



Summer 2017

Dear Parent(s) and/or Guardian(s),

We are looking forward to an exciting year of reading with your child. At South Colonie, we value and promote a community of enthusiastic learners who read, share, and grow through rich literature experiences.

Reading with your child daily will help to promote a love of reading and foster his/her growth as a reader. Reading with your child can mean any of the following:

- you read to your child
- your child reads to you
- you and your child take turns reading together, and/or
- your child reads independently

Our school libraries will be open this summer. Please see the district website for summer library hours. Our librarians will also be available to help your child select appropriate titles.

We appreciate your continued support in helping your child grow as a reader!

Sincerely,

Michael Marohn
Principal

<https://www.goodreads.com/>

GoodReads is more than just a book recommendation site, although it excels at helping you find new books to read based on the ones you enjoy. You can build a virtual "shelf" of books you own or have already read, share your progress with the books you're currently reading, rate the books you've read, leave reviews, and connect with other readers. You can also use those ratings to get book suggestions from the site's database of books. Also, your friends can make direct suggestions to you.

<https://www.biblionasium.com/#tab/content-new-releases>

Biblionasium is a free, protected social network for children ages 6-13 designed to engage, encourage and excite young people about reading. ... Keep kids' organized in their independent reading. Biblionasium's virtual bookshelves help kids keep track of what they've read, what they like, and what they plan to read.

<http://whatshouldireadnext.com/>

Type in the title or the author's name, and What Should I Read Next? will generate suggestions. Each title also has interesting tags, which makes searching for similar stories even easier.

<http://www.teenreads.com/>

Teenreads.com offers teen readers—and anyone else who enjoys young adult (YA) books—a place to discover and enjoy books and authors, with a variety of features all developed to initiate and cultivate a love of reading.

<http://www.kidsreads.com/reviews>

A site dedicated to book lovers providing a forum to discover and share commentary about the books and authors they enjoy. Book reviews, compelling features, in-depth author profiles and interviews, excerpts of the hottest new releases, contests and more.

<http://www.bookadventure.com/home.aspx>

Book Adventure is a fun, free way to motivate children to read. Kids in grades K-8 can search for books, read them offline, come back to quiz on what they've read, and earn prizes. Finding the perfect book to read is easy! Book Adventure allows you search through the nearly 8,000 books by title, author last name, or ISBN, or select your current grade, reading level, and subjects that interest you. No matter which way you choose to search, pick a great book and start reading today!