

CHS Summer Reading List

Summer Reading Suggestions for grades 9-12

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

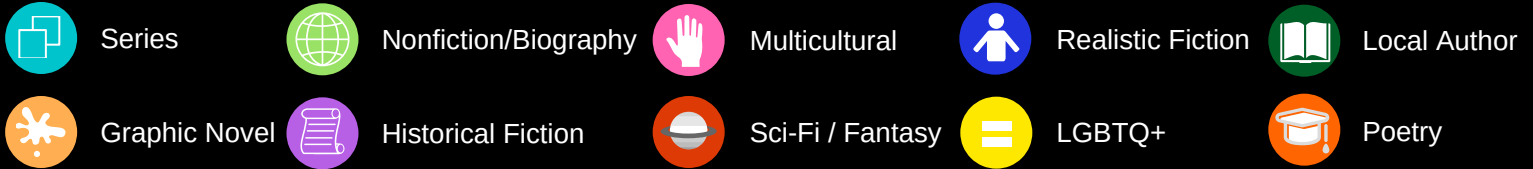
Reading is one of the most important lifelong skills we can develop in children. This list of summer reading suggestions was compiled by your librarians from the South Orange and Maplewood Middle and High Schools, public libraries and English Language Arts teachers, and is available online through the SOMSD website and the public library sites. We have included many great books to read over the summer.

All students are required to read one book of choice, from the summer reading list below, over the summer. At the end of the first week of school, each student will participate in a book talk activity with their English Language Arts class, where teachers and students will get together and discuss the book they chose to read.



Have a safe and enjoyable summer and happy reading!











Information Key



- 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 Sandra 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 ●











- 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 ●

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-  Historical Fiction
-  Multicultural
-  Sci-Fi / Fantasy
-  Realistic Fiction
-  LGBTQ+
-  Local Author
-  Poetry

- 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 Dillion ●

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