July 2, 2020

Read, Read, Read!

The Library’s annual Summer Reading Game kicks off this coming Monday, July 6 and runs through August 14. Learn more about the online Summer Reading Game and how to sign up [here](#).

But of course, the biggest part of Summer Reading is *reading!* This year’s recommended Summer Reading Lists can be found on the [Library’s website](#). The Reading Lists provide many wonderful recommendations for titles for PreK readers all the way through those entering 12th Grade, as well as our annual *My Brother’s Keeper* Reading Lists. Keep in mind, only the High School and Honors/AP course lists have required titles. All the other lists are curated suggestions of diverse, inclusive and downright awesome books.

To make things easier, each Reading List also features links to ebook and digital audiobook copies of the titles, when available. White Plains students can also access our ematerials via the Sora app with their school account. Need to know how
to do that? Find out here.

What’s really important is that your children and teens are reading! So read, read, read! Read books from the Reading Lists. Read books not on the Reading lists. Read some of the books from the lists below. Listen to audiobooks. Read the newspaper. Read a cookbook (then make the recipe!). Read blogs. Read magazines. Read comics and graphic novels.

In short, just read!

Take care and have fun reading,

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Remember, you can always reply to this email or reach me on Twitter.

Note: This will be the last weekly edition of What’s the Story?. Moving forward we will return to a monthly edition, with occasional enews blasts highlighting information and updates on Library programs and services. I hope you have enjoyed these weekly newsletters and have found them worthwhile.
Every Friday at 11:00 a.m. from July 10 – August 14 we are excited to offer a wonderful family friendly performance! From concerts to juggling and puppetry, this series of programs has something for everyone.

We kick things off next Friday with a concert from Turtle Dance Music. Check out a mini-concert video preview of this fun show!

Family Fun Fridays are supported by the White Plains Library Foundation.

Illusionist Leon Etienne

The Library is excited to announce a performance by Illusionist Leon Etienne on Wednesday, July 22 at 6:30 p.m.!
Dive Into Diversity:
International Day of Friendship

Picture Books
Chapter Books
YA Fiction

July and August Virtual Book Bunch
with Authors

Youth in Grades 3-7 are invited to join a book discussion and virtually meet the authors of the books they are reading! The next Book Bunch will be held on July 22nd.

July & August Teen Book Clubs
Virtual book club sessions were the highlight of spring for librarians Lauren and Kat. They are looking forward to four more sessions this summer, this time with the theme of summer reading. The next teen book club will be held on July 10th.

Parenting in a Pandemic: Siblings

Ms. Lauren shares tips for parents of two or more children who struggle to get along during this extended quarantine period.

Peculiar Picks: Baby Monkey, Private Eye

Since Daddy-Daughter Storytime has ended, Josh returns to his pre-pandemic column, Peculiar Picks for Younger Readers, a selection of odd, funny, interesting, curious, moving, irreverent, and otherwise wonderfully awesome, but perhaps not well known, reads. The first title up, Baby Monkey, Private Eye by Brian Selznick.
Other Summer Reading Lists

**We Are Kid Lit Collective’s 2020 Summer Reading List**, highlighting works which “recognize the humanity of Indigenous and People of Color (IPOC) in youth literature.”

**Summer Reading for Kids Who Learn and Think Differently** from Understood.org.

**School Library Journal Summer Reading 2020**, features suggestions for all ages, as well as graphic novel, nonfiction and multigenerational reading recommendations.

**2020 Summer Reading Recommendations** from The Horn Book.

**Summer Reads 2020** from Publisher’s Weekly.

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## Around the Web

- [Antiracist Reads and Resources for All Ages](#)
- [37 Picture Books that Celebrate #BlackJoy](#)
- [KidLit These Days podcast from BookRiot](#), described as “kidlit connoisseurs pairing the best of children’s literature with what’s going on in the world today.”
- [Parenting in Place video series from CMOM](#). Most recent video features Dr. Rosemarie Truglio discussing “Managing Big Emotions and Building Resilience in Children.”
- Virtual Summer Camp from Wide Open School. Weekly themes of online and offline activities, learning and fun.
  - [PreK-5 Program](#).
  - [Grades 6-12 Program](#).
Our kindergarten through Grade 5 students will have the opportunity to bring new books home during our Book Bus Drives.

- Wednesday, July 8, 2020 from 9:00 AM until 12:00 PM at Battle Hill Park

Nuestros estudiantes de kindergarten hasta 5º grado tendrán la oportunidad de traer libros nuevos gratis a casa através de nuestro Autobus de Libros.

- Miércoles, 8 de julio de 2020 de 9:00 a.m. hasta el mediodía en el parque Battle Hill
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