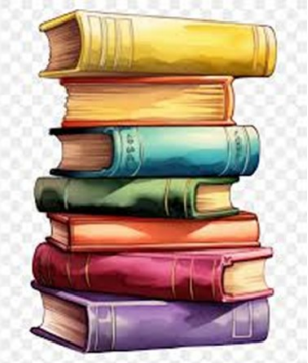






Concord Township's Summer of Reading Challenge
The Old Stone School - 2026 Edition

- Read one book per week from the list provided between ***June 1 - August 31, 2026***.
- Email your list of books read (***13 books total***) and a picture of you holding up your favorite summer read to Dan Maxson at dmaxson@concordtwp.com before 4pm on September 11, 2026.
- Concord Township children who complete this challenge will be recognized at the September 16, 2026 Township Board of Trustees Meeting and receive a yard / window sign to proudly display.

Book List for America250

Fiction (and classics) for older children (grade 4 to 6)
Rush Revere and the First Patriots by rush Limbaugh
Rebellion 1776 by Laurie Halse Anderson
Johnny Tremain by Esther Forbes
Loyalty by Avi
The British are Coming by Rick Atkinson

Fiction for children (grade 1 to 4)
Blastback the American Revolution by Nancy Ohlin
I Survived the American Revolution by Lauren Tarshis
Five Small Stones (Hope's Diary) by Kristiana Gregory
Ben and Me by Robert Lawson
Sam the Minuteman by Nathaniel Benchley

Picture Books
A Spy Called James by Anne Rockwell
Moon Tree by Carolyn Fraiser (actually about seeds that went on the moon landing and then were planted for America's bicentennial)
The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Nonfiction (all ages)
The Founding Fathers: Those Horse-ridin' ,fiddle playin' ,book-readin' ,gun-totin' Gentlemen Who Started America by Jonah Winter
Can't You Make Them Behave, King George? By Jean Fritz
Spill the Tea on the U.S. Revolution by Blake Hoena
Living Through the Revolutionary War by Clara MacCarald
If You Lived at the Time of the American Revolution by Kay Moore
The History of Independence Day by Reese Donaghey
When Paul Revere Rode: Voices From the First Night of the American Revolution By Sarah Thomson

The Who/What is series…Abigail Adams, Ben Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, George Washington and the Boston Tea Party

Can You Survive Series (fighting for independence, colonists revolt, resisting British rule and many others)

Still More Children's Books
"Inspire the next generation with accessible, engaging, and age-appropriate books that bring the American Revolution to life. These titles are packed with colorful illustrations, fascinating facts, and heroic figures—from George Washington and Thomas Jefferson to the everyday kids and families who shaped history."

Seeds of America Trilogy by Laurie Halse
History Smashers: The American Revolution by Kate Messner
Guts & Glory: The American Revolution by Ben Thompson
Washington, Adams, and Jefferson by C.A. Worman
Rebellion 1776 by Laurie Halse Anderson
The History of the American Revolution by Emma Carlson Berne

More Historical Fiction
"Experience the era of revolution through the eyes of unforgettable characters brought to life by gifted storytellers. These novels blend fact with fiction, immersing readers in personal dramas set against the backdrop of historical transformation. Whether following the bold disguise of a woman soldier or the trials of Eliza Hamilton, these stories add human depth to our nation's founding."

A Girl Called Samson by Amy Harmon
My Dear Hamilton by Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamoie
The Traitor's Wife by Allison Pataki
America's First Daughter by Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamoie
Tell the Bees That I Am Gone by Diana Gabaldon
The Hamilton Affair by Elizabeth Cobbs

Additional Nonfiction
"Dive into meticulously researched works that provide powerful insights into the Revolution and the broader context of American independence that are written in a novelist style. These books reveal untold stories and broaden our understanding of the era—from George Washington's leadership and the complexities of Indigenous and African American experiences, to the moral struggles that defined the fight for liberty."

You Never Forget Your First by Alexis Coe
Poor Richard's Women by Nancy Rubin Stuart
Liberty Is Sweet by Woody Holton
Independence by John Ferling
Ladies of Liberty by Cokie Roberts
Espionage and Enslavement in the Revolution by Claire Bellerjeau, Tiffany Yecke Brooks, and Vanessa Williams
American Inheritance by Edward J. Larson
1776 by David McCullough
Founding Mothers and Ladies of Liberty by Cokie Roberts
African Founders by David Hackett Fischer
The First Conspiracy by Brad Meltzer
Benjamin Franklin: An American Life by Walter Isaacson
The Revolutionary: Samuel Adams by Stacy Schiff
Valiant Ambition by Nathaniel Philbrick
The British Are Coming by Rick Atkinson

The Fate of the Day by Rick Atkinson
The Rediscovery of America by Ned Blackhawk
Independence Lost by Kathleen DuVal



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