

High School Recommended Reading List

Fantasy

Myrren's Gift, Fiona McIntosh
Twilight, Stephanie Meyer
Maximum Ride: The Angle Experiment, James Patterson
Faerie Wars, Herbie Brennan
Ella Minnow Pea, Mark Dunn
The Once and Future King, T. H. White
Hawksong, Amelia Atwater-Rhodes
Feed, M.T. Anderson
Tithe, Holly Black
Uglies, Scott Westerfield
The Golden Compass, Phillip Pullman

Mystery

The Innocent, Harlan Coben
The Hippie House, Katherine Holubitsky
Deathwatch, Robb White
Silent to the Bone, E. L. Konigsburg
Acceleration, Graham McNamee
The Killer's Cousin, Nancy Werlin
Dr. Franklin's Island, Ann Halam
The Terrorist, Caroline Cooney
The China Garden, Liz Berry
Haunted Sister, Lael Littke

Science Fiction and Adventure

The Secret Under My Skin, Janet McNaughton
Stormbreaker, Anthony Horowitz
13 Little Blue Envelopes, Maureen Johnson
Treasure, Clive Cussler
Tomorrow, When the World Began, John Marsden
Jurassic Park, Michael Crichton
The Rag and Bone Shop, Robert Cormier

Popular Fiction

Juice, Eric Walters
Things Left Unsaid: A Novel in Poems, Stephanie Hemphill
Stuck in Neutral, Terry Trueman
State of Fear, Michael Crichton
Whale Talk, Chris Crutcher
The Gospel According to Larry, Janet Tashjian
The Year of the Secret Assignment, Jaclyn Moriarty
All Love's Excelling, Josiah Bunting
Peace Like a River, Leif Enger
Damage, A.M. Jenkins
Bee Season, Myla Goldberg
Life of Pi, Yann Martel
Keeping the Moon, Sarah Dessen
Girl with the Pearl Earring, Tracy Chevalier
Bucking the Sarge, Christopher Paul Curtis
Black and White, Paul Volponi

Biography/Autobiography

Zoya's Story, Zoya
October Sky, Homer Hickam
Within Reach: My Everest Story, Mark Pfitzer
Under the Persimmon Tree, Suzanne Fisher Staples
Chinese Cinderella, Yen Mah
Dove, Robin Lee Graham
Hole in My Life, Jack Gantos
It's Not About the Bike, Lance Armstrong
Baghdad Burning: Girl Blog from Iraq, Riverbend
Soul Surfer: A True Story of Faith, Family, and Fighting to Get Back on the Board, Bethany Hamilton

Historical Fiction

Private Peaceful, Michael Morpurgo
Eyes of the Emperor, Graham Salisbury
Annie Between the States, Laura Malone Elliott
Follow the River, James Alexander Thom
The Things They Carried, Tim O'Brien
Shoeless Joe, W.P. Kinesella
Daniel Half Human and the Good Nazi, David Chotjewitz
These Is My Words, Nancy E. Turner
Fallen Angels, Walter Dean Myers
Fever 1793, Laurie Halse Anderson

Classics

Native Son, Richard Wright
Slaughterhouse Five, Kurt Vonnegut
East of Eden, John Steinbeck
The Jungle, Upton Sinclair
Catch 22, Joseph Heller
A Passage to India, E. M. Foster
The Martian Chronicles, Ray Bradbury
Old Man and the Sea, Ernest Hemingway
Rebecca, Daphne du Maurier
Death Be Not Proud, John Gunther
Island of Dr. Moreau, H.G. Wells

College/SAT Prep

The Chosen, Chaim Potok
The Bell Jar, Sylvia Plath
A Member of the Wedding, Carson McCullers
The Sun Also Rises, Ernest Hemingway
Things Fall Apart, Achebe Chinua
A Death in the Family, James Agee
The Grapes of Wrath, John Steinbeck
Pride and Prejudice, Jane Austen
The American Reader: Words that moved a Nation, Diane Ravitch
The World According to Garp, John Irving
The Catcher in the Rye, J. D. Salinger

Non-fiction

- America Through the Lens: Photographers who changed the nation*, Martin W. Sandler
- Secrets of a Civil War Submarine: Solving the mysteries of the H. L. Hunley*, Sally Walker
- Wake Up Our Souls: A celebration of Black American artist*, Tonya Bolden
- In Cold Blood*, Truman Capote
- Left for Dead: A young man's search for justice for the USS Indianapolis*, Pete Nelson
- Getting Away with Murder, The true story of the Emmett Till Case*, Chris Crown
- Needles: A memoir of growing up with diabetes*, Andie Dominick
- Eleanor's Story: An American girl in Hitler's Germany*, Eleanor Ramrath Garner
- Close to Shore: A true story of terror in an age of innocence*, Michael Capuzzo
- The Perilous Journey of the Donner Party*, Mariam Calabro
- Founding Mothers*, Cokie Roberts
- To Hate Like This is to be Happy Forever: A thoroughly obsessive intermittently uplifting and occasionally unbiased account of the Duke-North Carolina basketball rivalry-* Will Blythe
- The Last Amateurs: Playing for glory and honor in Division I college basketball*, John Feinstein

Recognizing the diversity of our student body, we have designed this list to represent a wide range of selections. The titles have been carefully selected to account for the varying interests of our students. Topics range from magical worlds, to friendship, to war, to basketball rivalries, to the trials and tribulations of growing up. We hope all students will find something that sparks the desire to read this summer.

Pre-AP or AP English will have a required summer reading assignment which may or may not include selections on this list. Students enrolling in other levels of English can earn extra credit for completing an assignment based on the reading of any selection on this list. Extra credit may be earned for reading and doing the assignment for no more than two books. Specific information about these assignments can be obtained from your son or daughter's school.

Parents and guardians are asked to work closely with the student to select readings that are appropriate to the reader's interest, maturity, and reading skills.



Roanoke County Public Schools Recommended Summer Readings

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Roanoke County teachers believe that students should develop a love of reading and a responsibility to read in order to become life-long learners. We, therefore, encourage our students to continue to read during the summer.

All students are encouraged to read **at least two books**. The list contained in this pamphlet is composed of a wide variety of recommended readings. We ask that you review it with your son or daughter to identify titles that are appropriate to his or her reading ability and maturity level.

Since reading is the single most important factor attributed to school success, we hope that students will use the list as a starting point and choose other selections to read during the summer.