

## North Branford Public Libraries

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## One World, Many Stories for Grades 3-8

- Sign up in the Children's Room and design your own hot air balloon to hang in the window at the library. Don't forget to "check out" all our fun programs - music, cartoons, animals and more!!
  - Take home books to read.
  - Take home a "One World Many Stories" bookmark to keep track of your reading. (Children in grades K-5 should also use the Governor's Summer Reading Journal to record the titles of the books read this summer for school).
  - Send us a postcard and complete your Passport to Adventure for an ice cream coupon at the Northford Coffee and Ice Cream Shop.
  - Check out a "Flat Charlie Atwater" or "Flat Clara Smith" and share your summer fun in our travel journal at the library.
  - Congratulations! Bring back your bookmark when you've reached your goal. Receive a certificate and small prize.
- \*Prize Drawing: Fill out your coupons as you read!**  
-Fill out 1 coupon for every 5 days you read.  
**No coupons accepted after August 4<sup>th</sup>.**



# SUMMER READING 2011

<http://summerreadingct.org/>

### *Dear Incoming Third Grade Parents and Students:*

Summer vacation means finally having time to enjoy reading as a pleasant and relaxed activity. We encourage your family to visit the Atwater and Edward Smith Libraries frequently where you will find the books and authors listed on the following pages.

#### General Summer Reading Guidelines

1. Read at least 5 books from the suggested list or choose any other appropriate title. Write the title and author of the book on the enclosed Governor's Summer Reading Challenge Journal. A parent's signature is required when the 5 books are read. (Sign above the student's name).
2. Books listed on the enclosed Governor's Summer Reading Challenge Journal may also count towards the Library's Summer Program, "One World, Many Stories" (See the back cover for more information).
3. In September present your completed reading log to your new classroom teacher. A reading certificate will be awarded to the students who have completed all the requirements. Participants will be eligible to win prizes!
4. Visit the TVES website for summer reading web links, a FREE book offer from Barnes & Noble, and more!



**ENJOY YOUR SUMMER READING!**



## One World, Many Stories

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Summer Reading Suggestions

Don't forget to visit the Edward Smith & Atwater libraries for more suggestions!

#### FOLKTALES AND FAIRY TALES

**Mama Panya's Pancakes** by Mary and Rich Chamberlin

Mama Panya has just enough money to buy ingredients for a few pancakes. When her son Adika invites all their friends to join them, she is sure there will not be enough to go around.

**SKY Sweeper** by Phillis Gershtator

Despite criticism for his lack of "accomplishments," Takiboki finds contentment sweeping flower blossoms and raking the sand and gravel in the monks' temple garden.

**Conejito: a Folktale from Panama** by Margaret Read MacDonald

This folktale from Panama is about a little rabbit and his Tia Monica. Together they outwit a fox, a tiger, and a lion, all of whom want to eat them for lunch.

**The Funny Little Woman** by Arlene Morel

While chasing a dumpster, a little lady is captured by wicked creatures. She escapes with the means of becoming the richest woman in Japan. Caldecott Winner.



#### PICTURE BOOKS

**The Sandwich Swap** by Her Majesty Queen Rania Al Abdullah

Best friends Lily and Salma disagree over their preferred foods. After trading sandwiches to see how they taste, the girls change their minds.

**Library Mouse: A World to Explore** by Daniel Kirk

When Sarah, an explorer mouse, meets Sam, she gives him the courage to finally climb to the highest library shelves--and beyond--and he shows her how to explore the world through reading.

**14 Cows for America** by Carmen Agra Deedy

This is a story about a generous gift given by the Maasai people to the people of the U.S. It was a gesture of comfort and friendship in the wake of the attacks of September 11, 2001.

**Recycle Every Day!** by Nancy Elizabeth Wallace

When Milna has a school assignment to make a poster about recycling, her entire family spends the week practicing recycling and suggesting ideas for her poster.

