

**8th Grade
SUMMER READING 2021**

Dear Rising 8th Graders: Can you hear the call of the waves or anticipate the silence of the alarm clock? Sounds inviting doesn't it? Yes, summer is quickly approaching and we all are looking forward to this needed downtime to help us all recharge our batteries. And there is no greater way to recharge your energy than to escape with a great book!



We will continue with our tradition of a grade-level community book. The goal behind the “Community Book” is to offer students the opportunity to have a common thread on which to start the year’s discussions. It will also expose students to titles and authors they might not have ordinarily chosen for themselves. The 8th Grade community book this year will be *Chains* by Laurie Halse Anderson.

A reading quiz for the “Community Book” will be given during the week of **Monday, August 23**. There will also be other activities that week which will require the students to have read the book. As always, our goal is to promote reading for all students and continue our mutual commitment with you for high literacy standards.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. We wish you and your family a safe and wonderful summer vacation.

Happy Reading!
LJPS Language Arts
Ms. McEwan

Please feel free to email me if you have any questions about the summer reading requirements. I look forward to teaching the new 8th Grade class in August!

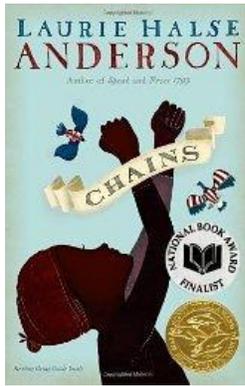
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8th Grade Community Book: *Chains* by Laurie Halse Anderson

Book Summary from BarnesandNoble.com

“As the Revolutionary War begins, thirteen-year-old Isabel wages her own fight...for Promised freedom upon the death of their owner, she and her sister, Ruth, in a cruel twist of fate become the property of a malicious New York City couple, the Locktons, who have no sympathy for the American Revolution and even less for Ruth and Isabel. When Isabel meets



Curzon, a slave with ties to the Patriots, he encourages her to spy on her owners, who know details of British plans for invasion. She is reluctant at first, but when the unthinkable happens to Ruth, Isabel realizes her loyalty is available to the bidder who can provide her with freedom.”

Summer Reading Directions:

- Read your upcoming grade level’s “Community Book”
- Complete an in-class review of the “Community Book” during the week of August 16
- Read! Students are always encouraged to read other books of their choice to keep their minds sharp throughout the summer.
- Relax, read, and enjoy your summer!