



# Summer Reading Program 2009

Reading during the summer helps students to maintain and strengthen the skills that they've acquired during the school year. If kids get out of the reading habit during summer months, they may fall behind when school begins again in September. We are asking that students read two required books and complete a short assignment before returning to school in the fall. The entire reading list is posted on the school's website [www.independencecharter.org](http://www.independencecharter.org). You may purchase the books if you'd like but are not required to do so. Please consider contacting your local branch of the Free Library of Philadelphia to ask about borrowing the books. You can search for your local branch on the library's website: <http://www.freelibrary.org>. Enjoy!

- Read the assigned required reading books
- Do just one of the assignments (your choice)
- Read LOTS of other books over the summer
- Keep track of your reading on the attached reading log
- The reading log should be signed by a parent each time it is filled out
- Bring the assignment and the reading log to school on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.

The following books are required summer reading for incoming ICS 8th Graders:

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| <i>Spanish Enhanced Program Students:</i>  | <b>Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli</b>                               |
|  | <b>The Hero Project by Robert and William Hatch</b>             |
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|  | <b>La ciudad de las bestias por Isabel Allende (en Espanol)</b> |

## Assignment – Choose One:

✿ Pretend you are a TV reporter that has been assigned to interview one of the characters and/or someone famous. Write at least 15 questions that you would ask the character or celebrity and then write the responses that you think he or she might give when asked those questions.

✿ Choose a character (or hero project interviewee) and pretend that he or she is writing to a newspaper for advice. Write a short letter that he or she would write to the paper, asking for advice about something that has happened in their life. Write a short response from the newspaper to the character/hero giving him or her some advice.



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Below is a list of **recommended** books that 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> grade readers might enjoy:

| TITLE                                       | AUTHOR      | TITULO                           | AUTOR             |
|---|-------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Whales on Stilts                            | Anderson    | Las tres naranjas de la vida     | Amades            |
| Never Mind! A Twin Novel                    | Avi/Vail    | Trueno                           | Armstrong         |
| The Somebodies                              | Bode        | Trece casos misteriosos          | Balcells          |
| Al Capone Does My Shirts                    | Choldenko   | Al otro lado de la puerta        | Blackwood         |
| The Face on the Milk Carton                 | Cooney      | Las hermanas Grimm               | Buckley           |
| Running Loose                               | Crutcher    | Yo soy el queso                  | Cormier           |
| Don't Read This Book Whatever You Do! Dakos |             | Entre dos lunas                  | Creech            |
| Half Magic                                  | Eager       | El vicario que hablaba al revés  | Dahl              |
| Money Hungry                                | Flake       | Tainos                           | Dorris            |
| Inkheart                                    | Funke       | Los 21 globos                    | Dubois            |
| Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key                | Gantos      | Un tiesto lleno de lápices       | Farias            |
| Jazmin's Notebook                           | Grimes      | Los zapatos de murano            | Fernandez-Pacheco |
| Hoot  | Hiaasen     | Todo sobre un wafle              | Horvath           |
| Bunnicula                                   | Howe        | Anastasia tiene problemas        | Lowry             |
| Whale Rider                                 | Ihimaera    | El sapo más lindo                | Marino            |
| Realm of Possibility                        | Levithan    | La bolsa amarilla                | Nunes             |
| Girls Got Game                              | Macy        | La gran Gilly Hopkins            | Paterson          |
| Eragon                                      | Paolini     | Aladdin y la lámpara maravillosa | Pullman           |
| The Invention of Hugo Cabret                | Selznick    | El Rockero                       | Sierra i Fabra    |
| A Tree Grows in Brooklyn                    | Smith       | Donde el camino se corta         | Silverstein       |
| Series of Unfortunate Events                | Snicket     | El aserradero lúgubre            | Snicket           |
| Flipped                                     | Van Draanen | Amos y Boris                     | Steig             |
| Make Lemonade                               | Wolff       | El zoológico                     | Toledo            |
| Stanford Wong Flunks Big Time               | Yee         | Encuentro                        | Yolen             |