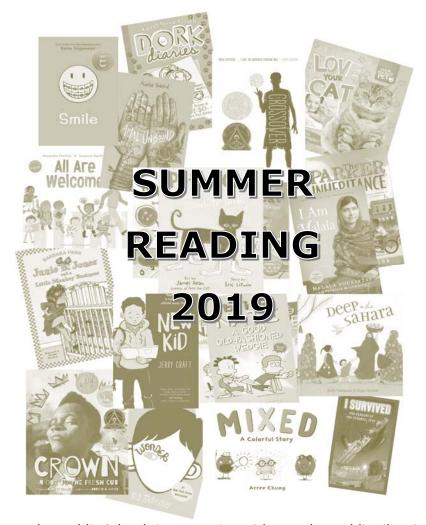


Little Free Library Locations

Bear Path School, 10 Kirk Road
Church Street School, 95 Church Street
Dunbar Hill School, 315 Lane Street
Helen Street School, 285 Helen Street
M.L. Keefe Center, 11 Pine Street
Ridge Hill School, 120 Carew Road
Shepherd Glen School, 1 Skiff Street Extension
Spring Glen School, 1908 Whitney Avenue
West Woods School, 350 West Todd Street

Hamden Public Schools



Hamden Public Schools is partnering with Hamden Public Libraries for the 2019 summer reading program: A Universe of Stories. Students entering kindergarten through grade 6 should record the books they've read on the public library tracker and return it to Miller Library or any branch throughout the summer for prizes, and/or return the tracker in September to their school libraries. Students entering grades 7 or higher should track their reading online. See www.hamden.org/summerreading for more information.

Dear Parent/Guardian:

With the end of the 2018-2019 school year approaching, we know parents are making plans for their child's vacation activities. While summer months are a welcome opportunity for a break from "school," it's important for learning to continue throughout the vacation. Students who read over the summer maintain skills and return to school ready to build on previous learning. Students who regularly practice reading over the summer are less likely to suffer from the "summer slide," or loss of reading skills.

Hamden Public Schools is committed to fostering a love of reading in our students and developing life-long reading habits that extend beyond the classroom and into their daily lives. No matter what exciting plans you have for the summer, we hope you will make time to enjoy some good books.

Have a safe and wonderful summer!

Sincerely, Susan Smey Director of Media, Assessment and Intervention, and Hamden Public Schools' Media Specialists

Hamden Public Schools Summer Reading Suggestions

- 1. Read books you like.
 - a. If you don't know what to read, see the "Book Recommendations" from your friends and classmates on your school's web site: www.hamden.org/summerreading. Watch the trailers for previews of the books;
 - b. Ask a public librarian for suggestions.
- 2. Buy, borrow, or download your books.
 - a. Buy new or used books at book or discount stores;
 - Borrow from a school library, public library or a friend;
 - c. Download books from the school or public libraries:
 Visit www.hamdenlibrary.org/
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 <u>www.gofollett.com</u> to borrow ebooks from your school library;
 - d. Take (free!) books from Little Free Libraries located throughout Hamden. (See back for map of Little Free Libraries.)