

**CASEY MIDDLE SCHOOL  
SUGGESTED  
SUMMER READING LIST  
2009**

**5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE: Authors of wonderful fiction books for summer reading:**

John Bellairs	Jenny Nimmo
Laura Dower	Brian Jacques
Christopher Paul Curtis	Dan Gutman
Andrew Clements	Anne Lindbergh
Cynthia DeFelice	A.A. Milne
Diane Duane	Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
Mary Downing Hahn	Barbara Park
Patricia Hermes	Kate DiCamillo
Blue Balliett	Roderick Townley
Matt Christopher	Brandon Sanderson
Jack Gantos	Jeff Kinney
Roald Dahl	Judy Blume
Elizabeth Kay	Liz Kessler
Louis Sachar	Henry Winkler
Rick Riordan	Gordon Korman

**6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE: Authors of wonderful fiction books for summer reading:**

Avi	Paul Fleischman
Mary Jane Auch	Jean Craighead George
T.A. Barron	Chris D'Lacey
Eve Bunting	Cornelia Funke
Iain Lawrence	Patricia Reilly Giff
James Lincoln Collier	Kathryn Lasky
Christopher Collier	Gail Carson Levine
Karen Cushman	Gary Paulsen
Sharon Creech	Mildred Taylor
Stuart Hill	Frances Temple
Rachel Vail	Christopher Paolini
Richard Peck	Katherine Paterson
Margaret Peterson Haddix	Linda Sue Park
Erin Hunter	Suzanne Collins
James Howe	Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson
Laurence Yep	Cynthia Voigt
John Flanagan	Lois Lowry

**Casey Middle School - 2008**  
**7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9R Summer Reading Assignments**  
**See your grade level below.**

**7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Historical Fiction Assignment:**

**English 7:** Incoming seventh graders **must** read one of the titles listed below that takes place in North America during the exploration of America through the Civil War. If you see a book on the list that you've already read, we expect you to select another one. The first week of school will center on classroom activities based on students' summer reading. **All students must also complete the story guide that was given to them in June.** This letter and the story guide may also be viewed on the Williamsville Central Schools website. The link is: [www.williamsvillek12.org](http://www.williamsvillek12.org) and then click on Casey Middle School.

I Am Regina by Sally M. Keen

Johnny Tremain by Esther Forbes

Sarah Bishop by Scott O'Dell

Lyddie by Katherine Paterson

Amos Fortune, Free Man by Elizabeth Yates

Call Me Francis Tucket by Gary Paulsen

Sing Down the Moon by Scott O'Dell

When Will This Cruel War Be Over? The Civil War Diary of Emma Simpson, Gordonsville, Virginia, 1864 by Barry Denenberg

**English 8:** Incoming eighth graders **must** read one of the books listed below that takes place during World War I, the immigration period at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the Great Depression, World War II, the Civil Rights Movement or the Vietnam War. If you see a book on the list that you've already read, we expect you to select another one. The first week of school will center on classroom activities based on students' summer reading. **All students must also complete the story guide that was given to them in June.** This letter and the story guide may also be viewed on the Williamsville Central Schools website. The link is: [www.williamsvillek12.org](http://www.williamsvillek12.org) and then click on Casey Middle School.

Letters from Rivka by Karen Hesse

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor

No Promises in the Wind by Irene Hunt

The Cage by Riva Minsky Sender

Man from the Other Side by Uri Orlev

**English 9R:** Incoming eighth graders taking the advanced English course must read one of the books listed below. If you see a book on the list that you've already read, we expect you to select another one. The first week of school will center on classroom activities based on students' summer reading. **All students must also complete the story guide that was given to them in June.** This letter and the story guide may also be viewed on the Williamsville Central Schools website. The link is: [www.williamsvillek12.org](http://www.williamsvillek12.org) and then click on Casey Middle School.

Slam! By Walter Dean Meyers

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith

I Have Lived a Thousand Years by Liva Bitton- Jackson

The Cage by Riva Minsky Sender

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7<sup>TH</sup> and 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE: Authors of wonderful books for **additional** summer reading:

Amelia Atwater-Rhodes

David Almond

Bruce Brooks

Joe Cottonwood

Karen Hesse

Will Hobbs

Walter Dean Myers

Ann Rinaldi

Jerry Spinelli

Cynthia Voigt

Lawrence Yep

Carl Hiaasen

William Nicholson

Janet Tashjian

Scott Westerfeld

Jay Bennett

Caroline Cooney

Lois Duncan

S.E. Hinton

Robert Lipsyte

Tamora Pierce

William Sleator

Suzanne Fisher Staples

Ida Vos

Jane Yolen

Cynthia Kadohata

Rachel Vail

Anthony Horowitz