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Catholic Academy

Reading Matters



Hello!



As the school year comes to a close, we are excited to share the July edition of our library newsletter. This is our final newsletter for the school year, and it is filled with exciting updates, reading recommendations, and tips to keep the love of reading alive over the summer break.

We have curated Summer Reading lists for all age groups to keep your minds engaged and entertained. Whether you enjoy adventure, mystery, or fantasy, there's something for everyone.

As we bid farewell to this academic year, we want to thank each of you for your enthusiasm and participation in our library programmes. It has been a pleasure to see so many of you discovering new worlds through books, and we look forward to seeing even more engagement in the coming year.

Here are a few tips to make the most of your summer reading:

Set a Reading Goal: Decide how many books you want to read this summer and keep a list to track your progress.

Explore Different Genres: Use this time to discover new genres. You might find a new favourite type of book!

Join a Book Club: Many local libraries offer summer book clubs. It's a great way to meet new friends and discuss your favourite books.

Visit the Library: Make regular trips to your local library. They often have summer reading programs and fun events.

Read Aloud: Reading aloud with a family member or pet (teddies work too!) can be a delightful experience and improve reading skills.

We hope you all have a wonderful and restful summer filled with fantastic stories and adventures through reading. We can't wait to welcome you back in the next school year, ready to dive into new books and learning opportunities.

Happy reading and see you in the fall!

Ms. Jawaid



Librarian's Recommendations

All the best books to add to your summer reading list

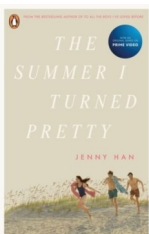
Whether you're lounging on a deck chair or stretching out under a tree in the park, these books will keep you absorbed all season long



Kofi and the Rap Battle Summer

By Jeffrey Boakye

Kofi is a natural entrepreneur, but what he had overlooked is his best friend Kelvin's photographic memory and the fact that he can remember every single line of a song he's heard only once....



The Summer I turned Pretty

By Jenny Han

Follows the story of 15 year old Belly as she attempts to have the perfect summer.



Poem for Every Day

By Allie Esiri

An anthology of poems from many countries and times, all chosen as apposite for the summer months of June, July, and August, each with its own introduction.



Bite risk

By S J Wills

In a town where all the adults turn into werewolves once a month, three teenagers discover the sinister reality behind the change and set out to save their town



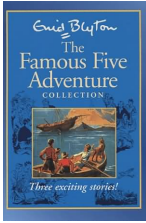
Let's Play Murder

By Kesia Lupo

Five strangers find themselves trapped within a deadly virtual reality game.

Student Librarians' Recommendations

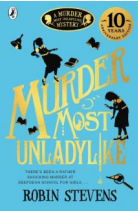
Try these picks from our wonderful Student Librarians for your next beach read!



The Famous Five Adventure Collection by Enid Blyton

Follows the adventures of four friends and their dog as they solve a series of mysteries together.

Hours of entertaining fun and mysteries.-Annie



Murder Most Unladylike by Robin Stevens

Set in the 1930s, two girls investigate the murder of a teacher at their boarding school.

Great fun and keeps you entertained.-Lauren



A Good Girl's Guide to Murder by Holly Jackson

A girl finds herself in danger when she uncovers hidden secrets about a historic murder that happened in her town five years ago.

Keeps you on the edge of your seat. Perfect to pick up when you're bored.-George



Fangirl 1 by Sam Maggs and Rainbow Rowell

The manga adaptation of the beloved novel featuring all-new scenes by Rainbow Rowell. A teen girl blossoms and learns to be a person in her own right when she and her more dominant twin sister go to university.

Great for a relaxing day at the beach. With its manga layout, it makes for a quick read. -Aryanna



Until We Win by Linda Newberry

A young woman's life changes when she becomes involved with the Suffrage Movement in the early 20th century.

Quick, easy read with an intriguing storyline.-Sophie



Cat + Gamer by Wataru Nadatani

Riko, a twenty-nine-year-old office worker with an obsession for video games, finds her quiet life upended when she takes in a stray cat.

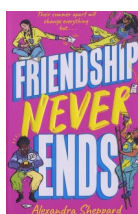
Great for anyone who likes cats or gaming. Funny, easy read and it has a whole series! -Sophia



Camp by Kayla Miller

Series about venturing off to summer camp for the first time and stepping out of one's comfort zone, navigating new experiences, and the satisfaction of blazing your own trail .

Perfect summer book to relax with.-Lauretta



Friendship Never Ends by Alexandra Sheppard

Four best friends spend the summer apart and keep in touch to share their experiences.

Very relatable! A light-hearted but dramatic twists.-Isabelle.

Library Events

We had a number of fabulous library events this school year! Check out these great photos that briefly encapsulate the treasured memories we created.



Summer Reading Resources

Did you know you can access thousands of books and audio titles online for free?
Are you a member of Stockton Library?

The Stockton Library's **Libby app** gives you access to free e-books and audio books direct from libraries across Stockton-on-Tees using your phone or tablet. Visit www.libbyapp.com or download the Libby app and sign in with your Stockton library card number and pin.

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1. Choose a deadline for finishing your book. If you have multiple books, choose a deadline for your first book, then your second one, etc.
2. Calculate how many days you have between now (the day you plan to start reading) and your deadline. Write this number down.
3. Divide the total number of pages in your book by how many days you have to read it. The result is how many pages per day you need to read to finish the book on time.
4. On a calendar – like the one below– write out the exact pages you will read each day. Don't write how many pages you will read, but instead include the *actual page numbers*.

Again, if you have multiple summer reading books to get through, then just repeat steps 1-4 for each book.

Stick to your reading schedule as much as possible. But if life happens and you don't do your assigned reading for a day, then just catch up the next day. That's why it's so important to write exact page numbers for each day, as I wrote in step 4.