

GREAT SUMMER READS

Grades 6-8

from Scholastic

Help prevent the summer slide.

What is the summer slide? It is the loss of academic skills over the summer break. As the old saying goes, if you don't use it, you lose it! Studies show that children who don't read over summer vacation or have stimulating summer activities, have lower reading and math skills when they return to school in September. Can we let that happen? No way! Here are the great titles that have been selected for the Spring 2011 Great Summer Reads from Scholastic:

Sixth Grade:

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas by John Boyne
The Brooklyn Nine by Alan Gratz
The Clone Codes by Patricia McKissak
Confetti Girl by Diana Lopez
Flipped by Wendelin VanDraanen
The Watsons Go to Birmingham—1963 by Christopher Paul Curtis
Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell

Seventh Grade:

Dark Life by Kat Falls
The Giver by Lois Lowry
Life as We Knew It by Susan Beth Pfeffer
The Road to Paris by Nikki Grimes
Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli
Tangerine by Edward Bloor

Eighth Grade:

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak
The House of the Scorpion by Nancy Farmer
The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins
Monster by Walter Dean Myers
Nothing but the Truth by Avi
The Outsiders by S. E. Hinton
They Never Came Back by Caroline B. Cooney