

Where can I find books?

- Worcester Public Library
- Libby and Lily Mobile Libraries
- Borrow and take suggestions from friends!
- Summer Programs
- Bookstores such as Barnes & Noble and Amazon
- Goodwill and Salvation Army
- E-Books
- Digital Books

Visit the summer reading website for more information!

<https://sites.google.com/worcesterschools.net/summerreading>

Summer Reading Requirement for Grades 9-12:

- **Read at least 3 Books or 800 Pages**
- **Three Activities**
- **Summer Reading is 10% of your first quarter ELA grade!**

9th Grade Honors Recommendations

A Gathering of Flowers: Stories About Being Young in America by Thomas
Dune by Herbert
Fallen Leaves by Yen Mah
Girl With a Pearl Earring by Chevalier
I know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Angelou
Rebecca by du Maurier

10th Grade Honors Recommendations

A Lesson Before Dying by Gaines
Mists of Avalon by Bradley
Oliver Twist by Dickens
Silent Spring by Carson
The Complete Stories by O'Connor
The Chosen by Potok
The Once and Future King by White
Their Eyes Were Watching God by Hurston

11th Grade Honors Recommendations

A Farewell to Arms by Hemingway
Beloved by Morrison
Collected Stories by O'Connor
John Adams by McCullough
Native Son by Wright
The Autobiography of Malcolm X
The Grapes of Wrath by Steinbeck
The Joy Luck Club by Tan
The Things They Carried by O'Brien
Walden by Thoreau

12th Grade Honors Recommendations

Cold Mountain by Frazier
Crime and Punishment by Dostoyevsky
Cry the Beloved Country by Paton
Ivanhoe by Scott
Jane Eyre by Bronte
1984 by Orwell
The Hunchback of Notre Dame by Hugo
Where I'm Calling From: Selected Stories by Carver

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WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Summer Reading



For Students Entering
Grades 9-12

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Summer reading is an exciting opportunity for students to enjoy good books. When teenagers discuss books with their parents/guardians they build new language skills, knowledge, and experiences. The Worcester Public Schools summer reading program includes a suggested reading list. Please encourage your child to explore different types of books and to read for at least 20 minutes each day. Students should submit their summer reading assignments to their teacher when school opens.

Please visit the WPS summer reading website for additional information! You can also download copies of all summer reading materials. Reading together this summer helps set the stage for future success in schooling. We appreciate your support!

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Happy Reading!

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Historical Fiction

A Long Way from Chicago by Peck
A Night to Remember by Lord
A Northern Light by Donnelly
A Perfect Storm by Junger
All Quiet on the Western Front by Remarque
Any book by Meltzer
Black Hawk Down by Bowdoin
Blizzard by Murphy
Born of the Fourth of July by Kovic
Bull Run by Fleischman
Catch 22 by Heller
Catherine Called Birdy by Cushman
Endurance: Shackleton's Incredible Voyage by Lansing
Esperanza Rising by Ryan
Fever, 1793 by Anderson
Forty-Third War by Moeri
Hiroshima by Hersey
Iceblink by Cookman
I Claudius, by Graves
In the Time of the Butterflies by Alvarez
Into Thin Air by Krakauer
Lyddie by Paterson
Merchant of Venice, by Shakespeare
Mutiny on the Bounty by Nordhoff and Hall
Night by Wiesel
Overboard by Fama
Romeo and Juliet, by Shakespeare
Sunrise Over Fallujah by Myers
The Good Earth by Buck
The Killer Angels by Shaara
Things Fall Apart by Achebe
The Grave by Heneghan
3000 Degrees by Flynn
White Hare's Horse by Spinka
With Every Drop of Blood by Collier

Novels

Big Mouth & Ugly Girl by Oates
Children of the River by Crow
Love Warps the Mind a Little by Dufresne
Lupita Manana by Beatty
Monster by Myers
Story of a Girl by Zarr
That Summer by Dessen
The Chocolate War by Cormier
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time by Haddon
The Lovely Bones by Sebald
The Secret Life of Bees by Monk Kidd
The Shimmershine Queens by Yarbrough
Wintergirls by Anderson

Sports

Eleven Seconds by Roy and Swift
Fall River Dreams by Reynolds
Friday Night Lights by Bissinger
Hawk by Hawk
Hoops by Myers
Iceman by Lynch
In These Girls, Hope is a Muscle by Blais
Seabiscuit by Hillenbrand
Tangerine by Bloor
The Contender by Lipsyte
The Last Amateurs by Feinstein

Poetry

A Fire in my Hands by Soto
Burned/Smoke by Hopkins
Cool Salsa by Carlson
Dizzy in Your Eyes: Poems About Love by Mora
I Feel a Little Jumpy Around You by Nye
Sold by McCormick
Street Love by Myers
The Best American Poetry (multiple years) by Doty
The Collected Poems by Kuntz
The Complete Poems 1927 - 1979 by Bishop
The Lightning Dreamer by Engle
You Don't Even Know Me by Flake

