Amherst Middle School Voluntary Incentive Summer Reading Program

The summer is a crucial time for students to continue cultivating their reading skills. All students entering Grade 8 are encouraged to read at least two books over the summer. These books should be engaging and challenging.

Students are encouraged to fill out one of the attached Book Banners for each chapter book they have read. When students resume classes in the fall, they will receive one entry into a gift card raffle drawing for each Book Banner they turn into their ELA teacher.

Please DO NOT READ these commonly taught Grade 8 texts:

- The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton
- Touching Spirit Bear by Ben Mikaelson
- If I Ever Get Out of Here by Eric Gansworth
- Daniel's Story by Carol Matas
- Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds
Access to Digital Books and Audiobooks

Thousands of titles are available through our school's Library Media Center (access available on Amherst Middle School’s homepage). OverDrive is also available on mobile devices via the Sora App. Students can borrow titles for 28 days. After that time, some titles may be renewed based on demand. Students can also place a hold for a title and will receive an email once it is available.

Click on OverDrive.

Select Amherst Central School District (Follett).

Log in with your Amherst credentials (acsd student username and password).

Another resource available to all students is Tumblebooks. To access this resource from the LMC’s homepage, click on online databases-->Tumble Books

Login: amherstms

Password: login