



Summer 2022 Reading List

Grades 5-8

Upper School students should read a minimum of 6 books that they enjoy. Below is a list of suggested titles and authors; however, students should choose books they want to read. Additionally, students should keep a list of these books and bring them to English class on the first day of school.

Powhatan teachers recommend books by the following authors

**Kwame Alexander
Sherman Alexie
Laurie Halse Anderson
Avi
Judy Blume
John Boyne
Joseph Bruchac
Eve Bunting
Hugo Cabret
Orson Scott Card
Agatha Christie
Eoin Colfer
Suzanne Collins
Allie Condie
Jerry Craft
Sharon Creech
Christopher Paul Curtis
Roald Dahl
James Dashner
Sarah Dessen
Kate DiCamillo
Laura Elliott
John Flanagan
Gayle Forman
Natasha Friend**

**Neil Gaiman
Jack Gantos
Morris Gleitzman
John Green
Tommy Greenwald
John Grisham
Carl Hiaasen
Pete Hautman
Monica Hesse
Will Hobbs
Anthony Horowitz
Peg Kehret
Jeff Kinney
Gordon Korman
C.S. Lewis
E. Lockhart
Lois Lowry
Mike Lupica
Wendy Mass
Stephanie Meyer
Walter Dean Myers
Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
R.J. Palacio
Christopher Paolini
Wendelin Van Draanen**

**Katherine Paterson
James Patterson
Gary Paulsen
Philip Pullman
Matt de la Pena
Rodman Philbrick
Jason Reynolds
Pam Munoz Ryan
Jewel Parker Rhodes
Rick Riordan
Veronica Roth
J.K. Rowling
Louis Sachar
Gary D. Schmidt
Jon Scieszka
Robert Sharenow
Shel Silverstein
Jerry Spinneli
Trenton Lee Stewart
Angie Thomas
J.R.R. Tolkien
Scott Westerfeld
Deborah Wiles
Gene Luen Yang
Markus Zusak**

Science Summer Reading Recommended by Mr. Legge

General Science:

The Demon-Haunted World: Science as a Candle in the Dark by Carl Sagan and Ann Druyan. An inspirational book on the importance of science.

Close to Shore: The Terrifying Shark Attacks of 1916 by Michael Capuzzo. A page-turner about a shark that terrified the eastern coast.

Desert Solitaire: A Season in the Wilderness by Edward Abbey. A poetic book about the beauty and diversity of the American desert.

Pilgrim at Tinker Creek by Annie Dillard. Another poetic book about the eastern forest.

Walden by Henry David Thoreau. A classic about the author's attempt to live more simply.

A Walk in the Woods: Rediscovering America on the Appalachian Trail by Bill Bryson. A hilarious, fascinating book, mixing history, science, and a narrative of walking the most famous hiking trail in the world.

In a Sunburned Country by Bill Bryson. A book similar to ***A Walk in the Woods*** about Australia.

Serendipity: Accidental Discoveries in Science by Royston M. Roberts. A great look at the need for luck and preparation.

Unexplained by Jerome Clark. A book on the science (or lack of science) of beings such as Bigfoot: the most borrowed book of Mr. Legge's school collection.

How a Fly Walks Upside Down...and other curious facts by Martin M. Goldwyn. An easy read on strange science facts.

Any books by Ira Flatow. Easy reads on modern science.

Life Science:

Any books by Edwin Way Teal, especially the ***Journey into Summer*** type books. Beautiful books that give you a real feel for the places and seasons of the U.S.

Peterson's Field Guides Great guides to just about everything. Can be used to identify something or read cover to cover to learn about a topic.

Stokes Nature Guides Great books that give you wonderful background on nature nearby.

The Diversity of Life by E. O. Wilson. The esteemed author believes that our separation from nature has caused the loss of not only "a vast intellectual legacy born of intimacy" with nature, but also our very sanity.

The Appalachians by Maurice Brooks. A classic on the life of one of the oldest and most diverse mountain systems of the world.

The Hot Zone by Richard Preston. A scary look at viral outbreaks.

Dead Men Do Tell Tales by William R. Maples. A fascinating look at forensic medicine.

Bones by Ubelaker et al. Probably Mr. Legge's favorite book on forensic medicine.

The Bone Lady by Mary H. Manhein. A quick read on a forensic anthropologist.

Any books by Desmond Morris. Books such as ***Catwatching*** are terrific.

Earth Science:

Isaac's Storm by Erik Larson. A thorough, moving book on a historic hurricane that devastated the Texas coast.

Krakatoa: The Day the Earth Exploded: August 27, 1883 by Simon Winchester. A fascinating, thorough look at one of the largest explosions and volcanoes ever.

The Old Farmer's Almanac Book of Weather and Natural Disasters by Benjamin A. Watson
Amazing stories and photos!

The Longest Cave by Roger Brucker et al. A crazy story of the successful attempts to explore the longest cave system in the world

Physical Science:

The Way Things Work by David MacCauley. A unique book described by the title. Amusing and informative for all ages.

A Short History of Nearly Everything by Bill Bryson. An amazing book on how we know what we know of science.

Why Buildings Fall Down: How Structures Fail or ***Why Buildings Stand Up: The Strength Of Architecture*** by Mario Salvadori et al. Great books on engineering.

Newton at the Bat: The Science in Sports by Eric W. Schrier. A fun, self-described book.

Scaling: Why is Animal Size So Important? by Knut Schmidt-Nielsen.

