Summer Reading Suggestions for grades 9-12

This summer, you have choices. Read what you want, when you want.

21 Lessons for the 21st Century by Yuval Noah Harari
57 Bus by Dashka Slater
A Thousand Beginnings and Endings edited by Ellen Oh & Elsie Chapman
Akata Witch by Nnedi Okorafor-Mbachu
All Out: The No-Longer-Secret Stories of Queer Teens Throughout the Ages edited by Saundra Mitchell
American Road Trip by Patrick Flores-Scott
Astrophysics for People in a Hurry by Neil deGrasse Tyson
Bad Blood: Secrets and Lies in a Silicon Valley Startup by John Carreyrou
Becoming by Michelle Obama
The Best We Could Do by Thi Bui
Bingo Love by Tee Franklin
Black Enough edited by Ibi Zoboi
Bridge of Clay by Markus Zusak

Have a safe and enjoyable summer and happy reading!

Information Key

- Series
- Nonfiction/Biography
- Multicultural
- Realistic Fiction
- Local Author
- Graphic Novel
- Historical Fiction
- Sci-Fi / Fantasy
- LGBTQ+
- Poetry
Brother by David Chariandy

Buried Beneath the Baobab Tree by Adaobi Tricia Nwaubani & Viviana Mazza

Changers by T Cooper & Allison Glock-Cooper

Children of Blood and Bone by Tomi Adeyemi

Circe by Madeline Miller

Contact High: A Visual History of Hip-Hop by Vikki Tobak

Courageous Women of the Vietnam War by Kathryn Atwood

Dear Evan Hansen by Val Emmich

Dear Ijeawele, or a Feminist Manifesto in Fifteen Suggestions by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Dread Nation by Justina Ireland

Dream Country by Shannon Gibney

Dry by Neal & Jarrod Shusterman

Educated: A Memoir by Tara Westover

Fatal Throne: The Wives of Henry VIII Tell All by Various Authors

Fly Girls: How Five Daring Women Defied All Odds and Made Aviation History by Keith O’Brien

From Twinkle, With Love by Menon Sandhya

Girls Write Now by Various Authors

Go Tell It On the Mountain by James Baldwin

Green: A Novel by Sam Graham-Felsen

Grunt by Mary Roach

The Handmaid’s Tale by Margaret Atwood

The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas

Hey, Kiddo by Jarrett Krosoczka

How Dare the Sun Rise: Memoirs of a War Child by Sandra Uwiringiyimana

I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter by Erika Sanchez

I Have the Right To: A High School Survivor’s Story of Sexual Assault, Justice, and Hope by Chessy Prout

I Was Their American Dream by Malaka Gharib

I, Claudia by Mary McCoy

Just Mercy: adapted for young adults by Bryan Stevenson

Kicks: The Great American Story of Sneakers by Nicholas Smith
Let Me Hear a Rhyme by Tiffany Jackson
Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng
The Love and Lies of Rukhsana Ali by Sabina Khan
Lovely War by Julie Berry
Monday's Not Coming by Tiffany Jackson
On the Come Up by Angie Thomas
The Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo
Pride by Ibi Zoboi
Proud: My Fight for an Unlikely American Dream by Ibtihaj Muhammad
Puddin’ by Julie Murphy
Shout by Laurie Halse Anderson
Sing, Unburied, Sing by Jesamyn Ward
The Astonishing Color of After by Emily X.R. Pan
The Runaways by Rainbow Rowell
There, There by Tommy Orange
The Things They Carried by Tim O'Brien
This Fire Next Time: A New Generation Speaks About Race by Jesamyn Ward
This One Summer by Mariko Tamaki
To Kill a Mockingbird (graphic novel) adapted by Fred Fordham
Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead
We Are Displaced by Malala Yousafzai
We Regret to Inform You by Ariel Kaplan
Welcome to Lagos by Chibundu Onuzo
What If It's Us? by Becky Albertalli & Adam Silvera
When They Call You a Terrorist by Patrisse Khan-Cullors and Asha Bandele
White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism by Robin DiAngelo
With the Fire On High by Elizabeth Acevedo
Yes She Can: 10 Stories of Hope and Change from Young Female Staffers of the Obama White House by Molly Dillon