

LPSS Summer Reading

2023

Best Practices for Summer Reading Programs

- Give students choice.
- Encourage parents to be involved in helping students select summer reading books.
- Clearly communicate summer reading expectations to students and parents.
- Provide a clear, detailed description of the summer reading program on the school's website.
- Provide a brief description for each title on the list.

6th Grade

Fiction

The One and Only Ivan, Katherine Applegate

Hurricane Child, Kacen Callender

The Boy on the Porch, Sharon Creech

The Great Unexpected, Sharon Creech

Walk Two Moons, Sharon Creech

The Tale of Despereaux, Kate DiCamillo

Flipped, Wendelin Van Drannen

Out of My Mind, Sharon Draper

The Skin I'm In, Sharon G. Flake

The Parker Inheritance, Varian Johnson

Travel Team, Mike Lupica

Wonder, R. J. Palacio

A Long Way from Chicago, Richard Peck

I Survived Series, Lauren Tarshis

Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry, Mildred Taylor

Harbor Me, Jacqueline Woodson

Nonfiction

Grace, Gold, and Glory, Gabrielle Douglas

Finding Gobi: A Little Dog with a Very Big Heart, Dion Leonard

Bad Boy: A Memoir, Walter Dean Meyers

7th Grade

The Selection Series, Kiera Cass

The Outsiders, S.E. Hinton
Amina's Voice, Hena Khan
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, C.S. Lewis
Swallowing Stones, Joyce McDonald
Fallen Angels, Walter Dean Myers
A Long Walk to Water, Linda Sue Park
Homeless Bird, Gloria Whelan

Nonfiction

Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother, Amy Chua

8th Grade

Fiction

A Man Called Ove, Fredrik Backman
The Boy in Striped Pajamas, John Boyne
Fahrenheit 451, Ray Bradbury
A Great and Terrible Beauty, Libba Bray
The House on Mango Street, Sandra Cisneros
Hunger Games, Suzanne Collins
The City of Ember, Jeanne DuPrau
A Wrinkle in Time, Madeline L'Engle
The Ear, the Eye, and the Arm, Nancy Farmer
Projekt 1065: A Novel of World War II, Alan Garatz
The Fault in Our Stars, John Green
Refugee, Alan Gratz
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time, Mark Haddon
Hero, Mike Lupica
Soldier's Heart, Gary Paulsen
Keeper, Mal Peet
The Last Book in the Universe, Rodman Philbrick
Uglies, Scott Westerfeld
The Book Thief, Markus Zusak

Nonfiction

A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier, Ishmael Beah

9th Grade

Fiction

The Crossover, Kwame Alexander
Kindred, Octavia E. Butler

Felix Ever After, Kacen Callender
The Light in Hidden Places, Sharon Cameron
Tears of a Tiger, Sharon Draper
Foul Trouble, John Feinstein
The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman, Ernest Gaines
Not So Pure and Simple, Lamar Giles
Lord of the Flies, William Golding (Honors)
The Princess Bride, William Goldman
Almost American Girl, Robin Ha
Deeplight, Frances Hardinge
This Is My America, Kim Johnson
To Kill a Mockingbird, Harper Lee
I'll Be the One, Lyla Lee
We Were Liars, E. Lockhart (Honors)
Here the Whole Time, Vitor Martins, translated by Larissa Helena
Anne of Green Gables, L.M. Montgomery (Honors)
What Happened to Lani Garver, Carol Plum-Ucci
Falling for Hamlet, Michelle Ray
Scythe, Neal Schusterman (Honors)
Dear Martin, N. Stone
The Hate U Give, Angie Thomas
This Train Is Being Held, Ism  e Williams
Punching the Air, Ibi Zoboi and Yusef Salaam

Nonfiction

Jim Thorpe, Original All-American, Joseph Bruchac
Haben: The Deafblind Woman Who Conquered Harvard Law, Haben Girma

10th Grade

Fiction

Purple Hibiscus, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
The Crossover, Kwame Alexander
Mosquitoland, David Arnold
Tyrell, Coe Booth
Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini
A Thousand Splendid Suns, Khaled Hosseini
Big Mouth and Ugly Girl, Joyce Carol Oates
Warcross, Marie Lu
I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter, Erika Sanchez
White Teeth, Zadie Smith
Dry, Neal Shusterman and Jarrod Shusterman
The Bonesetter's Daughter, Amy Tan
The Picture of Dorian Gray, Oscar Wilde

Nonfiction

Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption by Laura Hillenbrand

I Am Malala: The Story of the Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban

by Malala Yousafzai

I Feel Like Going On: Life, Game, and Glory, Ray Lewis with Daniel Paisner

11th Grade

Fiction

The Awakening, Kate Chopin

The Onion Presents: Our Dumb Century, Scott Dikkers (editor)