Any books by James Trefil. Informative, approachable books on many subjects.

Science and History:

The Discoverers and The Creators: A History of Heroes of the Imagination by Daniel J. Boorstin. A classic look at history's risk takers.

The Story of Science by Joy Hakim. A short but comprehensive look at the history of science.
Any of ***The Foxfire Books*** edited by Eliot Wigginton. Easy to read books on old fashioned skills and folklore from Appalachia.

Endurance by Alfred Lansing. Possibly the most amazing survival story ever.

The Environment: Animal, Mineral, Miracle: A Year of Food Life by Barbara Kingsolver. An outstanding author's description of her family's attempt to eat only what they could grow.

Farewell my Subaru: An Epic Adventure in Local Living by Doug Fine. A humorous look at the author's attempt to reduce his impact on the planet.

Cool It: The Skeptical Environmentalist's Guide to Global Warming by Bjorn Lomborg. A contrasting view of global warming.

Association for Library Services to Children Summer Reading List

Ain't Burned All the Bright by Jason Reynolds, illustrated by Jason Griffin

Art of Protest: Creating, Discovering, and Activating Art for Your Revolution by De Nichols,
illustrated by various artists

Aviva vs. the Dybbuk by Mari Lowe

Bounce Back by Misako Rocks!

Boy, Everywhere by A. M. Dassu

City of Thieves (Battle Dragons #1) by Alex London

The Curse of the Mummy by Candace Fleming

The Deadliest Diseases Then and Now by Deborah Hopkinson

The Dire Days of Willowweep Manor by Shaenon K. Garrity, illustrated by Christopher Baldwin

Dream, Annie, Dream by Waka T. Brown

Fallout: Spies, Superbombs, and the Ultimate Cold War Showdown by Steve Sheinkin

Frankie & Bug by Gayle Forman

The Genius Under the Table: Growing Up Behind the Iron Curtain by Eugene Yelchin

How to Change Everything: The Young Human's Guide to Protecting the Planet and Each Other
by Naomi Klein, adapted by Rebecca Stefoff

How to Find What You're Not Looking For by Veera Hiranandani

Just Like That by Gary D. Schmidt

Kaleidoscope by Brian Selznick

A Kind of Spark by Elle McNicoll

Last Gamer Standing by Katie Zhao

Meltdown: Earthquake, Tsunami, and Nuclear Disaster in Fukushima by Deirdre Langeland

Notable Native People: 50 Indigenous Leaders, Dreamers, and Changemakers From Past and Present by Adrienne Keene, illustrated by Ciara Sana

Partly Cloudy by Tanita S. Davis

Pony by R. J. Palacio

Race to the Bottom of the Earth: Surviving Antarctica by Rebecca E. F. Barone

Rhinos in Nebraska: The Amazing Discovery of the Ashfall Fossil Beds by Alison Pearce
Stevens, illustrated by Matt Huynh

Too Bright to See by Kyle Lukoff

We Belong by Cookie Hponia Everman, illustrated by Abigail Dela Cruz

The Woman All Spies Fear: Code Breaker Elizebeth Smith Friedman and Her Hidden Life by
Amy Butler Greenfield

Worser by Jennifer Ziegler

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The Power of Style: How Fashion and Beauty Are Being Used to Reclaim Cultures by Christian Allaire

The Night Marchers and Other Oceanian Tales (Cautionary Fables and Fairytales series) edited by Kate Ashwin, Sloane Leong, and Kel McDonald

African Icons: Ten People Who Shaped History by Tracey Baptiste, illus. by Hillary D. Wilson

While I was Away by Waka T. Brown

Unsettled by Reem Faruqi

Yusuf Azeem Is Not a Hero by Saadia Faruqi

Legacy: Women Poets of the Harlem Renaissance by Nikki Grimes

Ahmed Aziz's Epic Year by Nina Hamza

The Last Cuentista by Donna Barba Higuera

Playing the Cards You're Dealt by Varian Johnson

The Legend of Auntie Po by Shing Yin Khor

Borders by Thomas King, illustrated by Natasha Donovan

Threads of Peace: How Mohandas Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr. Changed the World by Uma Krishnaswami

Red, White, and Whole by Rajani Laroocca

Kiki Kallira Breaks a Kingdom by Sangu Mandanna

Last Gate of the Emperor by Kwame Mbalia and Prince Joel Makonnen

Thirty Talks Weird Love by Alessandra Narváez Varela

Finding Junie Kim by Ellen Oh

Miles Morales: Shock Waves by Justin A. Reynolds, illustrated by Pablo Leon

Cece Rios and the Desert of Souls by Kaela Rivera

The Samosa Rebellion by Shanathi Sekaran

Ancestor Approved: Intertribal Stories for Kids edited by Cynthia Leitich Smith

Bright World (The Hazards of Love series) by Stan Stanley

Healer of the Water Monster by Brian Young

Virginia Readers' Choice 2022-2023

Amari and the Night Brothers by B.B. Alston

Blackbird Girls by Anne Blankman

Black Brother, Black Brother by Jewell Parker Rhodes

The Canyon's Edge by Dusti Bowling

Free Lunch by Rex Ogle

Ground Zero by Alan Gratz

It's the End of the World As I Know It by Matthew Landis

King and the Dragonflies by Kacen Callender

To Night Owl from Dogfish by Holly Goldberg Sloan

When Stars Are Scattered by Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed

