

# Summer Reading High Schools



Reading is a simple and enjoyable way for students to boost their brainpower, so Chesterfield County Public Schools encourages students to read during summer vacation.

Research shows that what students read is less important than how much they read. A study by Barbara Heyns found that children who read at least six books during the summer maintained or improved their reading skills, while kids who did not read saw their skills slip by as much as an entire grade level.

Summer reading is more about practicing the enjoyable habit of reading than it is about challenging students academically.

Many organizations compile lists to make it easy for students and their parents to self-select books for summer reading. Chesterfield County Public Schools does not endorse any specific titles on the lists. Not all parents may consider all of the books on these sites to be appropriate, so parents are encouraged to review the books to determine which books are appropriate for their children or visit a county library to speak with a librarian. Check out the links below for summer reading resources and lists.

## Young Adult Library Services Association

**NEW!** [Teen Book Finder Database](#)

### [2017 Top Ten Best Fiction for Young Adults](#)

- The Reader by Traci Chee
- The Serpent King by Jeff Zentner

Teen's Top 10 from previous years

[2016](#), [2015](#), [2014](#)

## Scholastic

[Summer Reading Challenge](#)

- All American Boys by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely
- Embassy Row series by Ally Carter

## Read Kiddo Read

[Great Advanced Reads](#)

- All Shook Up by Shelley Pearsall
- Out of the Easy by Ruta Sepetys

### [Great advanced reads about school](#)

- The Wednesday Wars by Gary D. Schmidt
- The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks by E. Lockhart
- Blue Lipstick: Concrete Poems by John Grandits

## What Kids Can Do

[Not Your Typical High School Summer Reading List](#)

- How the García Girls Lost Their Accents by Julia Alvarez
- Girl in Translation by Jean Kwok
- The Strength in What Remains by Tracy Kidder

## Pearson Prentice Hall

[Suggested Reading for High School](#)

- In These Girls, Hope is a Muscle by Madeleine Blais
- Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston
- The Things They Carried by Tim O'Brien

To learn more about summer reading and book choices, check out the links below:

- [National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Favorites](#)
- [What's on Your Summer Reading List? Authors Tell All](#)
- [Virginia Reader's Choice](#)
- [Reviews — School Library Journal](#)
- [ReadWriteThink After-School Resources](#)
- [Summer Reading Tips From Librarians](#)
- [Get Ready for Summer Reading](#)
- [Summer Reading Activities](#)
- [Consejos Para Padres: Programas de Lectura de Verano](#)
- [Parent Tips: Summer Reading | En Español](#)
- [13 Ideas for how Parents can Encourage Summer Reading](#)
- [Key Facts about Summer Reading](#)
- [Summer Learning Loss Study: Can 'Summer Slide' Be Prevented?](#)
- [Summer Reading and the Rich/Poor Achievement Gap: An Educator Responds to Questions](#)
- [How to Plan for Summer Reading Success](#)
- [SYNC Audio Books](#)