

# CDS SUMMER READS



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**A**LBERT EINSTEIN once said, “The only thing you absolutely have to know is the location of the library.” As the Junior and Middle/Senior School Librarians at CDS, we couldn’t agree more!

If we were to encourage our children to do just one thing that would contribute to their future success in life, it would be to read more. Among other things, reading increases our vocabulary, develops analytical thinking skills, reduces stress, teaches empathy, and enlightens us about the world we live in.

Our lives today can easily be consumed by social media vying for our attention on our multiple devices and presenting non-stop distractions for children and adults alike. Encouraging our children to step away from technology and open a paper book, or, for those who prefer to download ebooks, embrace their digital devices for the purpose of entering the world of science fiction, mystery, fantasy, drama, or whatever their preference, is a gift we have to give. Whether it be in a hammock, on a dock, porch or beach – between the pages of a book is a lovely place to be.

As teachers, we try to model good reading practices. Parents and family members can do this too. We encourage everyone to take some time this summer to lose themselves in a good book. Your public library, favourite bookstore or Goodreads.com are great places to start for summer reading club activities or book suggestions. Encourage your children to pick out a few books and make time to read every day. Whether they’re reading fiction (favourite classics or hot new releases), non-fiction, graphic novels, comic books, magazines or the sports pages, what matters is that they are reading.

Have a wonderful summer filled with great books!

The following is a sampling of our suggested summer reading lists for students in Grades 4-12. Visit [www.cds.on.ca/library](http://www.cds.on.ca/library) for the complete online versions.



## GRADE 4 (INTO GRADE 5)

*Neil Flambé* (series) by Kevin Sylvester; *Rain, Reign* by Ann M. Martin; *Crenshaw* by Katherine Applegate; *Zoobreak* by Gordon Korman; *The Land of Stories* (series) by Chris Colfer; *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown; *Fuzzy Mud* by Louis Sachar

## OTHER AUTHORS TO EXPLORE

Beverly Cleary, Andrew Clements, Roald Dahl, E.B. White



## GRADE 5 (INTO GRADE 6)

*The Penderwicks* (series) by Jeanne Birdsall; *War Horse* by Michael Morpurgo; *The Mysterious Benedict Society* by Trenton Lee Stewart; *The Fourteenth Goldfish* by Jennifer Holm; *Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt; *The Colossus Rises* by Peter Lerangis

## OTHER AUTHORS TO EXPLORE

Rob Buyea, Margaret Peterson Haddix, Madeleine L'Engle, Kit Pearson, Jerry Spinelli, Eric Walters

**“WITHOUT LIBRARIES WHAT HAVE WE? WE HAVE NO PAST AND NO FUTURE.”**

RAY BRADBURY

**“READING GIVES US SOME PLACE TO GO WHEN WE HAVE TO STAY WHERE WE ARE.”**

MASON COOLEY



**GRADE 6 (INTO GRADE 7)**

*The Unwanteds* (series) by Lisa McMann; *The Maze Runner* (series) by James Dashner; *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio; *The Thing About Jellyfish* by Ali Benjamin; *Lost in the Sun* by Lisa Graff; *The Girl Who Drank the Moon* by Kelly Barnhill; *Divergent* (series) by Veronica Roth

**OTHER AUTHORS TO EXPLORE**

Anthony Horowitz, Lois Lowry, Kenneth Oppel, J.K. Rowling



**GRADES 9 TO 12**

*All We Have Left* by Wendy Mills; *Every Falling Star* by Sungju Lee and Susan McClelland; *Norse Mythology* by Neil Gaiman; *The Optimists Die First* by Susin Nielsen; *The Twelve Lives of Samuel Hawley* by Hannah Tinti; *The Inexplicable Logic of My Life* by Benjamin Alire Sáenz; *Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline; *The Break* by Katherena Vermette; *Moonglow* by Michael Chabon; *The Reluctant Fundamentalist* by Mohsin Hamid; *Indian Horse* by Richard Wagamese

**OTHER AUTHORS TO EXPLORE**

A.S. King, E. Lockhart, Patrick Ness, Rainbow Rowell, Neal Shusterman, Graeme Simsion



**GRADES 7 AND 8**

*The Adventure's Guide to Successful Escapes* by Wade Albert White; *Going Where It's Dark* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor; *The Hill* by Karen Bass; *The Nest* by Kenneth Oppel; *The Other Boy* by M.G. Hennessey; *The 5th Wave* by Rick Yancey; *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* by Mark Haddon; *The Seven Prequels* (series) by Sigmund Brouwer, Norah McClintock, Shane Peacock, Richard Scrimger, Ted Staunton, Eric Walters, John Wilson

**OTHER AUTHORS TO EXPLORE**

Kwame Alexander, Natasha Friend, Marissa Meyer, Susin Nielsen, Holly Goldberg Sloan, Allan Stratton



**“WHETHER THEY ARE READING FICTION (CLASSICS OR NEW RELEASES), NON-FICTION, GRAPHIC NOVELS OR MAGAZINES, WHAT MATTERS IS THAT THEY ARE READING.”**