and cunning of one man, Oskar Schindler, who saved Leon Leyson's life, and the lives of his mother, his father, and two of his four siblings, by adding their names to his list of workers in his factory—a list that became world renowned: Schindler's list.

Told with an abundance of dignity and a remarkable lack of rancor and venom, *The Boy on the Wooden Box* is a legacy of hope, a memoir unlike anything you've ever read.

Choosing Courage by Peter Collier

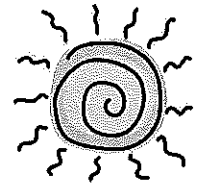
How does an ordinary person become a hero? It happens in a split second, a moment of focus and clarity, when a choice is made. Here are the gripping accounts of Medal of Honor recipients who demonstrated guts and selflessness on the battlefield and confronted life-threatening danger to make a difference. There are the stories of George Sakato and Vernon Baker—both of whom overcame racial discrimination to enlist in the army during World War II (Sakato was a second-generation Japanese American, Baker an African American) and went on to prove that heroes come in all colors—and Clint Romesha, who led his outnumbered fellow soldiers against a determined enemy to prevent the Taliban from taking over a remote U.S. Army outpost in Afghanistan.

Also included are civilians who have been honored by the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation for outstanding acts of bravery in crisis situations, from a school shooting to the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center.

Sachiko: A Nagasaki Bomb Survivor Story by Caren Stelson

This striking work of narrative nonfiction tells the true story of six-year-old Sachiko Yasui's survival of the Nagasaki atomic bomb on August 9, 1945, and the heartbreaking and lifelong aftermath. Having conducted extensive interviews with Sachiko Yasui, Caren Stelson chronicles Sachiko's trauma and loss as well as her long journey to find peace. This book offers readers a remarkable new perspective on the final moments of World War II and their aftermath.

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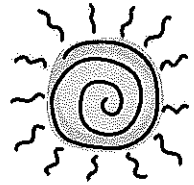
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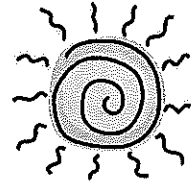
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