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Summer Reading Guide

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Jane Eyre by Charlotte Brontë: A mousy governess who softens the heart of her employer soon finds out that he is hiding a terrible secret.

The Legend of Sleepy Hollow by Washington Irving: Ichabod Crane, a superstitious schoolmaster from Connecticut, arrives in Sleepy Hollow only to be enthralled by the beauty and charm of the wealthy Katrina Van Tassel. However, his romantic aspirations are met with fierce competition from the local hero, Brom Bones. As the rivalry intensifies, Ichabod becomes more and more entwined in the spine-chilling legends that surround the village, ultimately culminating in a terrifying encounter with the legendary Headless Horseman.

The Metamorphosis by Franz Kafka Gregor Samsa lives an uneventful life. That is, until one morning he awakes to find himself transformed into a monstrous, verminous bug.

Nineteen Eighty-Four (1984): George Orwell's vision of a totalitarian future, not long after the Atomic Wars have reduced the geopolitical map to three super states. This book is based on the themes of interest to high schoolers: totalitarianism and state power, surveillance, individual freedom, the nature of truth, the power of propaganda.

Frankenstein by Mary Shelley: Frankenstein; or, The Modern Prometheus, is a novel written by English author Mary Shelley about the young student of scientist Victor Frankenstein, who creates a grotesque but sentient creature in an unorthodox scientific experiment.

Around the World in 80 Days by Jules Verne: While a trip around the world in eighty days may not astonish modern readers in the same way, this classic novel still remains an incredible story full of adventure, romance, humor, and wonderfully accurate descriptions of the people, places, plants, animals, and machinery encountered along the way.

Note: All descriptions are from Amazon except 1984, which is from Edutopia.

These books have been chosen by the WCHS LMS based on current standards to help students prepare for their upcoming school year.

9th Grade

Unbecoming by Jenny Downham (F)
Call Me American: A Memoir (Adapted for Young Adults) by Abdi Nor Iftin (M)
Girl Made of Stars by Ashley Herring Blake (F)
Darius the Great is Not Okay by Adib Khorram (F)
Animal Farm by George Orwell (F)
Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds (F)
Persepolis: Vols. 1 and 2 by Marjane Satrapi (GN)
Romeo & Juliet by William Shakespeare (PL)
The Sun Is Also a Star by Nicola Yoon (F)

F = Fiction
GN = Graphic Novel
M = Memoir
NF = Non-fiction
PL = Play
P = Poetry



10th Grade

Shipbreaker by Paolo Bacigalupi (F)
Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury (F)
The Hill We Climb by Amanda Gorman (P)
Fly Like a Girl by Mary Jennings Hegar (NF)
How to Be a (Young) Antiracist by Ibram X. Kendi and Nic Stone (NF)
Me (Moth) by Amber McBride (F)
Never Fall Down by Patricia McCormick (F)
Eleanor and Park by Rainbow Rowell (F)
The Next New Syrian Girl by Ream Shukairy (F)
Concrete Rose by Angie Thomas (F)
How Moon Fuentes Fell in Love with the Universe by Raquel Vasquez Gilliland (F)
Code Name Verity by Elizabeth Wein (F)

11th Grade

The Plague by Albert Camus (F)
The Awakening by Kate Chopin (F)
All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doer (F)
Fifteen Hundred Miles from the Sun by Jonny Garza Villa (F)
Brave New World by Aldous Huxley (F)
African Town by Irene Latham (F)
The Sound of Stars by Alechia Dow (F)
And We Rise: The Civil Rights Movement in Poems by Erica Martin (NF) (P)
The Education of Margot Sanchez by Lilliam Rivera (F)
Sitting Pretty by Rebekah Taussig (M) (NF)
American Born Chinese by Jean Luen Yang (GN)
The Color Purple by Alice Walker (F)

12th Grade

What If It's Us by Becky Albertalli & Adam Silvera
The Firekeeper's Daughter by Angeline Boulley (F)
Emma by Jane Austen (F)
Parable of the Sower by Octavia E. Butler (F)
Call Use What We Carry by Amanda Gorman (P)
Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi (F)
The Woman Warrior: Memoirs of a Girlhood Among Ghosts by Maxine Hong Kingston (M)
The Tragedy of Hamlet: Prince of Denmark by William Shakespeare (PL)
All My Rage by Sabaa Tahir (F)
Slaughterhouse-Five by Kurt Vonnegut (F)
The Martian by Andy Weir (F)
Native Son by Richard Wright (F)

Resources for Reading & Learning Online

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Bluford High Series: The entire series of Bluford High books is available as in audio for FREE on this site. <https://www.bluford.org/audiobooks/> The series focuses on urban teenagers dealing with the challenges that teens often encounter in their homes, schools, and communities. (Check the WCHS library eBook collection for Bluford series books too!)

National Public Radio: Keep up with national, international, and historic events by visiting NPR daily! The website contains news & human-interest articles in both print and audio formats. <https://www.npr.org/>

POETRY: The **Poetry Foundation** offers full text of poems written by respected poets from across the globe – and it's free! <https://www.poetryfoundation.org> and **Poets.org** offers a huge collection of poems and information about the poets, as well as the inspiring Poem-a-Day feature! Check it out at <https://www.poetryfoundation.org>.

