

Hampton Academy Library 2013 Summer Reading Suggestions

Are you looking for a good book to bring to the beach this summer? Why not try one of the latest books to be nominated for one of the Literary Awards in the Granite State?

Grade 6 2013-2014 Great Stone Face Book Award Nominees

The Great Stone Face Book Award program gives students in grades 4-6 an opportunity to read a variety of books before voting for their favorite book of the year. Books on the list were chosen by the Great Stone Face Committee, a group consisting of children's librarians from public and school libraries across the state. Students may vote for their favorite book in April 2014 in the school library. *Below are books suggested for students entering 6th grade. This is not the complete Great Stone Face list.*

<p>Buddy by M.H. Herlong (Realistic, animals) Twelve-year-old Li'l T and his family face great losses caused by Hurricane Katrina, including leaving Buddy, their very special, three-legged dog, behind when they must evacuate.</p>	<p>Chained by Lynne Kelly (Realistic, animals) To work off a family debt, ten-year-old Hastin leaves his desert village in India to work as a circus elephant keeper but many challenges await him, including trying to keep Nandita, an elephant, safe from the cruel circus owner.</p>
<p>Child of the Mountains by Marilyn Sue Shank (Families) In the early 1950s, Lydia Hawkins has grown up poor in the Appalachian Mountains of West Virginia with her widowed mother, brother BJ, who has cystic fibrosis, and her Gran, but when Gran and BJ die and her mother is jailed unjustly, Lydia must try to remain strong and clear her mother's name, even after she learns a shocking secret.</p>	<p>Ghost Knight by Cornelia Funke (Ghosts, schools) Eleven-year-old Jon Whitcroft and new friend Ella summon the ghost of Sir William Longspee, who may be able to protect Jon from a group of ghosts that threatens him harm from the day he arrives at Salisbury Cathedral's boarding school. Includes historical notes.</p>
<p>Gods and Warriors by Michelle Paver (Historical) In the turbulent world of the Mediterranean Bronze Age, Hylas, a lowly twelve-year-old goatherd, thief, and outsider, journeys from the Greek mountains to Crete and Egypt, making allies with animals, battling tyranny, and withstanding the elemental powers of the gods of land and sea.</p>	<p>The Golden Door by Emily Rodda (Adventure, magic) At night the skimmers fly over the Wall looking for human prey and the people of Weld huddle in their houses, but after his two brothers set out through the magic doors in an attempt to find the Enemy and don't come back, young Rye knows that he must follow and find them.</p>
<p>Horten's Miraculous Mechanisms by Lissa Evans (Mystery, fantasy) As if being small and having S. Horten as his name isn't bad enough, now 10-year-old Stuart is forced to move far away from all his friends. But on his very first day in his new home, Stuart's swept up in an extraordinary adventure: the quest to find his great-uncle Tony--a famous magician who literally disappeared off the face of the earth.</p>	<p>Liar and Spy by Rebecca Stead (Mystery, spies) Seventh-grader Georges adjusts to moving from a house to an apartment, his father's efforts to start a new business, his mother's extra shifts as a nurse, being picked on at school, and Safer, a boy who wants his help spying on another resident of their building.</p>
<p>One for the Murphys by Lynda Mullaly Hunt (Realistic, families) "After heartbreaking betrayal, Carley is sent to live with a foster family and struggles with opening herself up to their love." -- Publisher.</p>	<p>Prairie Evers by Ellen Airgood (Realistic, friendship) "Ten-year-old Prairie is happy being home-schooled and raising her flock of chickens, so transferring to regular school is a big change, but fortunately she meets a wonderful friend." -- Publisher</p>

<p>Ungifted by Gordon Korman (Realistic) Due to an administrative mix-up, troublemaker Donovan Curtis is sent to the Academy of Scholastic Distinction, a special program for gifted and talented students, after pulling a major prank at middle school.</p>	<p>The Vengekeep Prophecies by Brian Farrey (Fantasy, magic) "A magical tapestry prophesies doom for the town of Vengekeep, and to everyone's surprise twelve-year-old Jaxter Grimjinx and his family of con artists appear to be the town's saviors." -- Publisher.</p>
<p>Wooden Bones by Scott William Carter (Fantasy, Pinocchio) Pino and his father, Gepetto, face grave danger when they are forced to go on the run after villagers learn that a puppet made by Pino to represent Gepetto's dead wife can move as Pino, himself, did before becoming a real boy.</p>	<p>Wonder by R.J. Palacio - 2012-2013 Winner Ten-year-old Auggie Pullman, who was born with extreme facial abnormalities and was not expected to survive, goes from being home-schooled to entering fifth grade at a private middle school in Manhattan, which entails enduring the taunting and fear of his classmates as he struggles to be seen as just another student.</p>

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Grades 7 & 8 2013-2014 Isinglass Teen Read Award Nominees

Students entering grades 7 & 8 are encouraged to read books from the 2013-2014 Isinglass Teen Read Awards list. All books on this list were nominated by 7th and 8th grade students across the state of New Hampshire this past school year. This awards program was begun in 2001 by the Barrington Public Library and the Barrington Middle School to promote teen reading.

