

# Hall Middle School Library

## Reading List (Summer 2007 and Beyond)

**One of the goals of the language arts and library programs at Hall Middle School is the creation of successful, enthusiastic, lifelong readers.**

The "California English-Language Arts Academic Content Standards" suggest that by eighth grade, students should be reading 1,000,000 words annually on their own. Sounds like a lot, but it's amazing how fast the numbers add up when you read regularly. All middle school students should read different kinds of writing, from fiction to biography, from poetry to science, from books to magazines and newspapers. This list of mostly **fiction** includes award winners, new titles, and personal favorites. Use these recommendations for summer reading and all year round to discover some great writers and storytellers.

**In the interest of doing our part to save the environment, this list of recommendations will not be distributed to individual students. It will be available on the Hall Middle School Library web site and at local libraries and bookstores.**

<http://www.hall-school.org/library>

### Required

All students entering **6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup>** grades are required to read at least one book during the summer related to this list of recommendations. **This must be a book you have never read before.** If you are reading a series, and the next one is not on the list – no problem. Want to read a different book by an author on the list – no problem. The point is to find great books to read. Students must fill out the **Book Review Sheet** that is available on the web site and turn it in to their language arts teacher when school starts in August.

### Encouraged

All students entering **5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup>** grades are encouraged to read lots of books during the summer. Students who read at least three books, and turn in "review sheets" on all three, will receive a special ice cream treat from the Hall Middle School PTA when school resumes in the fall.

**Have a wonderful summer, reading!**

**Carol Halpern - District Librarian**

