

Gurrie 8th Grade Summer Read 2023

Welcome to 8th grade! Next year will be a super-exciting one, and what better way to get ready for it by jumping in with some good books? You probably already have your eye on some books to read this summer, but we also request you read at least one of the books listed here. Reading some of the same books will help us all to come together as a community once the next school year begins. *When you return in August, your chosen summer read will be the focus to revisit skills and concepts, specifically main ideas/themes.*

You can check these books out from the Gurrie library and the public libraries in Hodgkins and LaGrange this summer, or buy them if you'd like. You can also order them from us, as long as you get your order in to your teacher by **Friday, May 12th**. Sorry, we cannot take late orders.

Be sure to share the list with your parents and talk about the books with them. See the other side if you want to order any or all of these books from us (a slight discount and no tax!) and have it delivered to your ELA class before summer vacation starts. **But you must turn in your order form, with your money, to your ELA teacher no later than Friday, May 12th.** We take checks, made out to Gurrie Middle School, or cash (with exact change, please).

If you have any questions about summer reading, just call the Gurrie office at (708) 482-2720. We'll get back to you as soon as possible.

One more thing. Keep us posted on whatever you're reading. Add **ALL** your reading this summer to the Student Reading log at www.studentreading.net for reading incentives when school starts again!

Happy reading!

Gurrie's English Language Arts Teachers

Note: Students who will be in Advanced ELA next year MUST read: *Long Way Down*, by Jason Reynolds (the full text, NOT the graphic novel) and ONE book from the Summer Read list for a total of two.



Order your Summer Read books here!

Be sure to give the form and your payment (cash or check) to your ELA teacher by **Friday, May 12th**.

Book	Cost each	Number of copies wanted	Total cost
<i>Stamped (for Kids)</i> , by Sonja Cherry-Paul, et al.	\$14.00		
<i>My Life in the Fish Tank</i> , by Barbara Dee	\$9.00		
<i>Alone</i> , by Megan E. Freeman	\$9.00		
<i>Ahmed Aziz's Epic Year</i> , by Nina Hamza	\$11.00		
<i>The Last Cuentista</i> , by Donna Barba Higuera	\$13.00		
<i>Red, White and Whole</i> , by Rajani LaRocca	\$13.00		
<i>City Spies</i> , by James Ponti	\$9.00		
<i>Daughter of the Deep</i> , by Rick Riordan	\$9.50		
<i>I Must Betray You</i> , by Ruta Sepetys	\$12.00		
<i>Fallout: Spies, Superbombs, and the Ultimate Cold War Showdown</i> , by Steve Sheinkin	\$18.00		
<i>Barakah Beats</i> , by Maleeha Siddiqui	\$8.00		
<i>A Wish in the Dark</i> , by Christina Soontornvat	\$9.00		
<i>The Shape of Thunder</i> , by Jasmine Warga	\$8.00		
<i>Turtle Boy</i> , Evan M. Wolkenstein	\$9.00		
<i>Maizy Chen's Last Chance</i> , by Lisa Yee	\$9.00		
<i>The Bridge Home</i> , by Padma Venkatraman	\$9.00		
Advanced ELA students MUST read:			
<i>Long Way Down</i> , by Jason Reynolds (full text, not the graphic novel)	\$7.00		
TOTAL BOOKS ORDERED/MONEY ENCLOSED			\$

Student Name (first and last) _____

ELA Teacher Name _____

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