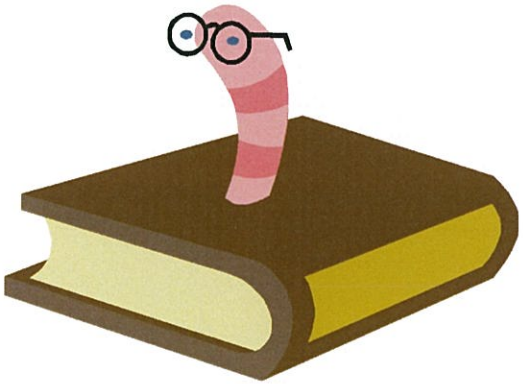
Barnes and Noble- East Brunswick Square Mall hand Menlo Park Mall have copies of Linwood's Summer Reading List.

You can also borrow any of these books from North Brunswick Public Library, but be sure to get there early!

Don't forget to look for the fiction books on amazon.com. You can buy some books for a 1¢!

Summer Reading
Grade 8
2017



Linwood Middle School
North Brunswick, NJ

Academic Language Arts Required Assignments

Students who will be enrolled in Grade 8 Academic Language Arts are to read and respond to the following:

One novel from the Fiction Reading list
and complete the notes for your fiction book.

Academic Language Arts Fiction Book Choices

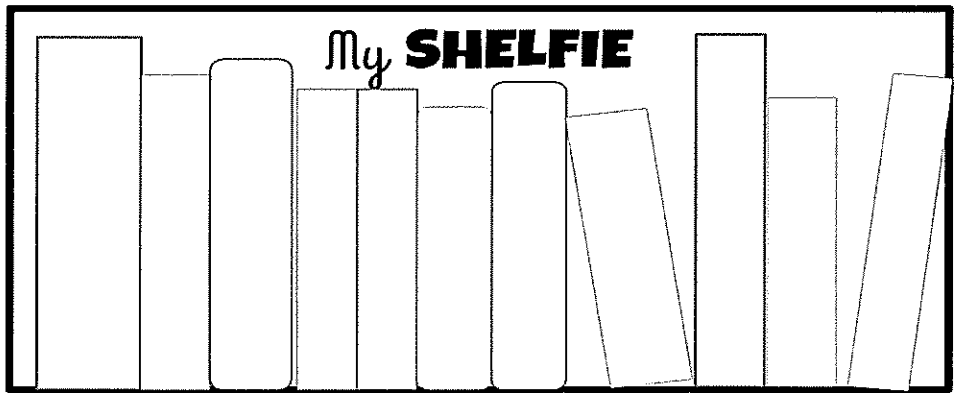
The Dead and the Gone. *Susan Beth Pfeffer.* In this companion to Life as We Know It, young Alex Morales's world is changed forever… After a meteor hits the moon and sets off a series of horrific climate changes, young Alex Morales must take care of his sisters in the chaos that was New York City.

Somewhere in the Darkness. *Walter Dean Myers.* Jimmy hasn't seen his father in nine years. When his father returns from jail and wants Jimmy to come with him on a cross-country trip, Jimmy's not sure he wants to go. Along the way, though, Jimmy discovers a lot about his father and himself and learns that, while things can't always be fixed, sometimes they can be understood and forgiven.

Milkweed. *Jerry Spinelli.* Stopthief, a young Jewish orphan living in the Warsaw ghetto during World War Two, slowly understands the horrible reality that surrounds him and attempts to steal in order to help others survive.

Girl, Stolen. *April Henry.* Cheyenne Wilder is sleeping in the car while her stepmother fills your prescription at the pharmacy when someone steals the car, intentionally kidnapping Cheyenne. To complicated matters, Cheyenne is blind and her father is a rich - turning this into a hostage situation. Cheyenne much use her sense to escape before it is too late.

Fill in the "My Shelfie" for all books you read this summer by adding the titles on the bindings.



Note-Taking Guidelines
You will take notes on your novel by filling in the notes template **as you read**.

Note-Taking Categories:
*Describing Characters and Setting
*Describing Conflicts
*Identifying Mood
*Comparing Characters
*Making Predictions

**Refer to the rubric to ensure their work is of high quality and meets all of the category requirements .

FICTION ASSIGNMENT
All students are **required** to take notes on the Fiction book they read. Students in Advanced Language Arts should take notes on their **required** novel.

Please follow the note-taking directions provided in the booklet. Additionally, a Google Doc dedicated to Summer Reading Work can be accessed at:
http://tinyurl.com/LMSSummerReading2017

All notes should be brought to class the first week of school and will be collected on **Friday, September 8, 2017**. Notes will count as one minor assessment grade, which is the equivalent of a quiz grade.

Advanced Language Arts Required Assignments

Students who will be enrolled in Grade 8 Advanced Language Arts are to read the following fiction title:

Flowers for Algernon. *Daniel Keyes.* Charlie, a man of low intelligence who wants more than anything to be smart, is chosen to be the "guinea pig" for a neurological experiment.

All Advanced Language Arts students must complete the notes for this book.

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. Where can I find the TEMPLATE for note taking if I lose mine?
A Google Site dedicated to Summer Reading work can be accessed at: http://tinyurl.com/LMSSummerReading2017

2. When is the assignment DUE?
All notes should be brought to class the first week of school and will be collected on Friday, September 8, 2017

3. How will my work be GRADED?
Teachers will use the rubric provided to you to assess the notes. Notes will count as one minor assessment grade, which is the equivalent of a quiz grade.

Template for Fiction Notes

Category	Your Thoughts About the Text	Text Evidence with Page Numbers
Describing Characters and Setting		
Describing Conflicts		
Identifying Mood		
Comparing Characters		
Making Predictions		

*** Be sure you follow the directions provided so you have sufficient notes for each category.