Community School of Naples

Upper School English

Summer Reading 2026

Literary / Realistic Fiction

- *The Book of Essie*, by Meghan MacLean Weir
- *The Running Dream*, by Wendelin Van Draanen
- *I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter*, by Erika L. Sanchez
- *Clap When You Land*, by Elizabeth Acevedo
- *Furia*, by Yamile Saied Mendez
- *Somebody Please Tell Me Who I Am*, by Harry Mazer
- *Dear Martin*, by Nic Stone
- *The Illustrated Man*, by Ray Bradbury
- *People of the Book*, by Geraldine Brooks
- *Bee Season*, by Myla Goldberg
- *The Art of Fielding*, by Chad Harbach
- *The Mayor of Casterbridge*, by Thomas Hardy
- *A Prayer for Owen Meany*, by John Irving
- *The Bean Trees*, by Barbara Kingsolver
- *Admission*, by Jean Hanff Korelitz
- *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime*, by Chris Haddon
- *Vampires in the Lemon Grove*, by Karen Russell
- *Olive Kittredge*, by Elizabeth Strout
- *Fangirl*, by Rainbow Rowell
- *Catalyst*, by Laurie Halse Anderson
- *Goon*, by Glenn E. Miller

Mystery / Thriller / Fantasy / Science Fiction

- *Gone*, by Michael Grant
- *The Poisoner's Handbook*, by Deborah Blum
- *The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie*, by Alan Bradley
- *Prey*, by Michael Crichton
- *Ella Minnow Pea*, by Mark Dunn
- *Neverwhere*, by Neil Gaiman
- *Unwind*, by Neal Shusterman
- *Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore*, by Robin Sloan
- *Alif the Unseen*, by G. Willow Wilson
- *Legend*, by Marie Lu

Historical Fiction

- *Once We Were Brothers*, by Ronald Balson
- *The Girl With the Pearl Earring*, by Tracy Chevalier
- *Wolf Hall*, by Hilary Mantel
- *Salt to the Sea*, by Ruta Sepetys
- *Song Yet Sung*, by James McBride
- *Revolutionary*, by Alex Myers
- *The Buddha in the Attic*, by Julie Otsuka

Nonfiction: Science / Nature

- *Desert Solitaire: A Season in the Wilderness*, by Edward Abbey
- *The Everglades: River of Grass*, by Marjorie Stoneman Douglas
- *Surely You're Joking, Mr. Feynman*, by Richard Feynman
- *Ignorance: How it Drives Science*, by Stuart Firestein
- *Mountains Beyond Mountains*, by Tracy Kidder
- *Longitude*, by Dava Sobel
- *The Lives of a Cell*, by Lewis Thomas

Nonfiction: Military / Memoir / Florida / Social Issues

- *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, by Maya Angelou
- *Black Ice*, by Lorene Cary
- *Zeitoun*, by Dave Eggers
- *Killing Mr. Watson*, by Peter Matthiessen
- *Reading Lolita in Tehran*, by Azar Nafisi
- *Amusing Ourselves to Death*, by Neil Postman
- *The Right Stuff*, by Tom Wolfe
- *This Boy's Life*, by Tobias Wolff
- *Born a Crime*, by Trevor Noah
- *The 57 Bus: A True Story of Two Teenagers and the Crime that Changed Their Lives*, by Dashka Slater

Nonfiction: Sports and Outdoors

- *Showboat: The Life of Kobe Bryant*, by Roland Lazenby
- *The Boys in the Boat*, by Daniel James Brown
- *Fire*, by Sebastian Junger
- *Shoeless Joe*, by W.P. Kinsella
- *Muck City*, by Bryan Mealer
- *Finding the Game*, by Gwendolyn Oxenham
- *In the Heart of the Sea*, by Nathaniel Philbrick

Happy Reading! See you in August!