

June 1, 2009

Dear Sperreng Parents and Guardians,

The Sperreng library staff is excited to offer a summer reading program for students entering the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades this August. Students who are interested in participating need to complete the requirements explained on the enclosed Add It Up! handout . Students should fill out the score card on the reverse side of the handout each time they read an item on the genre list. It is important that the title, genre, and point value of each item is listed. Once a student achieves the goal of 25 points, his/her parent or guardian needs to sign the bottom of the score card to acknowledge that the student did indeed fulfill the requirements.

During the first week of school in August, the completed score card should be turned in to Sperreng's library, and each deserving student will receive a \$5 gift certificate to the Scholastic Book Fair being held August 30<sup>th</sup> --September 4<sup>th</sup>. (Money received from Mothers' Club will fund this program.)

The other enclosed paper is a recommended summer reading list composed by the Sperreng librarians. Most titles on the list are owned by both the St. Louis County and City Public Libraries. This summer reading list is meant to inform kids about some excellent books that may be of interest to them. Please do not feel that your child must read each title on the list.

May this summer be an exciting and event-filled one for you and your family. We also hope that you and your family make the time to read for pleasure. Fostering a love of reading is a wonderful gift to your child and paves the way to a life-time of learning.

The Sperreng Library Staff  
Ms. Struckhoff, Ms. Stanford, and Mrs. Street



# Sperreng Middle School's Summer Reading List 2009

## Featured Titles

### Mystery

- *The Big Splash* by Jack Ferraiolo
- *Maze of Bones* by Rick Riordan
- *The Mysterious Benedict Society* by Trenton Lee Stewart

### Fantasy

- *Gods of Manhattan* by Scott Mebus
- *House of Many Ways* by Diana Wynne Jones
- *Nick of Time* by Ted Bell
- *Runemarks* by Joanne Harris
- *Savvy* by Ingrid Law

### Sports

- *Baseball Crazy: Ten Short Stories That Cover All Bases* edited by Nancy Mercado
- *The Big Field* by Mike Lupica

### Biography

- *The Lincolns: A Scrapbook Look at Abraham and Mary* by Candace Fleming
- *The Trouble Begins at 8: A Life of Mark Twain in the Wild, Wild West* by Sid Fleischman

### Realistic Fiction

- *Hurricane: A Novel* by Terry Trueman
- *Peeled* by Joan Bauer
- *Schooled* by Gordon Korman
- *Waiting for Normal* by Leslie Connor

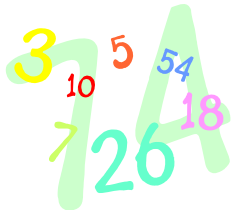
### Historical Fiction

- *The Boy Who Dared* by Susan Campbell Bartoletti
- *Chains* by Laurie Halse Anderson
- *The Fire of Ares* by Michael Ford
- *Keeper of the Grail* by Michael Spradlin
- *The Wednesday Wars* by Gary Schmidt

### Friendship

- *After Tupac & D Foster* by Jacqueline Woodson
- *Anything But Typical* by Nora Raleigh Baskin
- *Eggs* by Jerry Spinelli

**Available at a library or  
bookstore near you!**



# Add It Up!



## Sperreng's Summer Reading Program

**Directions:** This summer your librarians are challenging you to read a variety of materials. We have created a list of genres from which to pick and ask that you read materials from at least three different genres. You may obtain your reading material from a library, bookstore, or another location. Each genre has a different point value, so once you read a selection, write its title and point value on your score card on the back of this page. Your goal is to accumulate at least 25 points. Once you achieve this goal, have your parent or guardian sign the bottom of the score card to attest to the fact that you completed the requirements. Then, turn your score card in to the Sperreng librarians during the first week of school in August. You will be rewarded with a \$5.00 gift certificate to be used at Sperreng's Back to School Book Fair.

### Genres:

Fiction book	5
Non-fiction book	5
Biography	5
Audio book	5
Graphic novel	2
Magazine (5 articles)	2
Newspaper (5 articles)	2