<p>Enclave by Ann Aguirre (Dystopian) In a post-apocalyptic future, fifteen-year-old Deuce, a loyal Huntress, brings back meat while avoiding the Freaks outside her enclave, but when she is partnered with a mysterious outsider, she begins to see that the strict ways of the elders may be wrong--and dangerous.</p>	<p>Witchlanders by Lena Coakley (Fantasy) After the prediction of Ryder's mother, once a great prophet and powerful witch, comes true and their village is destroyed by a deadly assassin, Ryder embarks on a quest that takes him into the mountains in search of the destroyer.</p>
<p>In a Heartbeat by Loretta Ellsworth (Realistic) Told in their separate voices, Eagan, who has died in a figure-skating accident, becomes a heart donor for Amelia, who then begins taking on some aspects of Eagan's personality.</p>	<p>Losing It by Erin Fry (Sports, cross country) Tired of being obese and reeling from his father's recent stroke, thirteen-year-old Bennett joins the cross country team to find out if there is more to life than french fries.</p>
<p>The Warrior's Heart by Eric Greitens (Autobiography, Navy SEALs) Eric Greitens shares his life journey from being an average kid to working to make a difference in the world's trouble spots and joining the Navy SEALs to protect the weak, and encourages readers to reflect on the power of choice and acts of courage.</p>	<p>Origin by Jessica Khoury (Sci-Fi, immortality) "Pia was raised by a team of scientists who have created her to be the start of a new immortal race. But on the night of her seventeenth birthday, Pia discovers a hole in the electric fence that surrounds her sterile home--and sneaks outside the compound for the first time in her life. Free in the jungle, Pia meets Eio, a boy from a nearby village. Together, they embark on a race against time to discover the truth about Pia's origin--a truth with deadly consequences that will change their lives forever"-- Provided by publisher.</p>
<p>Insignia by S.J. Kincaid (Sci-Fi, virtual reality) Tom, a fourteen-year-old genius at virtual reality games, is recruited by the United States Military to begin training at the Pentagon Spire as a Combatant in World War III, controlling the mechanized drones that do the actual fighting off-planet.</p>	<p>Crazy Dangerous by Andrew Klavan (Realistic) Sam Hopkins fights back when he sees bullies harassing Jennifer, an eccentric schoolmate who, he learns, is having terrifying hallucinations about demons, death, and destruction which may just come true unless Sam can stop them.</p>

<p>The Killing Sea by Richard Lewis (Survival) In the aftermath of the 2004 tsunami in Sumatra, two teenagers, American Sarah and Acehese Ruslan, meet and continue together their arduous climb inland, where Ruslan hopes to find his father and Sarah seeks a doctor for her brother. Includes maps and author's note about the tsunami on which the story is based.</p>	<p>Throne of Glass by Sarah Maas (Fantasy) After she has served a year of hard labor in the salt mines of Endovier for her crimes, Crown Prince Dorian offers eighteen-year-old assassin Celaena Sardothien her freedom on the condition that she act as his champion in a competition to find a new royal assassin.</p>
<p>Cinder by Marissa Meyer (Sci-Fi, Cinderella) As plague ravages the overcrowded Earth, observed by a ruthless lunar people, Cinder, a gifted mechanic and cyborg, becomes involved with handsome Prince Kai and must uncover secrets about her past in order to protect the world in this futuristic take on the Cinderella story.</p>	<p>Ghost of Graylock by Dan Pablocki (Ghost story) Staying with their aunts over the summer, Neil Cady, his sister Bree, and their new friends Wesley and Eric, set out to explore Greylock Hall, an abandoned psychiatric hospital which is supposed to be haunted by the ghost of Nurse Janet.</p>
<p>Auracle by Gina Rosati (Paranormal) A teenaged girl who has the power to astrally project finds her body taken over by a dead classmate, and must find a way to reclaim it if she wants to save herself and her friend who is accused of murder.</p>	<p>Revolution 19 by Gregg Rosenblum (Sci-Fi, robotics) Twenty years after robots designed to fight wars abandoned the battlefields and turned their weapons against humans, siblings Nick, Kevin, and Cass must risk everything when the wilderness community where they have spent their lives in hiding is discovered by the bots.</p>
<p>Endangered by Eliot Schrefer (Survival, animal rescue) Sophie is not happy to be back in the Congo for the summer, but when she rescues an abused baby bonobo she becomes more involved in her mother's sanctuary--and when fighting breaks out and the sanctuary is attacked, it is up to Sophie to rescue the apes and somehow survive in the jungle.</p>	<p>Divergent by Veronica Roth - 2012-2013 Isinglass Winner In a future Chicago, sixteen-year-old Beatrice Prior must choose among five predetermined factions to define her identity for the rest of her life, a decision made more difficult when she discovers that she is an anomaly who does not fit into any one group, and that the society she lives in is not perfect after all.</p>

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Additional Resources

Hampton Academy ebooks on Follett Shelf

<https://wbb06963.folletshelf.com>

Ebooks can be borrowed from the library and downloaded onto an iPad, iPhone, iTouch, and Android tablets. A free Follett Reader app is available for these devices. All students have been set up with a username and password to Follett Shelf. Please contact Mrs. Saunders with questions on how to access ebooks.

Teen Summer Reading Program at Lane Memorial Library

There are many fun activities happening at the library this summer, including book to movie discussions, gaming afternoons, emergency candle-making, and an Iron Chef competition! Visit the Lane Memorial Library for more information.

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