

SUMMER READING

Today's Readers, Tomorrow's Leaders



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At MDCA, we believe that it is important that our students continue to grow and learn, year-round. Summer is an important time for students to continue to read and improve their language skills. Studies have found that students who do not read or read infrequently throughout the summer, experience the “summer slide” in their reading and language skills. This effect becomes even more pronounced as students get older. To avoid the “summer slide” and encourage continued growth, the Secondary English Department has designed a suggested summer reading list for middle and high school to help encourage our students continue to be active, engaged readers. This summer we have made a decision to make our summer reading program optional for students. In the following pages you will find suggestions for great books to enjoy this summer. As always, we ask parents to work with their students to ensure each selection is appropriate for your student. If unfamiliar with the selection, we suggest researching reviews on websites such as [commonsensemedia.org](https://www.common SenseMedia.org) or [goodreads.com](https://www.goodreads.com) before your student begins reading. Thank you for continuing to encourage your student's growth through reading!



MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER READING LIST

- Peasprout Chen, Future Legend of Skate and Sword by Henry Lien
- Song for a Whale by Lynne Kelly
- The Stars beneath Our Feet by David Barclay Moore
- Sci-Fu by Yehudi Mercado, illustrated by the author
- Putting Peace First 7 Commitments to Change the World by Eric Dawson
- Nowhere Boy by Katherine Marsh
- The Night Diary by Veera Hiranandani
- New Kid by Jerry Craft, illustrated by the author
- Marcus Vega Doesn't Speak Spanish by Pablo Cartaya
- Look Both Ways: A Tale Told in Ten Blocks by Jason Reynolds, illustrated by Alexander Nabaum
- I Can Make This Promise by Christine Day
- Dissenter on the Bench: Ruth Bader Ginsburg's Life and Work by Victoria Ortiz
- The Bridge Home by Padma Venkatraman
- Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson
- Number the Stars by Lois Lowry
- Summer of My German Soldier by Bette Greene
- The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster
- The Crossover by Kwame Alexander
- Ungifted by Gordon Korman
- Wonder by RJ Palacio
- From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler: Special Edition by E. L. Konigsburg What Hearts by Bruce Brooks
- Brian's Winter by Gary Paulsen
- The Running Dream by Wendelin Van Draanen
- The Great Trouble: A Mystery of London, the Blue Death, and a Boy Called Eel by Andrea Beach
- Longbow Girl by Linda Davies
- The Apothecary by Maile Meloy
- Code of Honor by Alan Gratz
- The Call of the Wild by Jack London
- Homeless Bird by Gloria Whelan
- My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George
- I Hadn't Meant to Tell You This by Jacqueline Woodson
- The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd
- Little Women by Louisa May Alcott
- Monster by Walter Dean Myers
- The Shadow Club by Neal Shusterman
- Elephant Run by Roland Smith

HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER READING LIST

- The Hobbit by JRR Tolkien
- The House of the Scorpion by Nancy Farmer
- War Brothers by Sharon McKay
- Undocumented by Dan-el Padilla Peralta
- Does my Head Look Big in This? by Randa Abdel-Fattah
- The Chaos by Nalo Hopkinson
- This Thing Called the Future by J.L. Powers
- I Love I Hate I Miss My Sister by Amelie Sarn
- Never Let Me Go by Kazuo Ishiguro
- Great Expectations by Charles Dickens
- Catch 22 by Joseph Heller
- A Study in Charlotte by Brittany Cavallaro
- The Book Thief by Marcus Zusa
- The Surrender Tree by Margarita Engle
- Now is the Time for Running by Michael Williams
- Silver People by Margarita Engle
- The Hiding Place by Corrie ten Boom
- The Servant by Fatima Sharafeddine
- Shadows Cast by Stars by Catherine Knutsson
- Afrika by Colleen Craig
- Bamboo People by Mitali Perkins
- Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury
- Through My Eyes by Tim Tebow
- House Rules by Jodi Picoult
- Hiroshima by John Hersey
- The Devil in the White City: A Saga of Magic and Murder at the Fair that Changed America by Erik Larson
- Dead Man Walking by Helen Prejean
- Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI by David Grann
- Lee Harvey Oswald On Trial: A Novel by Keith Pruitt and Rebekka Pruitt
- All the Crooked Saints by Maggie Steifvater
- Code Name Verity by Mary Eisenhart
- Dear Martin by Nic Stone
- The Serpent King by Jeff Zentner
- We Were Liars by E. Lockhart
- Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte
- Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte
- Pride & Prejudice or Emma by Jane Austen
- Turtles All the Way Down by John Green
- A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini
- Mudbound by Hillary Jordan
- The Poisonwood Bible by Barbara Kingsolver
- We Were the Mulvaneys by Joyce Carol Oates
- The Lovely Bones by Alice Sebold