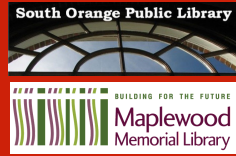




COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOL Summer Reading 2018



The intent of Summer Reading is to encourage the habit of lifelong reading. With this goal in mind, the summer reading selections offer a range of reading choices based on grade-level ability, topics of interest, and genre...all centered around the top "must-read" high school books selected by your High School School ELA teachers, CHS Media Specialists/Librarians and our very own Public Librarians. The hope is that students will read throughout the summer in varying formats. Reading is a skill that is needed in all disciplines and the summer is a great opportunity to continue to enrich reading ability from previous years.

To assist in student readiness for the courses taken during the upcoming school year, students are suggested to read one book of choice from the list below, which is a list recommended and loved by Columbia High School's ELA teachers, but ultimately, what you choose to read is your choice.

Our ultimate goal is to create "lifelong readers" for high school and beyond.

Finally, while the books chosen have been selected to include various genres and depth, some have strong language and/or deal with adult themes. These books have an asterisk () next to them in the reading lists. It's important for parents to take an active role in helping students select an appropriate book. Common Sense Media (<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/>) offers ratings and guidelines for parents to help guide what their children see and read.*

If you have any questions, feel free to contact:
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Have a safe and enjoyable summer and Happy Reading!

11.22.63 by Stephen King

12 Angry Men: True Stories of Being A Black Man in America Today

by Gregory S. Parks, Matthew W. Hughey

The 57 Bus by Dashka Slater

A Light In August by William Faulkner

All the Pretty Horses by Cormac McCarthy

All Out: The No-Longer-Secret Stories of Queer Teens Throughout the Ages

by Sandra Mitchell

At Home by Bill Bryson

Barbarian Days: A Surfing Life by William Finnegan*

Because You Love to Hate Me by Ameriie

Before I Fall by Lauren Oliver *

Beloved by Toni Morrison
The Big Sea by Langston Hughes
Bird by Bird by Anne Lamott *
Black American Students in an Affluent Suburb: A Study in Academic Disengagement by John U. Ogbu
Born a Crime by Trevor Noah *
Born to Kvetch by Michael Wex
Brother, I'm Dying by Edwidge Danticat
Children of Blood and Bone Adeyemi
Citizen: An American Lyric by Claudia Rankine *
City of Thieves by David Benioff
Clan of the Cave Bear by Jean Auel *
Cleopatra by Stacey Schiff
A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court by Mark Twain
The Conquest of New Spain by Bernal Diaz del Castillo
Crossover by Kwame Alexander
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time by Mark Haddon
The Darkest Hour by Caroline Tung Richmond
Dear Ijeawele, or a Feminist Manifesto in Fifteen Suggestions
by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie *
The Dharma Bums by Jack Kerouac *
The Discworld Series by Terry Pratchett
Dread Nation by Justina Ireland
Dune by Frank Herbert
Elizabeth Street by Laurie Fabiano
Exit West by Mohsin Hamid
Exodus by Leon Uris *
Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close by Johnathan Safran Foer
Fallout by Todd Strasser
Fire Shut Up in My Bones: A Memoir by Charles M. Blow

Fires in the Mirror by Anna Deveare Smith *

Fly on the Wall by E. Lockhart

Fool by Christopher Moore *

For White Folks Who Teach in the Hood...and the Rest of Y'all too: Reality Pedagogy and Urban Education by Christopher Emdin

Frankenstein by Mary Shelley

Ghettoside by Jill Leovy *

Girl on the Train by Paula Hawkins

The God of Small Things by Arundhati Roy *

Gone Girl by Gillian Flynn

Goodbye Columbus by Philip Roth

Go Tell It On The Mountain by James Baldwin *

Grunt by Mary Roach *

Guns, Germs, and Steel by Jared Diamond

Half of a Yellow Sun by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas

The Haunting of Hill House by Shirley Jackson

He Said, She Said by Kwame Alexander *

Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi

Household Saints by Francine Prose *

I Am Alfonso Jones by Tony Medina

'In A Single Garment of Destiny': A Global Vision of Justice
by Martin Luther King Jr.

In the Lake of the Woods by Tim O'Brien

Interpreter of Maladies by Jhumpa Lahiri

Into the Wild/ Into Thin Air by John Krakauer

It's Not Like It's a Secret by Misa Sugiura

Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte

Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson

Let the Great World Spin by Colum McCann *

A Little Life by Hanya Yanagihara *

The Long Walk by Stephen King *

Love in the Time of Cholera by Gabriel Garcia-Marquez

Mosquitoland by David Arnold *

The Mountains Echoed by Khaled Hosseini

The Name of the Rose by Umberto Eco

Neverwhere by Neil Gaiman

Nineteen Minutes by Jodi Picoult *

Never Let Me Go by Kazuo Ishiguro

Obsessed by Allison Britz

One Hundred Years of Solitude by Gabriel Garcia Marquez

The Origin of Others by Toni Morrison

Parallel Time by Brent Staples

The Plot Against America by Philip Roth *

The Power by Naomi Alderman *

A Prayer for Owen Meany by John Irving

Project Semicolon: Your Story Isn't Over by Amy Bleuel *

Purity by Jonathan Franzen *

The Road by Cormac McCarthy

The Secret History by Donna Tartt *

The Selling of the President (1968): The Classical Account of the Packaging of a Candidate by Joe McGinniss

The Shipping News by Annie Proulx

Siddhartha by Herman Hesse

Skinny Legs and All by Tom Robbins *

Song of Solomon by Toni Morrison *

Spaceport Earth: The Reinvention of Spaceflight by Joe Pappalardo

The Stand by Stephen King

Stranger in a Strange Land by Robert Heinlein

The Sun and her Flowers by Rupi Kaur
The Sunflower: On the Possibilities and Limits of Forgiveness
by Simon Wiesenthal
Symptoms of Being Human by Jeff Garvin
The Things They Carried by Tim O'Brien
This is How You Lose Her by Junot Diaz *
A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini *
Time and Again by Jack Finney
Travels with Herodotus by Ryszard Kapuscinski
True Grit by Charles Portis
War by Sebastian Junger *
Weapons of Math Destruction by Cathy O'Neil
The White Tiger by Aravind Adiga
Will in the World by Stephen Greenblatt
Wonder by R.J. Palacio
The World Without Us by Alan Weisman
'Worse Than Slavery': Parchman Farm and The Ordeal of Jim Crow Justice
by David M. Oshinsky
Zeitoun by Dave Eggers *