Summer reading encourages independent learning, active reading, and critical thinking. Summer reading also helps students maintain the progress they have made as readers and writers during the academic year. We hope that students will enjoy the books from our summer reading lists.

Wilmington Public Schools is **recommending** summer reading assignments for all students entering grades 6-8. Students entering grades 9-12 will have a **required** assignment.

**Wilmington Middle School**

Students entering Wilmington Middle School (grades 6-8) are encouraged to read one of the books listed for their grade; we also hope that students will consider discovering other great reading choices. Grade 6 has a reading challenge, and grades 7 & 8 have note-taking guides to support thoughtful reading. All grades 6-8 titles are available to borrow at the [Wilmington Memorial Library](#).

### Grade 6

**Summer Reading Information**

- Join our Google Classroom (32paizf) and participate in our **summer reading challenge**. Any student who takes part will receive a reward when coming to school in the fall.
- You also might consider participating in the [Barnes & Noble Summer Reading Program](#) (Grades 1-6) and earn a free book.

**Fiction**

- *The One and Only Bob* by Katherine Applegate
- *Middle School* (series) by James Patterson
- *Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus* by Dusti Bowling
- *When Stars are Scattered* by Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed (D/G)
- *From the Desk of Zoe Washington* by Janae Marks (D)
Science Fiction and Fantasy
- *Aru Shah* series Roshani Chokshi (D)
- *Amari and the Night Brothers* by B. B. Alston (D)
- *Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky* by Kwame Mbalia (D)
- *Renegades* by Marissa Meyer
- *A Wish in the Dark* by Christina Soontornvat (D)
- *Nick and Tesla’s* series by “Science Bob” Pflugfelder and Steve Hockensmith
- *George’s Secret Key to the Universe* by Lucy and Stephen Hawking

Historical Fiction
- *Allies* by Alan Gratz
- *Refugee* by Alan Gratz (D)
- *Becoming Mohammad Ali* by James Patterson and Kwame Alexander (D/G) (poetry and prose)
- *Voyage of the Sparrowhawk* by Natasha Farrant

Mystery/Adventure Fiction
- *The Van Gogh Deception* by Deron R. Hicks
- *Charlie Thorne and the Last Equation* by Stuart Gibbs
- *City Spies* by James Ponti

Scary Fiction
- *What Lives in the Woods* by Lindsay Currie
- *Scratch Scratch* by Lindsay Currie
- *A Tale of Dark and Grimm* by Adam Gidwitz
- *Ophie’s Ghosts* by Justina Ireland (D)

Nonfiction
- *The Boy Who Became a Dragon: A Bruce Lee Story* by Jim Di Bartolo (D)
- *The Mayflower (History Smashers)* by Kate Messner
- *Wild Outside: Around the World With Survivorman* by Les Stroud
- *Awesome Achievers in Technology* by Alan Katz
- *Nathan Hale’s Hazardous Tales* series (G)

D = Diversity Title
G = Graphic Novel
Grade 7

**Recommended Summer Reading Journal**

and **Information Sheet**

Google Classroom: dwcgn33

All of the titles are available to borrow at the Wilmington Memorial Library.

- *The Fourteenth Goldfish*, by Jennifer L. Holm
- *The Girl Who Drank the Moon*, by Kelly Barnhill
- *The Lions of Little Rock*, by Kristin Levine
- *New Kid*, by Jerry Craft
- *The Pants Project*, by Cat Clarker
- *Pop*, by Gordon Korman
- *Roller Girl*, by Victoria Jamieson
- *They Called Us Enemy*, by George Takei, Justin Eisinger, and Steven Scott
- *Ungifted*, by Gordon Korman
- *Wishtree*, by Katherine Applegate

Grade 8

**Book Options Handout**

and **Assignment Sheet**

Google Classroom: ssmafht

All titles are available to borrow at the Wilmington Memorial Library.

