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# Anne Arundel County Public Schools Bookmark for English 12

## SUMMER READING

Ah, summertime! And this is the summer you've been waiting for since kindergarten -- the summer before your senior year. Design your own senior summer reading program by selecting from the following lists of titles, award winners, authors, web sites, and themes. You'll not only enjoy great summer reading but also get a head start on your senior English class.



**Are you the type of reader who likes to have someone suggest specific books for you to read?** The titles below should get your summer reading off to a good start.

### And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie

Sometimes it might be best to turn down even the most tempting dinner invitation, especially if murder is on the menu.

### Jane Eyre by Charlotte Brontë

Orphaned, Jane takes a position as a governess with the mysterious Mr. Rochester. How will she deal with her growing attraction towards him? The novel that the Harlequins imitate.

### The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini

Two boys in Afghanistan learn about betrayal and redemption. One comes to America; one stays under the Taliban.

### A Lesson Before Dying by Ernest J. Gaines

A Louisiana robbery leads to a quick death sentence. A teacher learns compassion through visits with the condemned. A grandmother asks that her grandson be allowed to die like a man.

### Light Thickens by Ngaio Marsh

"Light thickens, and the crow makes wing to the rooky wood." Just like the ambitious Macbeth, someone is planning an evil deed in this classic whodunit set during a run of William Shakespeare's Macbeth.

### Life of Pi by Yann Martel

A zookeeper's family and animals set out for America. Shipwreck. A life boat drifts at sea for months. Aboard, a zebra, an orangutan, a hyena, a boy, and a 450-pound Bengal tiger.

### Purple Hibiscus by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

In Kambili's world, Papa is God, until her 17 year-old brother quietly refuses to take communion.

### Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats by T. S. Eliot

Before they made it to Broadway, the Jellicle cats delighted readers in these very witty poems about very human cats.

### A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens

"It was the best of times; it was the worst of times. . ." So begins this classic tale of love and redemption in revolutionary France.

### Woman Warrior by Maxine Hong Kingston

A Chinese-American woman uses her pen as a sword against sexism and racism.

**Looking for a real challenge?** Visit our website for some rigorous reading: [www.aacps.org/html/studt/readlist.htm](http://www.aacps.org/html/studt/readlist.htm)



**Do you like consulting the experts?** Ask your public librarian or library media specialist for help in locating the following lists of exemplary or award-winning books.

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| Black-Eyed Susan Award  | National Book Award |
| ALA's Guide to Best Reading                                   | Edgar Award         |
| Books for the College Bound                                   | Pulitzer Prize      |
| Coretta Scott King Award                                      | Nebula Award        |
| Newbery Award   | YALSA               |
| National Council for Teachers of English (NCTE) Books for You |                     |

**Maybe you prefer discovering new authors on your own.** If so, check out books by the authors listed below. You'll find writers of young adult literature, nonfiction, fantasy, and mystery from which to choose.

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| Margaret Atwood    | Richard Lederer   | Bernard Shaw    |
| Emily Bronte       | James Lester      | Mary Shelley    |
| Arthur Conan Doyle | Laura Lippman     | Tom Stoppard    |
| Elizabeth George   | Beryl Markham     | Amy Tan         |
| Graham Greene      | Frank McCourt     | Paul Theroux    |
| Aldous Huxley      | George Orwell     | Joanna Trollope |
| John Irving        | Walter Dean Myers | Anne Tyler      |
| Ha Jin             | Anne Perry        | Barry Unsworth  |
| Barbara Kingsolver | Barbara Pym       | T. H. White     |



**You can visit the following web sites for a variety of recommended book lists.**

- <http://mdedmedia.org/bes0405.html>
- [www.ala.org/yalso/booklists/bbya](http://www.ala.org/yalso/booklists/bbya)
- <http://poetryoutloud.org/students/find.html>
- <http://www.waterborolibrary.org/bklisty.htm>
- <http://loc.gov/poetry/180>
- <http://bpl.org/teens/booklist/index.htm>
- <http://www.teenreads.com>
- <http://themysteryreader.com>
- <http://web.aacpl.lib.md.us/srp/default.htm>

**Suppose you're someone who reads just about any type of book—fiction, nonfiction, biography, mystery, science fiction—because you like to think about themes or ideas.** Look over the following list of universal themes or ideas. As you read your summer selections, decide what each book says about a specific theme or idea.

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| Power and Corruption   | Sports and Competition |
| Survival               | Friendship and Loyalty |
| Conflict and War       | Future Worlds          |
| Love and Romance       | Man and Nature         |
| Prejudice              | Overcoming Obstacles   |
| Heroes and Heroines    | Adventure              |
| Science and Technology | Family Relationships   |
| Adulthood              |                        |

**Keep a record of your favorites in the space below:**

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