**Who Stole the Mona Lisa?** by Ruthie Knapp

Mona Lisa tells of her time when she was in the hands of a thief, and shares the secret of why she smiles.



#### CHAPTER BOOKS

**Friend or Fiend?** by Judy Blume

Jake makes an error while reading aloud in class and vows to remain silent forever when his best friend joins in the laughter. Who knew the letter "r" could wreak such havoc? Meanwhile, Abigail comes to the painful conclusion that she can no longer trust one of her best friends.

**Lunch Lady and the Summer Camp Shakedown** by Jarrett J. Krosoczka

When the crime-fighting school lunch lady works as the cook at summer camp, she investigates the mystery of the legendary swamp monster. 2011 Children's Choice Book Award Winner.

**Alvin Ho, Allergic to Camping, Hiking and Other Natural Disasters** by Lenore Look

While camping with his father, Alvin makes a new friend and learns that he can be brave despite his fear of everything.



**Marco? Polo!** by Jon Scieszka

Joe, Sam, and Fred travel to thirteenth-century China, where they disguise themselves as astrologers and meet Marco Polo.

**Ivy and Bean Take Care of the Babysitter** by Annie Barrows

Ivy and Bean devise a plan to prove that Bean's older sister is the worst babysitter ever, but their plan has some surprising consequences.

**Judy Moody Saves the World!** by Meghan McDonald

When Judy Moody gets serious about protecting the environment, her little brother Stink thinks she is overdoing it, but she manages to inspire her third grade class to undertake an award-winning, environment-saving project.

**Stink and the Ultimate Thumb-Wrestling Smack down** by Meghan McDonald

Stink's parents tell him he must play a sport after he gets an unsatisfactory grade in physical education, and so he masters thumb wrestling, which he saw on a sports channel.



#### POETRY

**African Acrostics: a Word in Edgeways** by Avis Harley

Illustrated with gorgeous full-color photographs, this collection of acrostic poems will teach you about the fascinating wild animals of Africa.

**You Read to Me, I'll Read to You: Very Short Fables to Read Together** by Mary Ann Hoberman

This is a collection of short retellings of Aesop's fables, each designed for young children and adults to read together.

#### NONFICTION & BIOGRAPHY

**Up We Grow! a Year in the Life of a Small, Local Farm** by Deborah Hodge

This book looks at the activities that take place on small, local farms throughout the year, as farmers plow, plant, harvest, and care for the soil, animals, and each other.

**Never Smile at a Monkey** by Steve Jenkins

This book explains what you should never do around various dangerous animals, with warnings about petting a platypus, touching a tang fish, or pulling a python's tail.

**Listen to the Wind: the Story of Dr. Greg and the Three Cups of Tea** by Greg Mortenson  
This is a children's book that tells the story of Dr. Greg Mortenson's promise to build a school in a remote Himalayan village after the villagers saved his life.



#### LOOK FOR THESE POPULAR THIRD GRADE AUTHORS & SERIES!

Abbot, Tony (Secrets of Droom) McDonald, Meghan (Judy Moody & Stink )

Bunting, Eve (all books)

Barrows, Ann (Ivy and Bean)

Cleary, Beverly (all books)

DiCamillo, Kate (Mercy Watson)

Gutman, Dan (My Weird School)

Henkes, Kevin (all books)

Howe, James (all books)

Klein, Abby (Ready Freddy)

Krulik, Nancy (Katie Kazoo)

Meadows, Daisy (Rainbow Magic)

Miles, Ellen (Puppy Place)

Osborne, Mary Pope (Magic Tree House)

Polacco, Patricia (all books)

Pierce, Lincoln (Big Nate)

Pilkey, Dav (Captain Underpants)

Roy, Ron (A to Z Mysteries)

Say, Allen (all books)

Van Allsburg, Chris (all books)



Van Drannen, Wendelin (Shredderman)

For more reading ideas, visit [Kidread.com](http://Kidread.com)!