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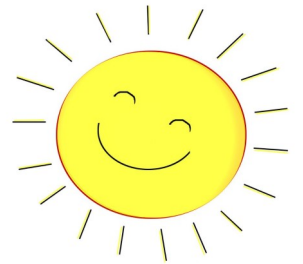
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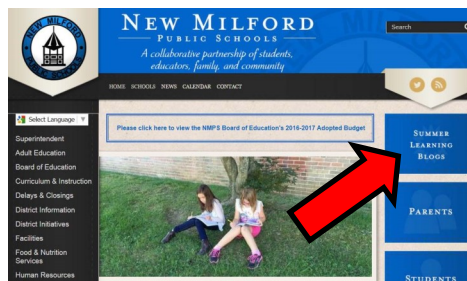
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Summer Blogs Encourage Continued Learning

Summer is the perfect time for students of all ages to relax and we hope our New Milford Public Schools' students find plenty of time this summer to do just that with family and friends. Whether it's at the beach, at camp, or in their own backyard, summer provides students with an opportunity to kick back and just have fun.



Summer is also a time when learning loss can occur. This learning loss is called the "summer slide," and happens when children do not engage in educational activities during the summer months. The good news is that the summer slide is preventable and the New Milford Public Schools' instructional coaches want to help! The coaches have built learning blogs for our kindergarten through eighth grade students and their families which allow them to have access to content and information all summer long, at a pace and time that work for their families. In doing so, the hope is to help our students avoid that troubling dip that comes with two months without school.



Blogs can be accessed from both the [district](#) and individual school websites. Once there, parents and students will find resources on a variety of topics including math and science.

One of the most effective ways to prevent summer learning loss is by reading over the summer. Encourage your students to read every day, and not only can the summer slide be prevented, but students can actually make gains. To help with that endeavor, the blog sites include a link to the [New Milford Public Library](#) and links to sites that offer free books.

Join the summer reading program at the NM Public Library!



ON YOUR MARK, GET SET... READ!

New Milford Public Library
July 5 – August 12, 2016

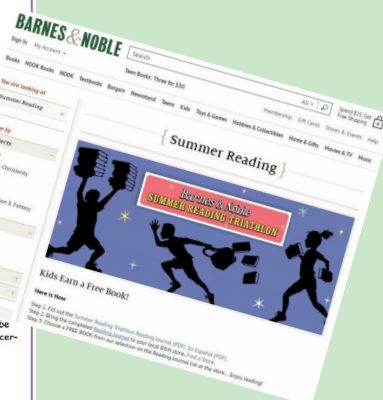
Soon it will be time for summer reading fun at NMPL! This summer we invite children ages 1 – 12 to join us for "On Your Mark, Get Set... Read!" in the NMPL's Children's Department starting on July 5, 2016.

For little ones ages 1 - 3, we have our **early lit** program featuring early learning activities to do with your child. You will receive a log to keep track of your progress. Complete all of the 27 activities during the 6-week program and come back to the library to get your child.

For children 4 years old through coming out of 5th grade, at registration you will receive a reading log and a game sheet. Then all you need to do is keep track of what you are reading and the number of pages in your log. **Beginning on July 5**, bring your reading log and game sheet and for every book you read you will advance one space on the board. There will be a different point in the game. When you have finished the game, you will get a certificate and a book. **The game ends August 12, 2016.**

your child can participate in the "Bedtime Math Program" (BMP). BMP offers a challenge: Wee Ones (targeted for preschool kids), Little Kids (kindergarten or 1st), and Big Kids (grades 2nd upward). When you sign up, you will get a chart and a book. **The game ends August 12, 2016.**

Bedtime Math



Get **FREE ACCESS** to over 1,000 Ebooks at [Zing!](#)

SMS Student Created Book Trailers



Blogs differ slightly according to grade level. The [Schaghticoke Middle School blog](#) even has neat links to student recommendations and book trailers.

Books We Recommend

We recommend these books for summer reading.

Boy in the Striped Pajamas by John Boyne. Ryan recommends: The Boy in the Striped Pajamas is set in World War II in Europe. It tells the story of a young boy named Bruno who is forced to live in a concentration camp. The book is a powerful story about the Holocaust and the impact of war on children.

The Thing About Jellyfish by Ali Benjamin. Khya recommends: In the novel The Thing About Jellyfish by Ali Benjamin there is a girl named Suzy Swanson who has always known things others don't. She knows that there are 150 million jellyfish stings on the planet every year. She tries to figure out why Tranny Jackson's life was cut so short. Soon Suzy goes into a silent world of imagination: she finds that the universe won't allow her to escape into grief. As she soon figures out everything doesn't always have a happy ending.

Lockdown by Alexander Gordon Smith. Tristen recommends: Furnace Penitentiary is the most secure prison in the world for children that have committed terrible crimes such as murder. Alex is now stuck miles underneath the real world: he is trying to survive the monsters that run free.