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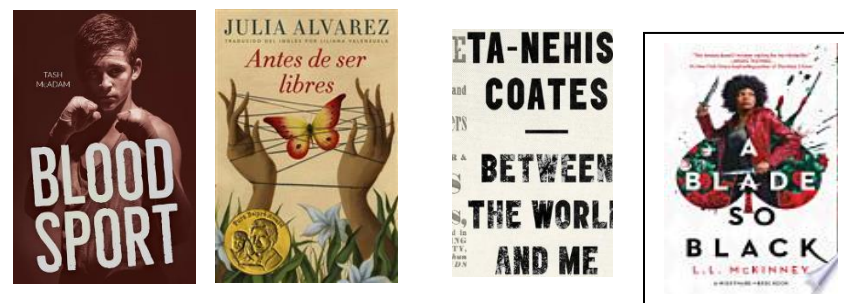
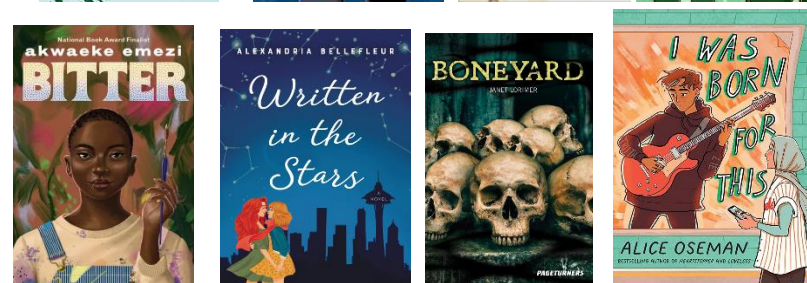
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NOTE: Sites marked with an asterisk (*) have materials in various languages.

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Top Ten QUICK PICKS for Young Adults Looking to GET INTO Reading - Chosen by the American Library Association

- **At the End of Everything. By Marieke Nijkamp. 2022. 386p.** Hope Juvenile Treatment Center is a last chance at rehabilitation for troubled teens until the adult staff deserts the facility. With the outside world on lockdown because of a deadly virus, the teens must learn how to survive on their own.
- **Blaine for the Win. By Robbie Couch. 2022. 326p.** Blaine is devastated when he gets dumped by his boyfriend because Blaine isn't "serious enough" about his future. To prove Joey wrong and win him back, Blaine decides to run for senior class president.
- **Button Pusher by Tyler Page. Art by Author. 2022. 244p.** - Through illustrations and humor, Page recounts his childhood from his ADHD diagnosis to high school graduation using the history and evolution of the neurodivergence to explain in detail this common experience.
- **Counting Scars by Melinda Di Lorenzo. 2022. 113p.** Busted for shoplifting, Adele is sent to Camp Happy instead of juvie. She quickly finds herself attracted to a quietly mysterious teen who just might be a stone cold killer capable of murdering his mother.
- **Daughter by Kate McLaughlin. 2022. 330p.** - Scarlet has no idea that her boring life and her paranoid mother are protecting her from her true identity. She is the daughter of notorious serial killer Jeff Lake, and he is willing to spill the secrets of his murder victims--but only to her.
- **Diamond Park by Phillippe Diederich. 2022. 275p.** After a skipped day of school to retrieve an Impala goes awry, Flaco and his friends are left to either wait for the police to solve a murder in which their friend is implicated, or try and prove her innocence on their own.
- **Gold Mountain by Betty G. Yee. 2022. 280p.** - Tam Ling Fan disguises herself as her dead brother to work on the Central Pacific Railroad. Facing dangerous working conditions and railroad saboteurs, she struggles to keep her identity a secret while earning enough to pay for her father's release from a Chinese prison.
- **Horror Hotel by Victoria Fulton and Faith McClaren. 2022. 242p.** - No one loves a haunted place the night before Halloween more than a group of ghost hunters. The group of four thinks filming at the notorious Hearst Hotel in Los Angeles will be the secret to reaching one million subscribers to their YouTube channel, but soon discover unexpected secrets.
- **Jumper by Melanie Crowder. 2022. 327p.** Nineteen-year-old Blair Scott's dream of being accepted into the Forest Service's class of jumpers is complicated by a fierce fire season and a medical condition that endangers her life. Together with her best friend Jason, Blair treads the line between risk-taking and reckless and learns what it means to survive.
- **Punching Bag by Rex Ogle. 2021. 207p.** In this autobiographical follow up to his first book, Free Lunch, we follow Rex as he struggles through his teen years in a home full of domestic violence, mental illness, and substance abuse. Imagining his deceased sister as a guardian angel, Rex endeavors to shield his younger brother and survive.
- **Two Truths and a Lie by April Henry. 2022. 273p.** When a high school acting group gets trapped in a creepy motel during a blizzard, what starts as a silly game of two truths and a lie quickly turns deadly.
- **Swim Team by Johnnie Christmas. Art by the Author. 2022. 245p.** Bree's move to Florida introduces her not only to a group of new friends, but to an opportunity to overcome her fear of swimming in this beautifully written full-color graphic novel.