The Old Man and the Sea, Ernest Hemingway

Brave New World, Aldous Huxley

The Things They Carried, Tim O'Brien

One of Us Is Lying, Karen McManus

47, Walter Mosley

Anger Is a Gift, Mark Oshiro

The Bell Jar, Sylvia Plath

Of Mice and Men, John Steinbeck

The Joy Luck Club, Amy Tan

The Rule of Four, Ian Caldwell and Dustin Thomason

Nonfiction

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings, Maya Angelou

Friday Night Lights: A Town, a Team, and a Dream, H.G. Bissinger

Between the World and Me, Ta-Nehisi Coates

Great Speeches by African Americans, James Daley (editor)

Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass: An American Slave, Frederick Douglass

Where Men Win Glory: The Odyssey of Pat Tillman, Jon Krakauer

12 Years a Slave, Solomon Northup

The Witches: Salem, 1692, Stacy Schiff

Me Talk Pretty One Day, David Sedaris

The Perfect Storm: A True Story of Men Against the Sea, Sebastian Junger

BBC News (website)

The Dallas Morning News (newspaper/website)

Los Angeles Times (newspaper/website)

Newsweek (magazine/website)

The New York Times (newspaper/website)

Slate (online magazine)

USA Today (newspaper/website)

The Washington Post (newspaper/website)

12th Grade

Fiction

Americanah, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
The Impossible Knife of Memory, Laurie Halse Anderson
Bronxwood, Coe Booth
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time, Mark Haddon
The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks, E. Lockhart
The Things a Brother Knows, Dana Reinhardt

AP Language and Composition

Fiction

The Handmaid's Tale, Margaret Atwood
The Alchemist, Paulo Coelho
A Raisin in the Sun, Lorraine Hansberry
Scarlet Letter, Nathaniel Hawthorne
Death of a Salesman, Arthur Miller
The Things They Carried, Tim O'Brien
Rise to Rebellion: A Novel of the American Revolution, Jeff Shaara
Color Purple, Alice Walker

Nonfiction

Eight Men Out: The Black Sox and the 1919 World Series, Eliot Asinof
Kabul Beauty School: An American Woman Goes Behind the Veil, Misty Bernall
Brain on Fire: My Month of Madness, Susannah Cahalan
In Cold Blood, Truman Capote
Dispatches from the Edge: A Memoir of War, Disasters, and Survival, Anderson Cooper
The Good Daughter: A Memoir of My Mother's Hidden Life, Jasmin Darznik
Excellent Sheep: The Miseducation of the American Elite, William Deresiewicz
David and Goliath, Malcolm Gladwell
Freakonomics, Levitt and Dubner
Outliers, Malcolm Gladwell
Shoot Like a Girl: One Woman's Dramatic Fight in Afghanistan and on the Home Front, Mary Jennings Hegar
Missoula: Rape and the Justice System in a College Town, Jon Krakauer
The Autobiography of Malcolm X
Angela's Ashes, Frank McCourt
The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates, Wes Moore
The Geeks Shall Inherit the Earth: Popularity, Quirk Theory, and Why Outsiders Thrive After High School, Alexandra Robbins
Enough As She Is: How to Help Girls Move Beyond Impossible Standards of Success to Live Healthy, Happy, and Fulfilling Lives, Rachel Simmons

The 57 Bus: A True Story of Two Teenagers and the Crime That Changed Their Lives, Dashka Slater
Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption, Bryan Stevenson
Educated: A Memoir, Tara Westover
What Was Asked of Us: An Oral History of the Iraq War by the Soldiers Who Fought It, Trish Wood
(Author), Bobby Muller (Contributor)
The Wordy Shipmates, Sarah Vowell

AP Literature and Composition

Fiction

Jane Eyre, Charlotte Brontë
Wuthering Heights, Emily Brontë
Kindred, Octavia E. Butler
The Awakening, Kate Chopin
All the Light We Cannot See, Anthony Doerr
Homegoing, Yaa Gyasi
A Doll's House, Henrik Ibsen
Never Let Me Go, Kazuo Ishiguro
The Metamorphosis, Franz Kafka
The Historian, Elizabeth Kostova
Chronicle of Death Foretold, Gabriel García Márquez
Brown Girl, Brownstones, Paule Marshall
Death of a Salesman, Arthur Miller
Beloved, Toni Morrison
Sula, Toni Morrison
Elmet, Fiona Mozley
1984, George Orwell
Wide Sargasso Sea, Jean Rhys
Housekeeping, Marilynne Robinson
The God of Small Things, Arundhati Roy
Frankenstein, Mary Shelley
White Teeth, Zadie Smith
Sing, Unburied, Sing, Jesmyn Ward
A Streetcar Named Desire, Tennessee Williams
Fences, August Wilson
Native Son, Richard Wright
Slaughterhouse Five, Kurt Vonnegut

Nonfiction

How to Read Literature Like a Professor, Thomas Foster

