

Dear Family,

The Brockway School Jr. /Sr. High School wants to continue the passion for reading as our students begin summer vacation. Summer is a great time to enhance literacy skills. It has been proven that students who do not read during the summer show a three month loss in their reading ability, but those who continue to read make great gains for their upcoming school year.

Furthermore, research shows that literacy is not only financially rewarding, but is one of the most sought-after skills in today's rapidly changing job market.

In order to improve students' reading ability and prepare them for the future, we are implementing a summer reading program.

This reading program requires students to read at least twenty-five minutes per week over the summer vacation.

Reading logs will be provided so you can track your child's progress together. Additional copies of the log can be found on the school's website. These logs will be collected during the first two weeks of school for an English homework grade.

Thank you, in advance, for your participation in this program.

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Family Reading Strategies

Set a good example

Keep a variety of reading materials around the house. Turn off the TV and have family reading time (including mom and dad).

Let kids choose what they want to read

On the inside cover of this brochure are suggested titles of various genres and reading materials your child may enjoy. Please refer to the grade-appropriate lists and feel free to ask your child's teacher for advice.

Take your child to the library regularly

Our local public library offers so much. Check out a book and ask about their summer reading programs.

Use technology

Reading can be done on computers, tablets, e-readers, and smartphones. Check out these great resources.

- ♦ Mingle Memorial Library has many free e-books available to anyone with a public library card. Visit their e-book web site (<http://minglelibrary.org/ebooks.htm>) and follow the directions to download and use the latest e-book software (axis 360, Blio, and Overdrive).
- ♦ The school's library offers *Gale's Student Resources in Context* and *Power Library* at brockwaysd.follettdestiny.com. With these, students have access to many, many free magazine and newspaper articles. Use the following login information: Username: broc22446
Password: broc_rpa
- ♦ Many websites offer e-books for free and for purchase. Check out www.gutenberg.org, <https://openlibrary.org>, Google Play, Amazon.com, and the iTunes book store.



Brockway Jr. / Sr. High School Summer Reading Program

When: June 1–August 7, 2015

For students currently in sixth through eleventh grade.

Log reading times on attached sheet, which is to be returned the 2nd week of school in September.



Not sure where to start? Here are a few suggested titles to get you started.

► Grades 7-9

Fiction

A Girl Named Disaster by Nancy Farmer
A Long Way from Chicago by Richard Peck
Al Capone Does My Shirts by Gennifer Choldenko
Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer
Crispin: The Cross of Lead by Avi
Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie by Jordan Sonnenblick
Eleven Patricia Reilly by Giff
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows by J. K. Rowling
Hoot by Carl Hiaasen
Pictures of Hollis Woods by Patricia Reilly Giff
Stormbreaker by Anthony Horowitz
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain
The Dark Is Rising by Susan Cooper
The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe C. S. Lewis
The Tiger Rising by Kate DiCamillo
The Wednesday Wars by Gary D. Schmidt
The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin

Historical Fiction

A Single Shard by Linda Sue Park
City of Orphans by Avi
Esperanza Rising by Pam Muñoz Ryan
Fever 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson
Hiroshima: A Novella by Laurence Yep
Moon Over Manifest by Clare Vanderpool
The Dreamer Pam Muñoz Ryan
The Lions of Little Rock by Kristin Levine
The Shakespeare Stealer by Gary Blackwood

Non-fiction

Alexander Graham Bell by Mike Venezia
Around the World by Matt Phelan
Computer Graphics by Kevin Cunningham
Explorers by Bailey Tim
Internet Inventors by Nel Yomtov
Marie Curie by Vicki Cobb
Mission: Mars by Pascal Lee
Television by Steven Otfinoski
Toys by Kevin Cunningham
Video Games by Kevin Cunningham
What a Great Idea! By Stephen M. Tomecek

► Grades 10-12

Drama

King Lear by William Shakespeare
Macbeth by William Shakespeare
Monster by Walter Dean Myers
Riot by Walter Dean Myers
Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare

Fiction

1984 by George Orwell
A Raisin in the Sun by Lorraine Hansberry
A Separate Peace by John Knowles
Babbitt by Lewis Sinclair
Between Shades of Gray by Ruta Sepetys
Brave New World by Aldous Huxley
Catch-22 by Joseph Heller
Divergent by Veronica Roth
Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury
For Whom the Bell Tolls by Ernest Hemingway
Heart of Darkness by Joseph Conrad
Looking for Alaska by John Green
Lord of the Flies by William Golding
Nothing But the Truth: A Documentary Novel by Avi
Red Kayak by Priscilla Cummings
Sense and Sensibility by Jane Austen
Slaughterhouse-Five by Kurt Vonnegut
Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson
The Book Thief by Markus Zusak
The Call of the Wild by Jack London
The Catcher in the Rye by J. D. Salinger
The Fault in Our Stars by John Green
The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck
The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald
The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams
The Hobbit (Middle-Earth Universe) by J.R.R. Tolkien
The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros
To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

Poetry

I'm Nobody! Who Are You? By Emily Dickinson
Robert Frost by Gary D. Schmidt
The Best Poems Ever by Eric S. Mesmer
The Dream Keeper and Other Poems by Langston Hughes
The Raven and Other Poems by Edgar Allen Poe

Non-fiction

Beating Depression by Joan E Huebl and Faye Zucker
Belly-Busting Worm Invasions by Thomasine E. Tilden
Blood Suckers! By John DiConsiglio
Catherine the Great: Empress of Russia by Vincent Zu
Cute, Furry, and Deadly by Christen Brownlee
da Vinci by Kathleen Krull
Freedom's Children by Ellen Levine
How a Bill Becomes a Law by Bailey Tim
I Did It Without Thinking by Bob Hugel
Imprisoned by Martin W. Sandler
Jackie's Nine by Sharon Robinson
Jane Austen: A Life Revealed by Catherine Reef
Julius Caesar: Dictator for Life by Denise Rinaldo
Leopold II: Butcher of the Congo by Tod Olson
Mummies Unwrapped! By N. B. Grace
Mythlopedia: All in the Family by Steven Otfinoski
Pearl Harbor by Steve Dougherty
Smart Money by Danielle Denega
Spies of Mississippi by Rick Bowers
Stay Strong by Terrie Williams
Surviving Divorce by Trudi Strain Trueit
The War in Iraq by Franklin Watts
There's a Funbus Among Us! By John DiConsiglio
True Confessions by John DiConsiglio
Walt Whitman: Words for America by Barbara Kerley
What's Eating My Flesh? By Thomasine E. Tilden
When Plague Strikes by James Cross Giblin
World War II Home Front by Gary E. Barr

► A.P. Classes

A.P. United States History Suggested Readings

A Patriot's History of the United States by Larry Schweikart and Michael Allen
A People's History of the United States by Howard Zinn
Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee by Dee Brown
On The Road by Jack Kerouac
The Feminine Mystique by Betty Friedan
The Jungle by Upton Sinclair
Uncle Tom's Cabin by Harriet Beecher Stowe

A.P. English Required Summer Novel

The Scarlett Letter by Nathaniel Hawthorne

