

## Steps to Summer Reading Success

### 1. Select Your Book

Pick a book that looks good to you and that you've never read!



### 2. Get Your Book

We strongly recommend that students purchase their summer reading book, if at all possible. All titles are available in paperback for under \$10. As a convenience, students will be offered the chance to order books to be delivered at school, with proceeds benefiting the Briscoe Library. All titles are also available at the Beverly Public Library; we advise you to plan ahead if you will check out a public library book.

### 3. Read and enjoy your book!

### 4. Prepare a book response.

You will be given a choice of 10 different responses. Details will be passed out in June, and will be available on the Briscoe website.

### 5. Discuss your book

In early September, you will be assigned to a one-time book discussion group. You will bring your book response on that day and meet with other students who have read the same book.



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# 2009 Briscoe Summer Reading

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*Information for students entering 6th Grade*

## Summer Reading FAQs

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### How many books do I have to read?

You must read ONE book over the summer.

### How do I know what book to read?

You pick a book from the list and sign up.

### What if I want to read more than one?

That's great! As long as you read the one you signed up to read, we encourage you to read lots of books over the summer.

### How do I sign up for my book?

You sign up online by going to the Briscoe website or to a link your teacher gives you.

### Why did I have to sign up for a book?

We want you to start the summer knowing what book you will read. Also, we need to organize the discussion groups for fall.

### Can I switch my choice?

Only until the middle of June. Talk to your teacher if you feel you need to switch.

### Do I have to buy my book?

No, but we hope that everyone who *can* buy a book, *will* buy a book. Think of it as a school supply or summer entertainment. Each title costs less than \$10.

### Where can I get my book?

You can order at school (we'll give you a form), buy it at a store, or go to the library.

### Can I read along with an audiobook?

Sure! Many of the titles are available in audiobook format from the library, Amazon, iTunes, or audible.com.

### What do I do after I read the book?

You have to complete a book response—you'll get the assignments in June. In September, you'll be assigned to a one-time "book club" to discuss the book.

### What if I have questions over the summer?

Check the Briscoe website. If you still have questions, send an email to [BriscoeSR@beverlyschools.org](mailto:BriscoeSR@beverlyschools.org).

## Book List for Students Entering 6th Grade

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### ***Blizzard!*** by Jim Murphy

Presents a history, based on personal accounts and newspaper articles, of the massive snowstorm that hit the Northeast in 1888, focusing on the events in New York City. (Nonfiction)

### ***Crossing the Wire*** by Will Hobbs

Fifteen-year-old Victor Flores journeys north in a desperate attempt to cross the Arizona border and find work in the United States to support his family in central Mexico.

### ***Define "Normal"*** by Julie Ann Peters

When Antonia agrees to meet with Jasmine as a peer counselor, she never dreams that this girl with the black lipstick and pierced eyebrow will become a good friend and will help her deal with the serious problems she faces at home.

### ***Hattie Big Sky*** by Kirby Larson

After inheriting her uncle's homesteading claim in Montana, sixteen-year-old orphan Hattie Brooks travels from Iowa in 1917 to make a home for herself and encounters some unexpected problems related to the war being fought in Europe.

### ***Heat*** by Mike Lupica

Pitching prodigy Michael Arroyo is on the run from social services after being banned from playing Little League baseball because rival coaches doubt he is only twelve years old, and he has no parents to offer them proof.

### ***Letters from Wolfie*** by Patti Sherlock

Thirteen-year-old Mark donates his dog, Wolfie, to the Army's scout program in Vietnam.

### ***Peter and the Starcatchers***

by Dave Barry & Ridley Pearson  
Peter, an orphan boy, and his friend Molly fight off thieves and pirates in order to keep the secret safe from the diabolical Black Stache. First in a series.

### ***The Revealers*** by Doug Wilhelm

Tired of being bullied and picked on, three seventh-grade outcasts join forces and, using scientific methods and the power of the local computer network, begin to create a new atmosphere at Parkland Middle School.

### ***Things Not Seen*** by Andrew Clements

When fifteen-year-old Bobby wakes up and finds himself invisible, he and his parents and his new blind friend Alicia try to find out what caused his condition and how to reverse it.

### ***Tiger*** by Jeff Stone

Five young warrior-monk brothers survive an insurrection and must use the ancient arts to avenge their Grandmaster. First in a series.

More information about each of these titles is available from your teacher and online. Go to the Briscoe website and choose the link for the Library Media Center and the link for Summer Reading. **You must sign up online for your summer reading choice by May 15!**