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Summer Reading is Here!

Hello, Students! This summer we would like to invite you to Camp iRead, the 2022 Talking Books Summer Program where we will explore the outdoors and “Read Beyond the Beaten Path” with campfire stories, s’mores recipes, nature activities, crafts, and more!



The program runs from June 13, 2022 through August 19, 2022. We challenge participants to read at least six books over the summer to prevent the “summer slide.” Children who do not read over the summer can lose up to two months of learning, while children who participate in Summer Reading Programs and read a minimum of six books score higher in reading AND math when they return to school in the fall.



All participants who turn in their reading logs by August 19, 2022 will be entered to win the Grand Prize of their choice: iPad Mini or an Apple watch. We will also have a drawing for



a Runner-up Prize of their choice: Amazon Fire HD or Apple Air Pods!

There will also be opportunities to win other prizes throughout the summer with optional book discussions and fun activities, including:

- Bird Feeder Craft
- Braille Kindness Rocks
- Sensory Nature Scavenger Hunt
- S’mores Oven Activity
- Suncatcher Craft
- Tactile Tree Art



Scan the QR code for more information and to register now for a fun-filled summer of reading and prizes!



Spotlight Book Review

The Other Talk: Reckoning with Our White Privilege. by Brendan Kiely.

DB105734. BR023996.

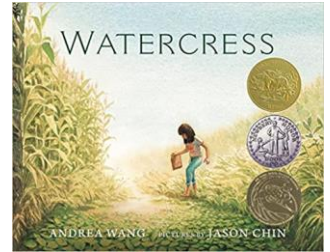
- Non-Fiction
- Social Justice
- Race Identity
- For teens and older readers
- Some strong language

Confronting white privilege is a complicated process, but Brendan Kiely does an excellent job of breaking it down for those of us willing to listen. Kiely is an award-winning author of several novels which deal with race in America, including All American Boys (DB083370), co-authored by Jason Reynolds. Reynolds narrates the introduction for The Other Talk, and Kiely narrates the rest of the book with a bright, conversational energy that audiobooks sometimes lack. He's frank and open with the reader, telling stories about mistakes he got away with because of his own white privilege and the ways he was (and still is) ignorant to the struggles of Black and Indigenous peoples and other members of, as he says, the global majority.

Kiely breaks down complex ideas, such as ways in which white people still benefit from racist systems, in order for readers to better understand issues they may never have confronted. Kiely details the history of racism in America, as well as, what it looks like today and emphasizes that it's the responsibility of white people to stand beside and behind people of color to make change happen. For any parents struggling to have this difficult conversation with their children, this book is a must read.

Award Winners & Honors

Watercress by Andrea Wang. DB106498. Embarrassed about gathering watercress from a roadside ditch, a girl learns to appreciate her Chinese heritage after learning why the plant is so important to her parents. Caldecott Medal Winner. For grades K-3. 2021.



Linked by Gordon Korman. DB104943. When someone vandalizes the school with a swastika, nobody can believe such a thing could happen in their quiet town. As more symbols of hate appear, Link and his friends investigate and decide to fight back by bringing people together instead of dividing them further. Sydney Taylor Book Award Honor. For grades 4-7. 2021.

Amina's Song. Amina's Voice: 2

by Hena Khan. DB103070. Feeling pulled between two cultures after a month with family in Pakistan, Amina shares her experiences with her Wisconsin classmates through a class assignment and a songwriting project with new student Nico. Sequel to Amina's Voice (DB 87659). 2022 Asian/Pacific American Award for Literature Winner. For grades 4-7. 2021.



Starfish by Lisa Fipps. DB102975. A novel in verse. Bullied and shamed her whole life for being fat, Ellie finally gains the confidence to stand up for herself with the help of some wonderful new allies. Printz Award Honor. For grades 5-8. 2021.

Summer Reading Picks

Have You Ever Seen a Flower? by

Shawn Harris. DB106722. A child experiences a flower by seeing its colors, smelling its fragrance, and imagining a tiny world within it. Caldecott Honor.



For preschool-grade 2. 2021.

Summertime Sleepers: Animals That Estivate by Melissa Stewart.

DB103938. An award-winning author highlights animals that estivate--a prolonged sleep during hot or dry periods and explains why estivating animals become dormant--whether it's because warm weather threatens food supply or to avoid increased body temperatures. Sibert Informational Book Award Honor. For grades K-3. 2021.

Genius Camp. Smartest Kid in the Universe: 2 by Chris Grabenstein.

DB105919. Twelve-year-old Jake McQuade--the smartest kid in the universe--goes to a camp for geniuses, where he goes up against the Virtuoso quantum computer, the smartest machine in the universe. Humor. For grades 3-6. 2021.

Stella Díaz Never Gives up by Angela Dominguez. DB098550. BR023879. During summer camp, Stella Díaz reaffirms her dream to become a marine biologist. After learning the oceans and marine life are in danger from pollution, Stella and her friends turn to activism. Sequel to Stella Díaz Has Something to Say (DB090557, BR022224). Fiction. For grades 3-6. 2020.

The Deep End. Diary of a Wimpy Kid:

15 by Jeff Kinney. DB102747. BR023981. In the family's cross-country camping trip, Greg Heffley and his family find themselves stranded at a sad RV park. When the rain starts to fall, the Heffleys wonder if they can save their vacation. Humor. For grades 3-6 and older readers. 2020.

To Night Owl From Dogfish by Holly

Goldberg Sloan. DB094104. Unhappy about being sent to the same summer camp after their fathers start dating, twelve-year-olds Bett and Avery eventually begin scheming to get the couple back together after a break-up. Told entirely through letters, emails, and text messages. Fiction. For grades 4-7. 2019.



The Lake by Natasha Preston.

DB102945. Best friends Esme and Kayla, former campers, return to Camp Pine Lake as counselors-in-training. But the dark secret they have been hiding for years is back to haunt them. Strong language and some violence. Mystery. For senior high and older readers. 2021.

Sunkissed by Kasie West. DB103322. Betrayed by her best friend and dragged off to a remote family camp, seventeen-year-old Avery's dreams of a perfect summer seem over, until a whirlwind romance leads to an unexpected journey of self-discovery. Romance. For senior high and older readers. 2021.



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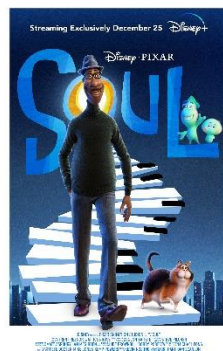
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DVDS to Check out!

Soul DVD0512. After landing the gig of a lifetime, a New York jazz pianist suddenly finds himself trapped in a strange land between Earth and the afterlife. Starring Jamie Foxx and Tina Fey. 2020. Rated PG.



Mulan DVD0511. A young Chinese woman disguises herself as a male warrior in order to save her father. Starring Liu Yifei, Donnie Yen, Gong Li, and Jet Li. 2020. Rated PG-13.

The Lego Movie: 2 DVD0274. It's been five years since everything was awesome and the citizens are facing a huge new threat: Lego Duplo invaders from outer space, wrecking everything faster than they can rebuild. Starring Chris Pratt, Elizabeth Banks, and Will Arnett. Rated PG. 2019

Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark. DVD0293. On Halloween 1968, reclusive Stella and her two friends meet a mysterious drifter, Ramon, and uncover a sinister notebook of stories. Starring Zoe Margaret Colletti and Michael Garza. Rated PG-13.