2026 Suggested Summer Reading: Incoming High School Students

Classics

- "1984" and "Animal Farm" by George Orwell
- "The Catcher in the Rye" by J.D. Salinger
- "Fahrenheit 451" by Ray Bradbury
- "The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald
- "The Hobbit" by J.R.R. Tolkien
- "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee

Dystopian

- "Divergent" series by Veronica Roth
- "Legend" series by Marie Lu
- "The 5th Wave" series by Rick Yancey
- "The Hunger Games" series by Suzanne Collins
- "The Loop" series by Ben Oliver
- "Thieves' Gambit" series by Kayvion Lewis

Fantasy

- "An Ember in the Ashes" series by Sabaa Tahir
- "Grisha Trilogy" series by Leigh Bardugo
- "Heir" by Sabaa Tahir
- "King of Scars" duology by Leigh Bardugo
- "Legendborn" series by Tracy Deonn
- "The House Saphir" by Marissa Meyer
- "The Wrath and the Dawn" by Renee Ahdieh

Historical Fiction

- "All The Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr
- "Salt to the Sea" by Ruta Sepetys
- "The Blood Years" by Elana K. Arnold
- "The Book Thief" by Markus Zusak
- "The Librarian of Auschwitz" by Antonio Iturbe

Mystery/ Thriller

- "A Good Girl's Guide to Murder" series by Holly Jackson
- "Firekeeper's Daughter" by Angeline Boulley
- "The Inheritance Games" series by Jennifer Barnes
- "One of Us Is Lying" series by Karen McManus
- "Truly Devious" series by Maureen Johnson

Non-Fiction

- "Death in the Jungle" by Candace Fleming
- "Rising from the Ashes" by Paula Yoo

Realistic Fiction

- "All the Noise at Once" by DeAndra Davis
- "Everything we Never Had" by Randy Ribay
- "Five Feet Apart" by Rachael Lippincott
- "Legendary Frybread Drive-In" edited by Cynthia Leitich Smith
- "The Fault in our Stars" by John Green
- "The Summer I Turned Pretty" by Jenny Han

Science Fiction

- "Arc of a Scythe" series by Neal Schusterman
- "I Am Number Four" series by Pittacus Lore
- "Nemesis" series by Brendan Reichs
- "Ready Player One" series by Ernest Cline
- "The Lunar Chronicles" series by Marissa Meyer
- "Warcross" series by Marie Lu

Graphic Novels

- "Lunar New Year Love Story" by Gene Luen Yang
- "Song for a Blackbird" by Maria Van Lieshout

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