

Summer Reading List – 2026

Incoming Grades 9-12

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1. **A Few Red Drops: The Chicago Race Riot of 1919** by Claire Hartfield
2. **A Good Girl's Guide to Murder** by Holly Jackson
3. **A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier** by Ishmael Beah
4. **African Town** by Irene Latham & Charles Water
5. **Almost American Girl** by Robin Ha (Graphic Novel)
6. **Alone Out Here** by Riley Redgate
7. **Americanized: Rebel Without a Green Card** by Sara Saedi
8. **An Elephant in the Garden** by Michael Morpurgo
9. **As Long as the Lemon Trees Grow** by Zoulfa Katouh
10. **Blood, Bullets, and Bones: The Story of Forensic Science** by Bridget Heos
11. **Born a Crime** by Trevor Noah
12. **Color Me In** by Natasha Diaz
13. **Dear Justyce** by Nic Stone
14. **Firekeeper's Daughter** by Angeline Boulley
15. **Fresh Ink: An Anthology of Short Stories** edited by Lamar Giles
16. **The Gilded Ones** by Namina Forna
17. **The Greatest Thing** by Sarah Winifred Searle (Graphic Novel)
18. **Hey Kiddo** and **Sunshine** by Jarett Krosoczka (Graphic Novels)
19. **Hope Nation: YA Authors Share Personal Moments of Inspiration** by Rose Brock
20. **I Must Betray You** by Ruta Sepetys
21. **In the Shadow of the Fallen Towers** by Don Brown
22. **Jane Eyre** by Charlotte Bronte
23. **Little and Lion** by Brandy Colbert
24. **Michael Vey** series by Richard Paul Evans
25. **More Happy Than Not** by Adam Silvera
26. **My Hero Academia** series by Kohei Horikoshi (Manga/Graphic Novel)
27. **Naruto** series by Masashi Kishimoto (Manga/Graphic Novel)
28. **Native Son** by Richard Wright
29. **Night of the Raven, Dawn of the Dove** by Rati Mehrotra
30. **One of Us is Lying** by Karen McManus
31. **Outliers** by Malcolm Gladwell
32. **Sing, Unburied, Sing** by Jesmyn Ward

- 33. **Slay** by Brittney Morris
- 34. **Splintered Magic** by L.L. McKinney
- 35. **Swing** by Kwame Alexander
- 36. **The Book Thief** by Markus Zusak
- 37. **The Nickel Boys** by Colson Whitehead
- 38. **The Sun and Her Flowers** by Rupi Kaur
- 39. **The War Outside** by Monica Hesse
- 40. **This Book Kills** by Ravena Guron