

2016 Middle School Summer Reading and Online Resources



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ONLINE RESOURCES

Don't let the learning stop just because it's summer! Rye Neck has plenty of resources available online to feed curiosity, entertain growing minds and keep you connected with reading.

Mrs. Costelloe's Teacher Page has links to all of these wonderful resources and more.

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We purchase lots of additional resources
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Click on the HELP tab at the top of the page for lots of great device-specific assistance.

Is there a title you'd like to borrow from OverDrive and don't see it? Contact Mrs. Costelloe at lcostelloe@ryeneck.org and she'll check if it's available for purchase. If it is, it will be available the next day!



Search for Success Electronic Databases

Search for Success provides access to all Rye Neck databases with one simple password:

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For 24/7 access to some of the best information available for middle and high school learners, visit our Search for Success databases from the Rye Neck website—www.ryeneck.org.

Go to Mrs. Costelloe's Teacher Page or click on the **LIBRARIES** tab at the top of the page.

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Why go to the databases?

Going on a trip? Check out **Maps101** or **CultureGrams** for a preview and history of your destination.

Britannica Middle School offers amazing videos on just about everything and lots of interactive games, puzzles & study guides on every topic imaginable, including Math, Science, History & English.

Use **ProQuest Historical Newspapers** to see the headlines on important dates in history.

Check out **Teen Health & Wellness** for great advice on being and feeling your best.

The **New Book of Popular Science** (great for MS) and **Science Online** (for HS) will keep you up to date on advancements in Science.

Have a favorite author? Visit **Teaching Books** for interviews and the "story behind the story".

.....and so much more!

MIDDLE SCHOOL REQUIRED READING

EVERYONE entering Middle School must read:

Anything but Typical by Nora Raleigh Baskin * - A breathtaking depiction of an autistic boy's struggles — and a story for anyone who has ever worried about fitting in.

THEN PICK AT LEAST ONE ADDITIONAL BOOK FROM BELOW....OF COURSE YOU CAN PICK MORE!
Please complete a Summer Reading Report, available on the Library Webpage, for each of your two required books

FICTION

NON-FICTION

The Iron Trial by Holly Black and Cassandra Clare@
A riveting new series that defies what you think you know about the world of magic.

The Wild Robot by Peter Brown (Grade 6 only) * @
A heartwarming and action-packed novel about what happens when nature & technology collide.

Born of Illusion by Terry Brown *
Thrilling historical suspense novel with a budding magician and her faux-medium mother.

You Look Different in Real Life by Jennifer Castle@
Life in an age where the lines between what's personal and what's public aren't always clear.

Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper (Gr 6 only) * @
Melody can't speak or write, yet readers will come to understand this brave, brilliant girl and will never look at a person with a disability in the same way.

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime by Mark Haddon (gr 8 only) *
Mathematically gifted and socially hopeless Christopher investigates the suspicious death of a neighborhood dog.

The Day They Came to Arrest the Book by Nat Hentoff (gr 7 & 8 only) *
Who would have believed that *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* could cause the worst crisis in the history of George Mason High School?

Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt (gr 6 only) @
With the help of a great teacher, Ally discovers there's a lot more to her -- and to everyone—than a label, & that great minds don't always think alike

The Life & Times of Benny Alvarez by Peter Johnson (grade 6 only) *
Everyone thinks Benny is Mr. Negativity. According to Benny, he's just realistic about seeing the "other side" of things. A novel that will make you laugh, cry and appreciate your family all the more.

The Lions of Little Rock by Kristin Levine * @
A story of friendship between two girls in the civil-rights-era South.

Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life by Wendy Mass *
Can a locked box with missing keys truly hold the meaning of life for 13-year-old Jeremy?

Unwanted by Lisa McMann * @
The Hunger Games meet Harry Potter in this dystopian thriller.

El Bronx Remembered by Nicholasa Mohr
A collection of short stories that capture life in the South Bronx—El Bronx—from 1946-1956.

Come Sing Jimmy Jo by Katherine Paterson @
The Johnsons are becoming country music stars. Will James be able to cope with the fame when he has to be someone else to get there?

Larklight: A Rousing Tale of Dauntless Pluck in the Farthest Reaches of Space by Phillip Reeve * @
A fantastical Victorian tale set in an outer space world, in a house that hurtles through space.

Three Times Lucky by Sheila Turnage * @
Rising sixth grader Miss Moses LoBeau washed ashore in a hurricane eleven years ago, and she's been making waves ever since.

Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan @
Sudden tragedy forces Esperanza and her Mama to flee to California during the Great Depression.

Echo by Pam Munoz Ryan @
Otto meets three mysterious sisters and suddenly finds himself entwined in a puzzling quest involving a prophecy, a promise, and a harmonica.

Challenger Deep by Neal Shusterman @
Frightening, sensitive and powerful journey across the dark sea of mental illness.

The Maldonado Miracle by Theodore Taylor (grade 7 & 8 only)*
Riveting story of faith and desperation.

Ghosts by Raina Telgemeier
Graphic novel with fizz and energy.

Brown Girl Dreaming by Jackie Woodson * @
Vivid poems reveal what it was like to grow up as an African American in the 1960s and 1970s.

Go by Chip Kidd
A stunning introduction to the ways in which a designer communicates ideas to the world!

The Great Molasses Flood: Boston, 1919 by Deborah Kops
A look at this bizarre and relatively unknown sticky disaster!

We've Got a Job. The 1963 Birmingham Children's March by Cynthia Levinson @
The little-known story of how 4,000 black students went to jail to help desegregation.

March by John Lewis
Vivid graphic novel depicting Congressman John Lewis' lifelong struggle for civil and human rights.

Here in Harlem: Poems in Many Voices by Walter Dean Myers * @
54 poems celebrating life in Harlem.

Hidden Figures—Young Readers Edition by Margot Lee Shetterly * @
The phenomenal true story of the black female mathematicians at NASA whose calculations helped win the space race.

A Fire in My Hands by Gary Soto
Autobiographical poetry on the joys and embarrassments of growing up.

Almost Astronauts: 13 Women who Dared to Dream by Tanya Lee Stone *
What does it take to be an astronaut? Do you have to be a man?

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