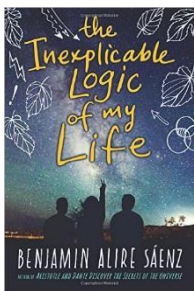


Frederick Law Olmsted 2017 Summer Reading List Grades 9-10

Summer reading is an essential activity for children to maintain and expand their literacy skills. Below, you will find our 2017 summer reading list, quality literature and non-fiction chosen by our staff especially for your student. **Your child is required to read one of the three grade level selections seen below.** Students and teachers will meet to discuss the text and a project will be created around each text. Please encourage your child to read many books this summer. A list of resources is included on the back of this letter.

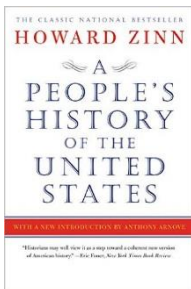
If you choose to buy the book, we encourage you to buy locally, or to support the Olmsted School Foundation using Amazon Smile. Simply log in to Amazon Smile (smile.amazon.com), and choose the Olmsted School Foundation as your charity. A small portion of each purchase is then directed to our school based charity which supports many activities here. The QR codes below will link you to the books.



The Inexplicable Logic of My Life

by Benjamin Alire Saenz

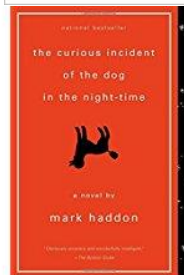
“Friendships, family, grief, joy, rage, faith, doubt, poetry, and love—this complex and sensitive book has room for every aspect of growing up!”—Margarita Engle, Newbery Honor-Winning author of *The Surrender Tree*



A People's History of the United States

by Howard Zinn

Since its original landmark publication in 1980, *A People's History of the United States* has been chronicling American history from the bottom up, throwing out the official version of history taught in schools—with its emphasis on great men in high places—to focus on the street, the home, and the workplace.



The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time

by Mark Haddon

Christopher John Francis Boone knows all the countries of the world and their capitals and every prime number up to 7,057. He relates well to animals but has no understanding of human emotions. He cannot stand to be touched. And he detests the color yellow. This improbable story of Christopher's quest to investigate the suspicious death of a neighborhood dog makes for one of the most captivating, unusual, and widely heralded novels in recent years.



Student's Name: _____

Homeroom Teacher: _____

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Please return this form to school by June 9, 2017

Summer Reading Resources

- **Notable Children's Books in the Language Arts Award books**
(<http://www.childrensliteratureassembly.org/notables.html>)
- **NPR book lists** (<http://www.npr.org/>)
- **NCTE Charlotte Huck Award for Outstanding Fiction for Children**
(<http://www.ncte.org/awards/charlotte-huck>)
- **The Brookline Summer Reading List** (<http://brooklinesummerreading.weebly.com/>)
- **Erie County Public Library and Mayor Brown's Summer Reading List**
(<https://www.buffalolib.org/>)
- **YALSA Teen Book Finder App and Database**
(<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/products/teenbookfinder>)
- **Olmsted Book List Finalists** (<http://elabuff.blogspot.com/2017/06/olmsted-book-list-finalists.html>)

****Only the three books listed on the front can be used for the project.****