

West Hempstead Middle School
Summer Reading List for Students entering Grade 8

English 8 REQUIRED: Cormier, Robert. Tunes for Bears to Dance To

English 8H REQUIRED: Crichton, Michael. Jurassic Park

In addition to reading and completing the study guide for the required book noted above, students entering 8th grade must read at least one of the following books and complete a study guide for it.

Please do not make any substitutions. Select readings only from the list below.

Non-fiction:

- | | |
|-----------------------|---|
| Lauber, Patricia. | <u>Volcano: The Eruption and Healing of Mount St. Helens</u> |
| Murphy, Jim. | <u>An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the
Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793</u> |
| Murphy, Jim. | <u>The Great Fire</u> (Chicago fire, 1871) |
| Tillage, Leon Walter. | <u>Leon's Story</u> (Autobiographical account of life during the
Jim Crow era) |

Fiction:

- | | |
|--------------------------|---|
| Childress, Alice. | <u>A Hero Ain't Nothin' But a Sandwich</u> (Drug addiction) |
| Curtis, Christopher. | <u>The Watsons Go to Birmingham – 1963</u> (Historical – Race
relations) |
| Dowell, Frances O’Roark. | <u>Dovey Coe</u> (Mystery) |
| Holt, Kimberly Willis. | <u>My Louisiana Sky</u> (Family, disabilities) |
| Lasky, Kathryn. | <u>Christmas After All: The Great Depression Diary of Minnie
Swift</u> (Historical) |
| Philbrick, Rodman. | <u>Max the Mighty.</u> (Sequel to <u>Freak the Mighty</u>) |

This list has been forwarded to the West Hempstead Public Library, Barnes & Noble (Carle Place) and Borders Books and Music (Westbury, near Fortunoff's).

Books may also be available online or at other bookstores.