Celebrate summer with great books!

Get a jump-start on next year by keeping your mind active this summer. There are lots of places to find the books that you’ll finally have plenty of time to read:

- Visit your local bookstore or library: Aspen Hill, Twinbrook, or Rockville Memorial.
- Visit the MCPS Summer Reading page for links to booklists at http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/readinglists/

As you read, make sure you remember what you’ve read by keeping a reading journal or putting sticky notes on the pages you’ll want to go back to.

At the start of next school year, you should expect to write about your reading, so be prepared to think about what was most memorable in your books. Here are some questions you might want to think about as you read:

- How are some of the main characters like me? How are they different?
- What did the characters learn that I could also use in my life?
- Can I picture where and when the story takes place? What did the author make me feel about that time and place?
- Would I recommend these books to my friends? Why or why not?
- How am I a different person after my reading adventure?

Questions? Contact Brooks Kemp, English/Reading Content Specialist, at 301-460-2150.
Don’t have a favorite yet? Check out this year’s Black-Eyed Susan Award nominees!

Kwame Alexander, *Rebound*  
Barbara Dee, *Halfway Normal*  
Tommy Greenwald, *Game Changer*  
Susan Hood, *Lifeboat 12*  
Watt Key, *Deep Water*  
Stacy McAnulty, *The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl*

Jewell Parker Rhodes, *Ghost Boys*  
Aisha Saeed, *Amal Unbound*  
Tamara Ireland Stone, *Click’d*  
James L. Swanson, *Chasing King’s Killer: The Hunt for Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Assassin*

**Graphic Novels**

Ethan Aldridge, *Estranged*  
Laurie Halse Anderson, *Speak: The Graphic Novel*  
Carl Bowen, *Gods and Thunder: A Graphic Novel of Old Norse Myths*  
Cecil Castellucci, *Soupy Leaves Home*

Svetlana Chmakova, *Crush*  
Eoin Colfer & Andrew Donkin, *Illegal*  
Stephen McCranie, *Space Boy: Book 1*  
Melissa Osborne, *The Wendy Project*

All the books listed above are available as e-books to check out from the Wood MS Media Center! Check with Ms. Bowman or on the [website](#).