



Dear Middle School Students and Families:

As the current school year comes to an end and we look forward to the sun and fun of summer, South Colonie's middle school teachers would like to remind students of the value of reading. We encourage reading not just to improve academically; rather, we encourage it because many people find it to be a way to relax and escape into other worlds.

This summer, all students are encouraged to read age-appropriate texts of their choice. These include books, audiobooks, magazines, newspapers, websites, graphic novels just to name a few - there are so many options to explore! And remember, you can download digital texts from your local library for free. We hope that by allowing students to choose what they read, they will discover that reading can be a pleasure, rather than a task. We look forward to sharing students' choices and reading journeys with them in the fall.

If you have any questions, please contact South Colonie's English Language Arts Supervisor, Jennifer Wells. (518-869-5325/wellsj@scolonie.org)

Have a great summer,
South Colonie Middle School Teachers

South Colonie School Library Summer Hours:

Saddlewood	Wednesday	9:00-12:00	6/28-8/23/17
Shaker Road	Wednesday	9:30-12:30	7/5-7/26/17
		1:00-4:00	8/2-8/30/17
Veeder	Monday/Wednesday	10:00-1:00	7/10-8/2/17
Lisha Kill	Monday/Wednesday	12:30-3:30	7/10-8/2/17
Sand Creek	Friday	8:00-11:00	7/7-8/18/17

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