

**ON YOUR MARK,
GET SET,
Read!**



June 2016

DEAR FAMILIES,

We are excited to announce John Barry's Summer Reading Challenges! Reading at home during the summer helps nurture and strengthen reading skills achieved during the school year and prevents the "summer slide." This year there are two options.

1. Your child can complete The Governor's Summer Reading Challenge. For this challenge, your child will read 30 books and write the titles on the the challenge sheet. During the first week of school you child should return the completed challenge sheet to his or her teacher.
2. Your child can participate in the myON summer Reading Challenge. *MyON* is an online reading program that provides access to more than 5,000 enhanced digital books for your child to read this summer. You can access myON on digital devices and at the public library.

The reading goal is:

- Grades K - 2 Student goal is 720 minutes (12 hours)
- Grades 3 - 5 Student goal is 1080 minutes (18 hours)

Reading is an opportunity to learn about oneself, others, and the world. Whether you are reading a book, magazine, or online, the knowledge gained through reading helps you grow. We hope that you and your child have a wonderful summer, and the joy of reading is part of it!

Students who meet either reading goal will be invited to a celebration when they return to school in the fall.

Happy Reading!

Elsie Torres-Brown, Principal
Daniel Crispino, Assistant Principal
Julie Crouse, Reading Specialist
Lori Cochrane, Reading Specialist
Jessica Hodum , Reading Specialist

See the reverse side for directions.

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Directions to log onto the *myON* program:

1. Go to myon.com
2. Go to Login
3. Pick school name
4. Student's Username and Password are both the student's ID number.
5. Click Sign In and begin



THE GOVERNOR'S SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Students and Families:

To learn more, ask your teacher, principal, or school or public librarian,
or contact the Connecticut State Department of Education
at 860-713-6751 or www.ct.gov/sde.