- *The Crossover*, by Kwame Alexander
- *Dead End in Norvelt*, by Jack Gantos
- *House Arrest*, by K.A. Holt
- *The House of the Scorpion*, by Nancy Farmer
- *The Nazi Hunters*, by Neal Bascomb
- *New Kid*, by Jerry Craft
- *Nimona* by ND Stevenson
- *See You at Harry’s*, by Jo Knowles
- *Sheets*, by Brenna Thummler
Wilmington High School

Students entering Wilmington High School (grades 9-12) are required to complete a summer reading assignment. Most titles are available to borrow at the Wilmington Memorial Library.

Students entering English 9-12 CP courses...

- Look for the course you are entering for the 2022-2023 academic year
- Join the Google Classroom for your grade for resources and reminders
- Pick one of the book options for your grade and read it this summer
- Complete ONE of the assignment options:
  - **Choice #1:** Complete a dialectical journal for your book
  - **Choice #2:** Create a digital postcard for your future English teacher about your book.
  - **Choice #3:** Read over the discussion questions for your summer reading book. Get together with some friends and/or family who have read the same book and record a video of your group discussing the book. In your video, be sure to clearly introduce all participants and pick 2-3 questions to thoughtfully discuss.
  - **Choice #4:** You might also independently look over the discussion questions and record a video response. Choose 2-3 questions and share your thoughts.

- Submit your work on Google Classroom
- At the start of the school year, be prepared to discuss your book with your teacher and classmates.
Students entering English 9-12 Honors courses...

- Look for the course you are entering for the 2022-2023 academic year
- Join the Google Classroom for your grade for resources and reminders
- Pick one of the book options for your grade and read it this summer
- Complete the Honors dialectical journal
- Submit your work on Google Classroom
- Be prepared to use your work to complete a short writing assignment at the start of the 2022-2023 school year

English 9 H: bmogkby
English 10 H: z47gzxh
English 11 H: q6nuygg
English 12 H: n12ehgi

AP English Language & Composition (Information sheet and assignment)
Google Classroom: n5rlwar

AP English Literature & Composition (Information sheet and assignment)
Google Classroom: sfzjw3
### Grade 9 Book Choices

**Theme: Journeys & Change**
- *Every Day*, by David Levithan
- *The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks*, by E. Lockhart
- *A Painted House*, by John Grisham
- *The Hate U Give*, by Angie Thomas
- *The Complete Persepolis*, by Marjane Satrapi

### Grade 10 Book Choices

**Theme: Coming of Age**
- *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*, by Mark Haddon
- *Feed*, by M.T. Anderson
- *The Book Thief*, by Marcus Zusak
- *Girl with a Pearl Earring*, by Tracy Chevalier

### Grade 11 Book Choices

**Theme: American Literature & Identity**
- *Ask Me No Questions*, by Marina Budhos
- *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close*, by Jonathan Safran Foer
- *Killers of the Flower Moon*, by David Grann
- *Where the Crawdads Sing*, by Delia Owens
- *The Complete Maus*, by Art Spiegelman

### Grade 12 Book Choices

**Theme: Perseverance & Courage**
- *The Glass Castle*, by Jeannette Walls
- *Unbroken*, by Laura Hillenbrand
- *Between Shades of Gray*, by Ruta Sepetys
- *All the Light We Cannot See*, by Anthony Doerr

All of the titles are available to borrow at the [Wilmington Memorial Library](http://www.wilmingtonmemoriallibrary.org).
Additional Resources

If you are looking for information on summer reading book choices, consider checking out book reviews on GoodReads.

As students consider the books for their grade and additional books, we encourage them to talk to the fantastic staff at the Wilmington Memorial Library for additional recommendations and suggestions.

Additionally, anyone who lives, works, attends school, or owns property in Massachusetts can have a Boston Public Library card. If students have not yet done so, we encourage them to apply for a Boston Public Library eCard and use their resources to continue their learning.