

Congratulations! You made it to the end of 6th grade. What a year it's been! Your teachers have been wowed by your enthusiasm for reading, and we want to do everything we can to help you carry that momentum into your 7th grade year. One great way readers keep up with their reading lives is by making *specific, realistic* reading plans for themselves. So let's get started.

- **Make a copy** of this summer reading document. Title it "Summer Reading\_\_Your Name"
- Complete the summer reading assignment by Friday, September 1.
- Share it with your teachers:
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**Step 1:**

Where and when will you read? You are more likely to keep up a good habit if you do it at the same time, in the same place, every day. Like brushing your teeth!

Location	Every day I will read in... <i>(examples: my room, the kitchen table, a cushy chair)</i>	
Time of day	Every day I will read for 30 minutes when... <i>(examples: when I wake up, at bedtime, while I'm eating lunch...)</i>	

**Step 2:**

What will you read? How will you get these books? Use the following resources to make a plan and figure out a way to get your hands on the books you want to read.

Check out these recommendations and make a list of **4 books** you plan to read. You don't have to choose books from these resources if you have others you'd like to read instead- just be sure to read at least four books:

- [New York Public Library](#)
- [Brooklyn Public Library](#)
- [Diverse Summer Reading List](#) (filter by age)
- [Best Middle School Books Set in the Summer](#)

Try these methods for finding free books online:

- Keyword search: title + author + pdf (*example: Gone Michael Grant PDF*)
- See if the book you want to read is in this [database](#).
- Use the public library's [Libby App](#) to check out books and read them on your phone or laptop.

Ask an adult family member if you can use one of these resources:

- [Bookmooch.com](#) (give away old books and request new books)
- [Thriftbooks.com](#) (crazy cheap books and NO shipping fee)
- [Bookshop.org](#) (independent bookseller if you want to skip Amazon)

	Book title	I will get the book by... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>My parent has agreed to buy a new or used copy</i></li> <li>• <i>I have requested an e-book through the public library</i></li> <li>• <i>I have requested a copy of the book from my library and can pick it up</i></li> <li>• <i>I have found a free version of the book online</i></li> </ul>
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**Step 3:**

Read and log your books.

Book Title	Main character's MOST important trait. Use this <a href="#">word bank</a> if you're feeling stuck.	Detail (quote) from the text that supports your ideas about the character's most important trait. Include the page #.	Explain how this quote shows the character's most important trait. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>This detail suggests that...</i></li> </ul>