Name _____

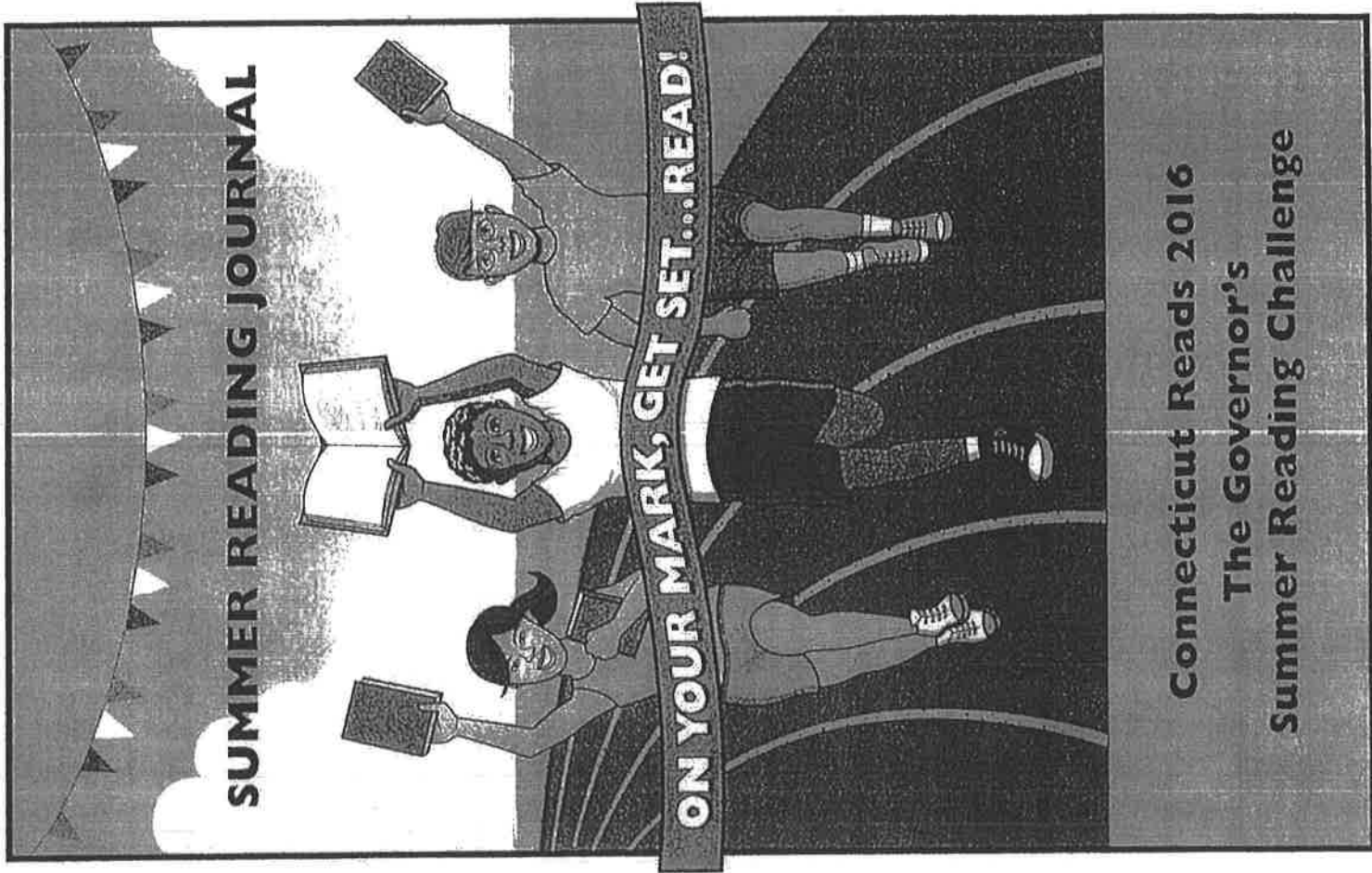
Grade _____

School _____

Town _____

My favorite book was _____

I liked this book because _____



Connecticut Reads 2016
The Governor's
Summer Reading Challenge



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Title of Book

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
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- 29. _____
- 30. _____

Total Number of Books Read _____

2016 Summer Reading Challenge at the Meriden Public Library

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June 13 -August 12, 2016

Join us for an exciting summer!

Read books to help save abandoned animals,
protect beautiful and natural American spaces,
and provide clean water for children and families in Africa!

The Children's Summer Reading Challenge is for kids up to fifth grade!

All participants can track their reading through the Library's online program or use the Governor's Summer Reading Challenge Paper Log. For every book you read, you'll earn a gold coin, a vote for your favorite charity, and a raffle ticket for one of our grand prizes!

TO LOG YOUR BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY'S ONLINE PROGRAM:

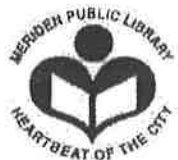
Visit the Meriden Library website (<http://www.meridenlibrary.org>).

Near the top of the Library's home page, click on the "On Your Mark, Get Set, READ!" slideshow image.

If you're new to our program, just click "Join here"!

If you signed up for our program last year, you can just log right in!

If you have ANY questions,
stop by the Library or call us at 203-630-6347!
We're ready to help!



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All-Star Summer Activities

Summer 2016 at the Meriden Public Library

Children's Author Visit



Thurs, June 23
6:30pm
Cook Room

Author Christine Ieronimo was inspired to write "A Thirst for Home" after she found her newly adopted daughter drinking from a puddle in her family's driveway shortly after moving to the United States from Ethiopia. Christine is passionate about the problems of unclean water that exist there and also advocates for girls education in Ethiopia.

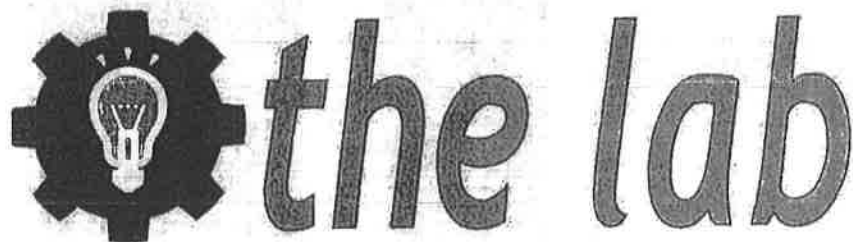
Softcover copies of her book will be available for sale.

Call for more information.

TUESDAYS	10:30 am	Terrific 2's & 3's w/ caregiver
	11:15 am	3-4 years old
	2:00 pm	Grades 3-4
	6:30 pm	2-3 years old w/caregiver
WEDNESDAYS	10:30 am	2-3 years old w/ caregiver
	2:00 pm	Grades K-2
	6:30 pm	3-4 years old w/ caregiver
THURSDAYS	10:30am	Babies and toddlers w/ caregiver

All first time participants must show proof of age.
Storytimes will begin the week of June 27.

storytime



Tuesdays from 3-4:30pm

June 21 & 28, July 5, 19, & 26 and August 2 & 9
Griffin Room

When you step into The Lab, you become an inventor, an engineer, and an artist! Create a racing robot and a holographic hovercraft! Learn how to use our 3D printer and make animations! Some weeks you'll work as part of a team, and some weeks you'll be an independent creator. Come explore technology, science, engineering, math and art with us.

Participants will explore Squishy Circuits, Arduino, simple electronics, 3D design and animation.

Registration required. Open to tweens ages 9-14.
Must be able to attend 6 of 7 weeks.



Summer
Crafternoons

Thursday afternoons
July 23 to August 11
2pm-8pm

Drop-in to create fun and beautiful art projects from a variety of different supplies, including paper, cardboard, clay and more. Each week, instructions or ideas for a new arts and crafts will be available

BOREDOM BUSTERS @ THE LIBRARY!

July 1 - August 19

I Spy Display

Can you find all the hidden objects?

