



May 13, 2022

Dear Parents and Students,

To keep learning alive during the summer, we encourage summer reading. The following is a compilation of books that have been recommended by our highly esteemed staff at NVCA. Please have students choose one (or more) of the following books to read during the summer.

Students **will not** have a required follow-up project to complete when they return the first week of school. The idea is to keep them learning and growing over the summer and to help them acquire practical tools and develop an evidence-based rationale towards defending their faith. They will be required to analyze literature/knowledge from a biblical worldview and at times construct written arguments to defend their faith.

Some of the titles below may be pertinent to specific classes (i.e., Bible, Science, ELA, History, etc.) and will prepare students in advance to take part in class discussions and/or assignments.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Happy reading!

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9th-12th Grade: Please choose one (or more) of the following books to read:

1. *Do Hard Things: A Teenage Rebellion Against Low Expectations* by Alex and Brett Harris
2. *Counter Culture* by David Platt
3. *Forward* by David Jeremiah
4. *The 360 Degree Leader* by John Maxwell
5. *Live Fearless: A Call to Power, Passion, and Purpose* by Sadie Robertson
6. *Love Walked Among Us: Learning to Love Like Jesus* by Paul Miller
7. *The Case For Christ* by Lee Strobel
8. *The Case for Faith: A Journalist Investigates the Toughest Objections to Christianity* by Lee Strobel
9. *The Unshakable Truth: How You Can Experience the 12 Essentials of A Relevant Faith* by Josh and Sean McDowell
10. *Darwin's Black Box*
11. *God at Work* by Gene Veith
12. *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis
13. *Total Truth* by Nancy Pearcey
14. *Don't Waste Your Life* by John Piper
15. *Darwin's Black Box* by Michael Behe
16. *The Science of God* by Gerald L. Schroeder

6th-8th Grade: The following books to read:

6th: Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

7th: Amy Carmichael: Rescuer of Precious Gems by: Janet and Geoff Benge

8th: Irena's Children - Young Reader's Edition, by: Tilar J. Mazzeo, Adapted by Mary Cronk Farrell