

June 2, 2022

Dear OG Families,

I am excited to tell you about the 2022 Summer Reading assignment! The goal of summer reading is to encourage and foster a love of reading while also avoiding the “summer slide”. Orange Grove wants to keep our students on track this summer so they will be as successful as possible in the next school year. Students will complete within the first week a test made by Mrs. Halek on their book of choice which will count as a test grade in PowerSchool making it a significant portion of their Quarter 1 overall average. If you would like to read a second book and take a quiz on a 2nd book, it will count as **extra credit!**

Summer Reading Assignment: Required

Students will choose from the 2022-2023 Junior Book Award nominees; these books have been nominated by the South Carolina Association of School Librarians as the best of the year. Students will complete a “did you read the book” test given by Mrs. Halek during the first few days of school. Taking a quiz on the 2nd book will count as extra credit. The list of nominees and brief descriptions of each book are attached!

CCPL Summer Reading Program: OPTIONAL

June 4 to August 13, 2022

Want to motivate your child to read more this summer? Have them join in on the fun with the public library’s **Teen Summer Reading Program**. Students can enjoy books and magazines of their choice – print or electronic. They log their reading online at <https://www.ccpl.org/summeronline> and earn amazing prizes from local sponsors. The teen program is available to rising 6th through 12th grade. All CCSD students are already registered. Usernames are the same as their AR username (Ex: smijan2354). This same username is also used as the password. Click to see all the **GREAT PRIZES kids can earn and the awesome virtual programs planned!**

Feel free to email me at chandler_bryant@orangegrovecharter.com if you have any questions!

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2022 – 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA BOOK AWARD NOMINEES



4K – 3rd

- The Bear in my Family**
Maya Tatsukawa
Bedtime Bonnet
Nancy Amanda Redd
Black is a Rainbow Color
Angela Joy
The Camping Trip
Jennifer K. Mann
The Chicken Who Couldn't
Jan Thomas
Eyes That Kiss in the Corners
Joanna Ho
Facts vs. Opinions vs. Robots
Michael Rex
*Harlem Grown: How One Big Idea
Transformed a Neighborhood*
Tony Hillery
Home for a While
Lauren H. Kerstein
If You Come to Earth
Sophie Blackall
Lift
Minh Le
Memoirs of a Tortoise
Devin Scillian
Mia Imagines the World
Matt de la Pena
The Oboe Goes Boom Boom Boom
Colleen A.F. Venable
Old Rock (Is Not Boring)
Deb Pilutti
Ronan the Librarian
Tara Luebbe and Becky Cattie
*Stompin' at the Savoy: How Chick
Webb Became the King of Drums*
Moira Rose Donahue
*Swish!: The Slam-Dunking, Alley-Ooping,
High-flying Harlem Globetrotters*
Suzanne Slade
This Way, Charlie
Caron Lewis
Unstoppable
Adam Rex



3rd – 6th

- Amari and the Night Brothers**
B.B. Alston
Becoming Muhammad Ali: A Novel
James Patterson and Kwame Alexander
Blue Skies
Anne Bustard
Clean Getaway
Nic Stone
Connect the Dots
Keith Calabrese
Distress Signal
Mary E. Lambert
Echo Mountain
Lauren Wolk
Finn and the Interplanetary Lunchbox
Michael Buckley
The Hide and Seeker
Daka Hermon
In the Red
Christopher Swiedler
Isiah Dunn is My Hero
Kelly J. Baptist
Katie the Cabbie
Colleen A.F. Venable
Prairie Lotus
Linda Sue Park
*Railway Jack: True Story of an
Amazing Baboon*
K.T. Johnston
Red, White, and Whole
Rajani Larooca
Scratch Scratch
Lindsay Currie
The Total Eclipse of Nestor Lopez
Adrianna Cuevas
Unspeakeable: The Tulsa Race Massacre
Carole Boston Weatherford
War Stories
Gordon Korman
*Winterborne Home for Vengeance
and Valor*
Ally Carter



6th – 9th

- All He Knew*
Helen Frost
Alone
Megan E. Freeman
Amari and the Night Brothers
B.B. Alston
The Brave
James Bird
The Canyon's Edge
Dusti Bowling
City Spies
James Ponti
Cleo Porter and the Body Electric
Jake Burt
Closer to Nowhere
Ellen Hopkins
Dress Coded
Carrie Firestone
Fighting Words
Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
Ground Zero
Alon Grotz
The In-Between
Rebecca K.S. Ansari
Measuring Up
Lily LalWotte
Santiago's Road Home
Alexandra Diaz
The Shape of Thunder
Jasmine Wurga
Starfish
Lisa Fipps
The Stitches
Lorien Lawrence
Tune It Out
Jamilie Sumner
Turtle Boy
M. Evan Wolkenstein
Twins
Varian Johnson



9th – 12th

- All Your Twisted Secrets**
Diana Urban
Be Dazzled
Ryan La Sala
The Bridge
Bill Konigsberg
Cemetery Boys
Aiden Thomas
Charming as a Verb
Ben Philippe
Clap When You Land
Elizabeth Acevedo
Displacement
Kiku Hughes
Firekeeper's Daughter
Angeline Boulley
The Gilded Ones
Namina Forna
Grown
Tiffany D. Jackson
The Inheritance Games
Jennifer Lynn Barnes
Legendborn
Tracy Deonn
**Lyconthropy and Other Chronic
Illnesses: A Novel**
Kristen O'Neal
More Than Maybe
Erin Hahn
Prepped
Bethany Mangile
The Ravens
Kass Morgan and Danielle Paige
This is My America
Kim Johnson
This is Not the Jess Show
Anna Carey
Unscripted
Nicole Kronzer
Watch Over Me
Nina LaCour

**Titles were nominated by members of the Book Award Committee of SCASL (SC Association of School Librarians). We recommend parents read reviews and scan materials to determine the appropriateness for their individual children.