July 11 - July 22

Book Review Bonanza

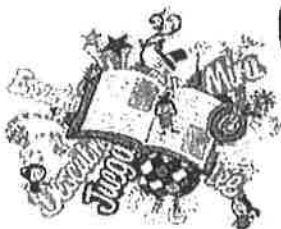
Write a book review and share your favorite book with other kids!

July 25 - August 5

Picture This!

Draw a portrait of yourself reading!

Receive a free book for participating!



CUENTA CUENTOS

Wednesdays at 11:15am

July 6, 13, 20 & 27

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La hora del cuento es un programa divertido para familias y niños. Leyendo juntos los niños se preparan para ir a la escuela y tener éxito. Todos están invitados a celebrar cuentos y juegos divertidos en español y en inglés. Habrá refrescos y bocadillos.

Story hour is a fun program for families and children. Reading together helps prepare children for success in school. Everyone is invited to listen to stories in English and Spanish and participate in games and crafts.

LEGO CLUB!

AND MORE...

TRADING CARD MEETUP!
POKEMON!
YU-GI-OH!

CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION!



PAWS TO READ

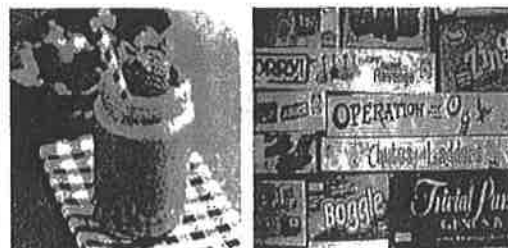
Thursdays 4-6pm

June, July and August

Tomie dePaola Children's Room

Read to a REAL dog at the library. One-on-one sessions build confidence. Children will sign up to read with a therapy dog for approximately 15 minutes. Time blocks are limited and registration is required. Open to children in K-4th grade. For more information, or to register, call the Tomie dePaola Children's Library at 203-630-6347.

GRUB AND GAME



Thursdays 2-3pm

July 21 & 28 and August 4

Griffin Room

Take a break from the heat! Come for the refreshing snack, stay for the awesome games! We'll provide some board games but feel free to bring any favorites along.

Open to children ages 8 and up.
Registration requested.

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Big Events

Tickets available on Monday, June 6	Monday	June 20	6:30pm	Travelin' Shoes: Stories from Near and Far! • Skies talk, turtles sing and magic happens during this storytelling concert. Great family show! All ages.	
	Friday	June 24	10:30am	Riverside Reptiles • Explore the wonderful world of reptiles and amphibians! Learn more about these amazing creatures and have a chance to pet a lizard, stare into the eyes of a huge toad, and touch a giant python! All ages.	
	Monday	June 27	6:30pm	Sciencetellers • Throw on your labcoat and buckle in — you are about to experience the science of power and energy through story and several exciting, hands-on experiments. K-5.	
	Friday	July 1	10:30am	Turtle Dance Music • Turtle Dance Music presents a wonderful, zany and gentle program that is sure to have children moving and grooving. All ages.	
	Monday	July 4	LIBRARY CLOSED FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY		
	Friday	July 8	10:30am	Mr. Gym Band • Get ready to rock! (And leap, bend, twist and stomp!) Mr. Gym leads kid in an active and fun program. PreK-3.	
Available on Monday, June 27	Monday	July 11	6:30pm	Animals! Animals! • Meet a variety of live animals from the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center and discover similarities and differences between them. All ages.	
	Friday	July 15	10:30am	Blue Moon Raptors • Come learn about several raptors and the important role they have in our ecosystem. Meet several live birds that have been rescued and rehabilitated. All ages.	
	Monday	July 18	6:30pm	Flea Circus • Prepare to be amazed! Prepare to be astounded! And, well...be prepared to laugh a lot! It's an entire big top circus in miniature, with incredible demonstrations by trained fleas! Ages 3+.	
	Friday	July 22	10:30am	Justin Mazz Magic • Witness amazing feats of magic and mystery! Lots of audience participation and fun for the whole family! All ages. <i>(Program sponsored by the staff of Roger Sherman Elementary School.)</i>	
Available on Monday, July 11	Monday	July 25	6:30pm	ZUMBA Kids! • Kid-friendly games and movement activities based on original Zumba® choreography. Come dance along! Ages 4-11. <i>Space is limited.</i>	
	Friday	July 29	10:30am	The Greg and Axel Show • A totally unique entertainment experience featuring magic, comedy, audience participation and one hilarious dog. You will fall in love with Axel as he performs tricks with Greg the Magician— and maybe causes a little bit of trouble! All ages.	
	Monday	August 1	6:30pm	Hoopin' it Up! • Be amazed by cool hula hooping tricks and try these special weighted hoops yourself! All ages. <i>Space is limited.</i>	
	Friday	August 5	10:30am	Sparky's Puppets • Cheer the race between the tortoise and the hare. Watch Jack's speedy escape from the giant and see more fast-paced adventures! Ages 3+.	

All programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Meriden Public Library.



OTHER GREAT SUMMER ACTIVITIES AT THE LIBRARY!

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