Science Fiction and Fantasy

Downsiders by Shusterman
Dracula by Stoker
Ender's Game by Card
Feed by Anderson
Gathering Blue by Lowry
Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix by Rowling
Kindred by Butler
Leviathan (trilogy) by Westerfeld
Magic's Pawn by Lackey
Parable of the Sower by Butler
Preludes and Nocturnes by Gaiman
Proxy (series) by London
Ready Player One by Cline
Ship Breaker (series) by Bacigalupi
The Crystal Cave by Stewart
The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy (series) by Adams
The Illustrated Man by Bradbury
The Left Hand of Darkness by LeGun
The Lord of the Rings Series by Tolkien
The Night Circus by Morgenstern
The Scorpio Races by Stiefvater
The Sparrow by Russell
The Time Machine by Wells
White Cat by Black

Fiction

American Born Chinese by Yang
Beauty Queens by Bray
Best of the Best by Green
Born Confused by Desai Hidir
Buried Onion by Soto
Crank by Hopkins
Cut by McCormick
Fat Angie by Charlton-Trujillo
For the Win by Doctorow
Gabi, A Girl in Pieces by Quintero
Girl in Translation by Kwok
Hate List by Brown
Keesha's House by Frost
Mare's War by Davis
Monster by Myers
Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist by Cohn and Levithan
Real Time by Kass
Reality Boy by King
Say What You Will by McGovern
Speak by Anderson
Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes by Crutcher
The First Part Last by Johnson
The Hazelwood Trilogy by Draper
The Living by De la Pena
A Clockwork Orange by Burgess
Annie on My Mind by Garden
Frankenstein by Shelley
Go Ask Alice by Anonymous
Great Gatsby by Fitzgerald
Hunt for Red October by Clancy
Huckleberry Finn by Twain
Ivanhoe by Scott
Lord of the Flies by Golding
Mackerel by Moonlight by Weld
Mayor of Casterbridge by Hardy
Not Without Laughter by Hughes
Our Town by Wilder
Pudd'nhead Wilson by Twain
Slaughterhouse Five by Vonnegut
The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes by Doyle
The Last of the Mohicans by Cooper
The Matchmaker by Wilder
The Spy Who Came in from the Cold by LeCarre
Their Eyes Were Watching God by Hurston
To Set a Watchman by Lee

Nonfiction

Because They Marched by Freedman
Faces from the Past by Deem
Flesh and Blood so Cheap: The Triangle Fire and Its Legacy by Marrin
Food Rules: An Eater's Manual
Letters to a Young Brother by Harper
Marvel Comics: An Untold Story by Howe
Simeon's Story: An Eyewitness Account of Kidnapping of Till by Wright
Spies of Mississippi by Bowers
Sugar Changed the World by Aronson
The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Skloot
The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates by Moore
We Beat the Street by Davis
We Turned Back to See Where We Came From by Hinojosa
A Child Called It by Pelzer
A Walk in the Woods by Bryson
Across the Great River by Beltran
Arctic Odyssey by MacMillan
Barefoot Heart by Hart
Chinese Cinderella by Yen Mah
Forgotten Fire by Bagdasarian
Getting Away With Murder by Crowe
Guts by Paulsen
I Am Malala by Yousafzai
I Have Lived a Thousand Years by Jackson
I, Rigoberta Menchu by Menchu
Killing Kennedy by O'Reilly
King of the Wild Frontier by Crutcher
Look Me in the Eye: My Life with Asperger's by Robinson
No Language but a Cry by D'Ambrosio
Outermost House by Beston
Persepolis (graphic series) by Satrapi
Stronger by Bauman
Team of Rivals by Goodwin
The Greatest Generation by Brokaw
The Worcester Account by Behrman
Thousand Days by Schlesinger
When I was a Soldier by Zenatti
Who Killed my Daughter by Duncan
Zeitoun by Eggers
Zlata's Diary: A Child's Life in Wartime Sarajevo by Filipovic

Mystery and Suspense

And Then There Were None by Christie
Bel Canto by Patchett
Burning Blue by Griffin
Coyote Waits by Hillerman
Croak by Damico
In the Middle of the Night by Cormier
Kissed by an Angel by Chandler
Looking for Rachel Wallace by Parker
Skeleton Crew by King
The Angel Experiment by Patterson
The Body of Christopher Creed by Plum-Ucci
The Disappearance by Guy
The Face on the Milk Carton by Cooney
The Killer's Cousin by Werlin
The Moonstone by Collins
The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency by McCall
Tokyo Heist by Renn
Where Are the Children? by Clark
Zero at the Bone by Cadnum

Short Stories

Frenchtown Summer by Cormier
Complete Stories of Edgar Allen Poe
Welcome to the Monkey House by Vonnegut
The Perks of Being a Wallflower by Chbosky