

Dear Students and Parents,

At Sparta Middle School we are committed to literacy and fostering a love of reading. We know that the best way to help our students grow as readers is to offer independence in reading selections. Choice often encourages more reading once students find a topic, series, or author they love. We are excited by the enthusiasm of our students for reading; the level of involvement in the 40 Book Challenge was beyond our expectations! We hope that excitement carries over to the summer months.

During the school year teachers often make reading choices for students, selecting works that are challenging or require the guidance and support of the teacher who is presenting layers of analysis through the novel or nonfiction pieces. But during the summer, we want students to have a greater voice in their reading. Teachers across all disciplines who engage in reading as a regular pastime want to be a part of the process and have volunteered to lead a discussion about a book that they have offered to share. Ranging from fantasy to sports to mystery to historical fiction and beyond, the options reach across all genres. There really is something for everyone!

Each student at Sparta Middle School will select one book from the list linked below to read over the summer and join a book chat about it in September. We hope you enjoy your selection (and if not, pick another one!) and we look forward to chatting about it in the fall!

Book Choices: [SMS Summer Reading Recommendations 2016](#)

Make your selection here by **JUNE 15**: [SMS Summer Reading Selection Form](#)

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Hassenplug at mary.hassenplug@sparta.org.
Wishing you a summer of fun, relaxation, and reading!

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