Check the Author's Website!
<http://www.alexandergordonsmith.com/>

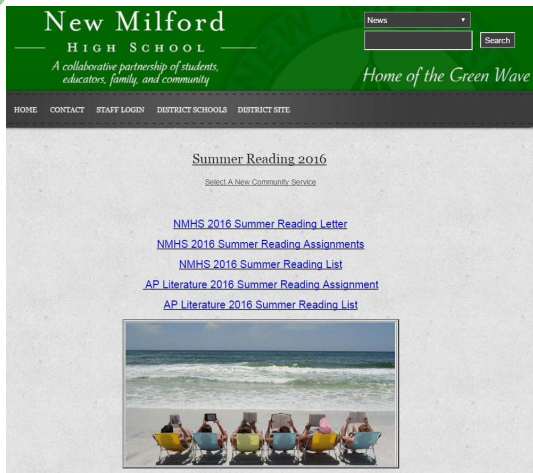
THE STRIPED PAJAMAS by John Boyne. Young Reader's Choice...

the thing about jellyfish by Ali Benjamin. REAL BOOKS

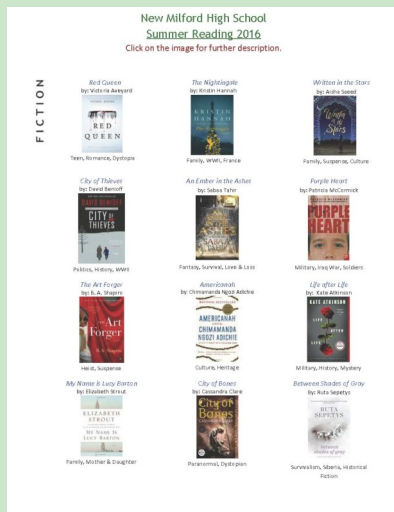
LOCKDOWN by Alexander Gordon Smith. ESCAPE FROM FURNACE

Content and posts will be uploaded weekly to keep the information relevant. There are also sections to have students and families capture and post images of themselves reading over the course of the summer.

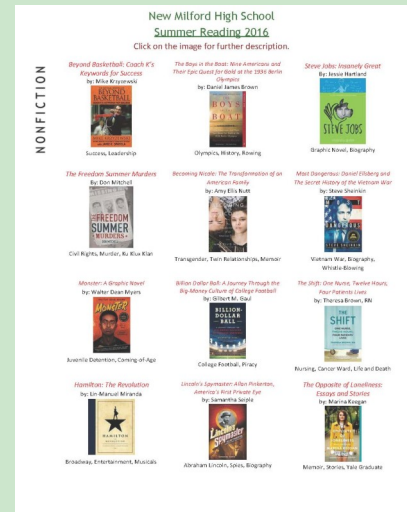
P.S. As educators, our teachers know it is important to model positive behaviors for our students. So, our staff also have a blog where they can post and discuss literature (both professional and pleasure) that they are reading this summer.



New Milford High School students are expected to keep reading this summer as well. Their home page has links to all [summer reading lists and assignments](#). The assignment itself gives students several choices as follow up to their reading, including writing their own alternate ending or a narrative poem from the perspective of a character. Students can also choose to create a photo collage and explain how the photos relate to the book or draw an illustration of a few of their favorite scenes. Some titles on the list have also been made into movies. In that case, students can compare and contrast the two or write a review including which they preferred and why.



Pick a book,
any book!



Send pictures of your family reading to summerreading@newmilfordps.org or use #NMReads on twitter. We will post all the pictures that come in and celebrate all the great reading our students are doing!





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NMPS' New Assistant Superintendent



Ms. Alisha DiCorpo has been named Assistant Superintendent of New Milford Public Schools. Ms. DiCorpo comes to New Milford from the Thomaston Public Schools where she had served as Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment since 2014. Previously, Ms. DiCorpo was Assistant Principal at Black Rock Elementary School in Thomaston from 2010-2012. In 2012, she was promoted to Principal at the school.

Prior to working in Thomaston, Ms. DiCorpo was the District Professional Development Coordinator for Watertown Public Schools. She has also spent time in the classroom as a fourth and fifth grade teacher.

Ms. DiCorpo's educational background includes a Bachelor of Science degree in Education and a Master of Science degree in Educational Leadership, both from Central CT State University. She holds her sixth year degree and certification in Educational Leadership from Southern CT State University.

Ms. DiCorpo says "I am honored and privileged to have been chosen to work collaboratively with an exceptional team of educators to improve outcomes for all students in New Milford. I look forward to working with the Board of Education, administrators, educators, staff, students, families and community members to enhance educational opportunities and to prepare all students with the requisite skills and knowledge needed to compete in our global society."

The mission of the New Milford Public Schools, a collaborative partnership of students, educators, family and community, is to prepare each and every student to compete and excel in an ever-changing world, embrace challenges with vigor, respect and appreciate the worth of every human being, and contribute to society by providing effective instruction and dynamic curriculum, offering a wide range of valuable experiences, and inspiring students to pursue their dreams and aspirations.

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