



Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Every summer Hill Middle School has issued a required summer reading list. Why required summer reading? Studies have proven that there is on average, a loss between 25 – 30 percent of their school year learning over the summer. In order to help combat this summer learning loss, Hill has made it a requirement to read *at least* one book over the summer. A successful summer reading program can be effective at raising your child’s test scores and saving teachers’ time on having to “re-teach” curriculum that was taught the previous year.

The goal for your child over the summer is to read *at least one* of the required books listed on the back of this letter and pass a quiz located on the Hill Middle School website (<https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/hill>). Your child’s reading (6th grade) or language arts (7th & 8th grade) teacher will be entering a grade for summer reading. If your child reads three summer reading books and passes the quizzes with a 70% or higher, they will be invited to a reading celebration for all their hard work.

The summer reading books can be found at a variety of places. Some places are listed under the book summaries. Through the public library’s HAAL Pass, students can access all books in different formats. The user ID is their student number and PIN 4321. To access books through the school districts Axis 360, select library HCPS Hill Middle and ID is student number.

If you have any questions about summer reading or issues with accessing the books, please contact Mrs. Bhoolai, media specialist, at annastasia.bhoolai@hcps.net or the Main Office, 813-975-7325.

Thank you and Happy Reading!

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2021 Hill Middle School Summer Reading



All students are required to read at least one book and take a quiz.

Read 3 books and pass the quizzes with a 70% or higher and you will be invited to a reading celebration. All quizzes will be available on the Hill Middle School website starting May 31st and closing on August 20th.

- **Amulet #1: The Stonekeeper** by Kazu Kibuishi (Graphic Novel)

Summary: After the tragic death of their father, Emily and Navin move with their mother to the home of her deceased great-grandfather, but the strange house proves to be dangerous. Before long, a sinister creature lures the kids' mom through a door in the basement. Emily and Navin, desperate not to lose her, follow her into an underground world inhabited by demons, robots, and talking animals. Eventually, they enlist the help of a small mechanical rabbit named Miskit. Together with Miskit, they face the most terrifying monster of all, and Em finally has the chance to save someone she loves.

Public Library: book, eBook **School District axis 360:** eBook **Amazon:** Paperback \$10.99

- **Keeper of the Lost Cities (1)** by Shannon Messenger

Summary: Twelve-year-old Sophie has never quite fit into her life. She's skipped multiple grades and doesn't really connect with the older kids at school, but she's not comfortable with her family, either. The reason? Sophie's a Telepath, someone who can read minds. No one knows her secret—at least, that's what she thinks...

But the day Sophie meets Fitz, a mysterious (and adorable) boy, she learns she's not alone. He's a Telepath too, and it turns out the reason she has never felt at home is that, well...she isn't. Fitz opens Sophie's eyes to a shocking truth, and she is forced to leave behind her family for a new life in a place that is vastly different from what she has ever known.

But Sophie still has secrets, and they're buried deep in her memory for good reason: The answers are dangerous and in high-demand. What is her true identity, and why was she hidden among humans? The truth could mean life or death—and time is running out.

Public Library: Book, eBook **School District axis 360:** eBook **Amazon:** Paperback \$4.98; Kindle \$0.00 FreeTimeunlimited

- **Free Lunch** by Rex Ogle

Summary: *Free Lunch* is the story of Rex's efforts to navigate his first semester of sixth grade—who to sit with, not being able to join the football team, Halloween in a handmade costume, classmates and a teacher who take one look at him and decide he's trouble—all while wearing secondhand clothes and being hungry. His mom and her boyfriend are out of work, and life at home is punctuated by outbursts of violence. Halfway through the semester, his family is evicted and ends up in government-subsidized housing in view of the school. Rex lingers at the end of last period every day until the buses have left, so no one will see where he lives.

Public Library: Audiobook, book, eBook **School District axis 360:** eBook **Amazon:** Hardcover \$13.99; Kindle \$9.61

- **All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team** by Christina Soontornavat

Summary: On June 23, 2018, twelve young players of the Wild Boars soccer team and their coach enter a cave in northern Thailand seeking an afternoon's adventure. But when they turn to leave, rising floodwaters block their path out. The boys are trapped! Before long, news of the missing team spreads, launching a seventeen-day rescue operation involving thousands of rescuers from around the globe. As the world sits vigil, people begin to wonder: how long can a group of ordinary kids survive in complete darkness, with no food or clean water? Luckily, the Wild Boars are a very extraordinary "ordinary" group. Meticulously researched and generously illustrated with photographs, this page-turner includes an author's note describing her experience meeting the team, detailed source notes, and a bibliography to fully immerse readers in the most ambitious cave rescue in history.

Public Library: book **Amazon:** Hardcover \$22.49; Kindle \$4.99



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<https://forms.office.com/r/ecRAQNrmms>



The Stonekeeper by Kazu Kibuishi

<https://forms.office.com/r/c6b8fLmGDm>



Keeper of the Lost City by Shannon Messenger

<https://forms.office.com/r/FKMJZ2dLnE>



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