

Dear Staples Students,

One of our favorite things to see is a student with a book. As English teachers, our dream is to help cultivate a love of reading in all students. We can't wait to tackle our TBR (to be read) lists this summer, and we hope you feel the same.



This summer, your task is simple: we want you to enjoy yourself and read. Head over to the [Westport Library](#), check out books on [Sora](#), [find a Little Free Library](#) near you, or see what some [staff members enjoyed](#) last summer - just READ!

**Requirements:**

- **ALL STUDENTS:** Read at least two books this summer
- Some courses have specific requirements that should be prioritized:
  - [AP Literature & Composition](#)
  - [AP Language & Composition](#)
  - [Honors Shakespeare](#)
  - [Myth & Bible Honors \(S1 or S2\)](#)

You will have different opportunities to share your thoughts about your summer reading experience in the fall. We also suggest you do the following so that you can keep track of what you have read and ideas you want to share:

- Take notes on parts of the book that stand out to you. This could be a Google doc, sketch note, notebook jots, whatever is the best way for you to keep track of the ideas you want to discuss in the fall.
- Keep a list of what you have read.
- Keep a list of what to read next.
- Create a [Goodreads account](#) for yourself. It is an awesome tool to keep track of what you have read and want to read
- Make it a fun activity. Ask some friends or relatives to read alongside you. Check out [#BookTok](#) for recommendations. If you need help finding the perfect title, reference the list of resources below.

Happy reading,  
The Staples English Department

## **Resources**

[Staff Recommendations](#)

[Goodreads](#)

[High School Nutmeg Award Winners](#)

[National Book Award Winners](#)

[Hugo Awards \(science fiction\)](#)

[Stoker Award \(horror\) NPR Book Concierge](#)

[Reese Witherspoon's Book Club - Hello Sunshine](#)

[NerdyBookClub - Multiple Genre Recommendations](#)

[We Need Diverse Books](#)

## **Where can you find books these days?**

- Our library has [Sora](#), which has MANY digital and audio texts. These are the [directions](#) for logging in and finding books.
- You can buy books. If you choose this option, please consider supporting independent bookstores. Here are some options:
  - [RJ Julia](#) in Madison, CT
  - [Bookshop](#) supports independent bookstores around the country
  - [Barrett Bookstore](#) in Darien, CT
- The [Westport Library](#) is always a great option for physical, digital, and audio books!