

Anne Arundel County Public Schools
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SUMMER
READING

Ah, summertime! No tests, no papers, no problem! How about some good books to help you while away those lazy summer days? Mix and match, pick and choose from the following lists of titles, award winners, authors, web sites, and themes to design your own summer reading program.



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.

Brighton Beach Memoirs, Biloxi Blues, Broadway Bound
by Neil Simon

This trilogy of comic dramas traces the life of Eugene Jerome through boyhood, bootcamp, and Broadway success.

Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time
by Mark Haddon

Fifteen-year-old autistic Christopher John Francis Boone uses his math genius to solve the murder of his neighbor's dog.

Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card

In the Earth of the future, mankind is at risk of annihilation from a species of aliens in this classic work of science fiction.

The Gospel According to Larry by Janet Tashjian

Josh wants the girl. Larry wants the world. Can an Internet guru who spouts sermons about rebellion and anti-consumerism get both?

The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien

Tolkien's classic tale tells the story of Bilbo Baggins on his quest for adventure and treasure.

Ironman by Chris Crutcher

Anger is Bo's weapon...aimed at his father, his teacher and his classmates.

Rebecca by Daphne du Maurier

"Last night I dreamt I went to Manderley again."
So begins the saga of a young wife's search for the truth about the mysterious Rebecca.

Shoeless Joe by Joe Kinsella

"If you build it, he will come." You don't have to be a baseball fan to appreciate this take on the American Dream.

Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants by Ann Brashares

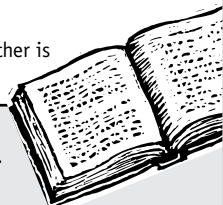
Four BFFL's make a pact to share a pair of vintage blue jeans as they share different summertime experiences. Oh, the places they'll go!

Slam by Walter Dean Myers

David struggles to survive on the streets and drive down the courts for a mean game, the game of life.

Stuck in Neutral by Terry Trueman

Wheelchair-bound Shawn McDaniel fears his father is going to kill him.



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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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| Lloyd Alexander | Christopher Paul Curtis | Ursula K. LeGuin |
| Avi | Alex Flinn | Harry Mazer |
| Ray Bradbury | Kay Gibbons | Robin McKinley |
| Bruce Brooks | Brian Jacques | Joan Nixon |
| Terry Brooks | David Klass | Richard Peck |
| Caroline Cooney | Ronald Koertge | Chaim Potok |
| Robert Cormier | Jon Krakauer | Philip Pullman |
| Chris Crutcher | Madeleine L'Engle | Susan Rinaldi |
| | | Gary Soto |



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://poetryoutloud.org/students/find.html>
- <http://www.waterborolib.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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| Search for Self | Sports and Competition |
| Survival | Friendship and Loyalty |
| Conflict and War | Future Worlds |
| Love and Romance | Man and Nature |
| Prejudice | Families in Crisis |
| Overcoming Obstacles | Growing Up |
| Science and Technology | Family Relationships |
| Adventure | Heroes and Heroines |

Keep a record of your favorites in the space below:



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