

High School (9-12)

Regular English Summer Reading List

We believe summer reading should empower students to develop an appreciation for reading and enable them to become lifelong readers and learners. **Students entering regular English in grades 9-12 should read at least one book over the summer. In September, students will complete an in-class activity on their book.** Students should work with their parents/guardians to select an age-appropriate book of their choosing. The lists below are provided to give students and parents a starting point for selecting a book for summer reading. While the titles on the lists below have been identified for high-school-aged students, the titles span a broad range of reading and maturity levels. We encourage parents/guardians to take an active role in helping their students to select a book that best fits the student and their family. Copies of these books may be available in the schools, at public libraries, and at local book stores.

Virginia Readers' Choice

The books below have been identified for high school students as part of Virginia Readers' Choice. This program is administered by the Virginia State Reading Association. To see the complete lists or to learn more about the selection process please visit www.vsra.org.

Title

- [100 Sideways Miles](#) *
- [All American Boys](#) *
- [All the Bright Places](#) * e
- [Diamond Boy](#) *
- [Dumplin'](#) * e
- [Eleanor and Park](#) *
- [An Ember in the Ashes](#) * e
- [Everything, Everything](#) *
- [Fake ID](#) *
- [Half Bad](#) *
- [I'll Give You the Sun](#) *
- [I Will Always Write Back: How One Letter Changed Two Lives](#) *
- [Like Water on Stone](#) *
- [March: Book One](#) *
- [The Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg](#) *
- [Out of the Easy](#) *
- [Salt to the Sea](#) *
- [Sway](#) *
- [The Testing](#) * e
- [Unbreakable](#) * e
- [We Were Liars](#) *

Author

- Andrew Smith
- Jason Reynolds & Brendan Kiely
- Jennifer Niven
- Michael Williams
- Julie Murphy
- Rainbow Rowell
- Sabaa Tahir
- Nicola Yoon
- Lamar Giles
- Sally Green
- Jandy Nelson
- Caitlin Alifirenka & Martin Ganda
- Dana Walrath
- John Lewis
- Irin Carmon and Shana Knizhnik
- Ruta Sepetys
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- Kat Spears
- Joelle Charbonneau
- Kami Garcia
- E. Lockhart

Click on the titles of the books to learn more.

* indicates book is available through the York County Public Library (limited quantities, first-come, first-served)

e indicates electronic book (eBook) is available through the York County Public Library (limited quantities, first-come, first-served)

Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA)

The books below have been identified for high school students by the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA). YALSA is the division of American Library Association devoted to providing services to teens. As part of its mission, YASLA compiles lists of best books for teens published each year. These lists include the Teen Top Ten, Top Ten Paperbacks, and Top Fiction for Young Adults. To see the complete lists or to learn more about the selection process please visit www.ala.org/yalsa/

Title

[Alive](#) *
[The Bane Chronicles](#) *
[Every Last Word](#) *
[The Game of Love and Death](#) *e
[The Geography of You and Me](#) *
[Heir of Fire](#) *
[I Become Shadow](#) *
[Illuminae](#) *e
[The Kiss of Deception](#) *
[Life in Motion: An Unlikely Ballerina](#) *
[The Novice: Summoner \(Book #1\)](#) *
[Scythe](#) *
[The Shadow Throne](#) *
[Since You've Been Gone](#) *e
[Six of Crows](#) *e
[When](#) *
[The Young Elites](#) *

Author

Chandler Baker
Cassandra Clare
Tamera Ireland Stone
Martha Brockenbrough
Jennifer E. Smith
Sarah J. Maas
Joe Shine
Amie Kaufman and Jay Kristoff
Mary E. Pearson
Misty Copeland
Taran Matharu
Neal Shusterman
Jennifer Nielsen
Morgan Matson
Leigh Bardugo
Victoria Laurie
Marie Lu

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Did none of the previous titles interest you? No problem! Along with your parent/guardian, you may select an age-appropriate book that is not included on this list. If you select to read a book that is not on this list, **please be sure to have your parent sign and date the permission slip below.** You will need to submit the signed parent permission slip to your English teacher on the first day of English class in September.

Parents: Need help for selecting an age-appropriate book with your child? Here are some helpful sites to get you started having conversations with your child about a book of interest to read this summer.

- <http://www.ala.org/yalsa/bookawards/booklists/members>
- <https://www.goodreads.com/shelf/show/highschool-summer-reading>

Parent Permission Slip

I give my student, _____, a student at _____ High School permission to select a summer reading book that is not included on the recommended summer reading list. The title of the book is _____. I have discussed the selection of an alternate text with my student, and together we have selected an age-appropriate book of interest to read in completion of this assignment.

Parent Signature

Date