

2020 Summer Reading Options: Grades 7 + 8

Dear Students,

Below you will find lists of possible summer reading books! This summer, we are asking you to read a minimum of **2** books from **2 different genres**.

The Newbery, Printz, and Walden award winners and honorees are all middle grades or young adult books that have been distinguished as the best of the best in this past year! The PBS *Great American Read* list gives 100 different books that have been chosen as “essential reading” for Americans by the American public! This list spans all genres and levels from children’s books to adult reading, but we have selected a handful of classics and modern classics we think you might enjoy!

Please choose books you have NOT read before. You should be ready to discuss these books when we return to school!

As always, choosing a book should involve your parents, too! Together, consider:

- What will you enjoy?
- What might challenge you a little bit?
- What is appropriate for you and for your family?

If you need additional help selecting books, please feel free to reach out to Mrs. O’Dell (7th grade) and Ms. Hazelton or Mrs. O’Dell (8th grade) during the summer!

Fondly,

Ms. Hazelton and Mrs. O’Dell

Newbery, Printz, Walden Award Winners/Honorees:

Fiction/Realistic Fiction	<i>The Crossover</i> (Alexander) <i>Other Words for Home</i> (Warga) <i>Genesis Begins Again</i> (Williams) <i>Where the World Ends</i> (McCaughrean) <i>Patron Saints of Nothing</i> (Ribay) <i>The Hate U Give</i> (Thomas)
Graphic Novels	<i>New Kid</i> (Craft)
Historical Fiction	<i>Lovely War</i> (Berry) <i>White Rose</i> (Kip) -- This novel is in verse!
Fantasy	<i>The Beast Player</i> (Uehashi)
Memoir	<i>Ordinary Hazards</i> (Grimes)

Non-Fiction	<i>Stamped: Racism, Anti-racism, and You</i> (Reynolds, Kendi)
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Classics & Modern Classics from the PBS *Great American Read* List that You Might Enjoy

Realistic Fiction	<i>A Separate Peace</i> (Knowles) <i>A Tree Grows in Brooklyn</i> (Smith) <i>Anne of Green Gables</i> (Montgomery) <i>Call of the Wild</i> (London) <i>Little Women</i> (Alcott) <i>The Outsiders</i> (Hinton) <i>Wuthering Heights</i> (Bronte)
Mystery	<i>And Then There Were None</i> (Christie)
Historical Fiction	<i>The Book Thief</i> (Zusak)
Fantasy	<i>The Chronicles of Narnia - Series</i> (Lewis)
Sci-Fi	<i>Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy</i> (Adams)