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Dear Parents,

The Watertown Public Schools and the Watertown Public Library have developed a reading list for elementary students to enjoy as part of their summer reading. We have selected titles from a variety of resources which include Newbury Medal and Honor Books, Caldecott Medal and Honor Books and Children's Favorites.

In order to make this process easy for your child, the Watertown Public Schools Summer Reading List can be accessed online as a link through the Watertown Public Schools Home Page, the Home Page of your child's school or through the Watertown Free Public Library link. (See details below.) Once your child makes a book selection online, s/he can check to see if the book is available in the Minuteman Network and reserve the book as well.

We are encouraging each student at the elementary level to read as many books as possible within the grade level s/he is entering. Students entering the Watertown Middle School have been assigned *The London Eye Mystery* by Siobhan Dowd as part of their One School, One Book focus. In addition, two other titles of choice are recommended. Details will be provided on Move-Up Day.

This year, we have added titles which parents and staff may enjoy reading as well. These titles reflect current themes and topics of interest. We hope you find this option useful.

Every year the Watertown Free Public Library Children's Department sponsors a summer reading program to encourage reading throughout school vacation. This year's program, *One World, Many Cultures*, begins July 5 and runs through August 17. The program includes events and activities, as well as a charitable incentive to Read to Feed for Heifer International. For more information visit [www.watertownlib.org/summerreading](http://www.watertownlib.org/summerreading) beginning June 20th. All children through grade 5 are welcome to participate. Children entering grades 6-12 are invited to participate in the WFPL Teen Summer Reading Program. Visit the library at 123 Main St. for more information.

Building life-long reading habits involves making good book choices and making reading an integral part of summer fun and relaxation. Christopher Koufos, Hosmer fifth grader and winner of the WPS Summer Reading Logo Contest, defines the importance of reading in his logo (pictured above), "Reading gives you wings!" Imagine the places you can visit by simply picking up a good book to read.

If you have any questions regarding this reading list, please contact [mcjarlone@watertown.k12.ma.us](mailto:mcjarlone@watertown.k12.ma.us) (617-926-7740 ext. 4703).

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