

## RETHINKING READING: Summer Reading Update for Students in 6-12

Author and teacher Donalyn Miller, who wrote *The Book Whisperer: Awakening the Inner Reader in Every Child*, identifies three behaviors of successful, lifelong readers:

They dedicate time to reading on a daily basis

They successfully self-select reading material

They share books and reading with other readers

With those three important tenets in mind, the Toms River Regional Schools 2018 summer reading program in grades 6-12 has been designed and consists of: reading regularly, maintaining and submitting a reading log and presenting a book talk to their peers when they return to school.

The goal of our new and improved summer reading program is to assist students in developing an independent reading life--to foster an interest in and ability to choose books that meet their individual interests and needs. We believe our program will contribute to a school-wide culture of reading, which, in turn, will increase students' reading volume and stamina. We hope that students become curious and empathetic young adults who strive to effect change in the world around them.

Please see the following website for more details: <https://trivera19.wixsite.com/website>