

2019-2020 SCCPSS Summer Reading Program

Grades 9-12



Why summer reading?

While reading during summer vacation may not be a priority for most high school students, it is critical to a student's ability to not only retain information learned the previous year, but also to grow in knowledge and literacy skills in preparation for the year ahead. Many experts liken reading to exercise. Just like exercising keeps your heart and muscles in shape, so too does reading keep your brain in shape. If you don't exercise - you lose muscle. If you don't read - you lose literacy skills.

A study done at the University of Tennessee found that children and teens who did not read over the summer lose the equivalent of two months of literacy development, while students who did read gained a month. Because of this, when school begins in the fall there is likely to be a three month difference in literacy readiness between those who read over the summer and those who didn't - an unfortunate fact known as the "summer slide."

Reading over the summer is not a suggestion to keep kids busy; on the contrary, it is a critical requirement to help students stay on track for their entire educational career and beyond.

Program Overview:

High school students are expected to read or listen to between 2-5 books over the summer (see chart below for specific requirements). While SCCPSS does provide a list of recommended texts and their associated Lexile levels, it is most important that students select books that are of interest to them. Secondly, students should aim to select books close to their instructional level.

Upon return to school in the fall, all students will have until **August 26, 2019** to electronically submit a summary and personal reflection for each book read.

In each electronic submission, students will use a Google form to submit a two-paragraph summary of their book as well as a two-paragraph reflection of their thoughts, feelings, connections made, and/or analysis of author's craft and purpose. All student entries will be reviewed by the English department and those that meet requirements will be submitted for district-wide prize drawings, including class sets of books, pizza, classroom technology, dress down days and more. The more submissions per student and per school, the more likely students and schools can win multiple prize packages.

Grade level requirements:

9th	10th	11th	12th
Read/listen to at least 2 books	Read/listen to at least 2-3 books	Read/listen to at least 3-4 books	Read/listen to at least 3-5 books
Submit a reflection & summary for each book via designated school/ grade link	Submit a reflection & summary for each book via designated school/ grade link	Submit a reflection & summary for each book via designated school/ grade link	Submit a reflection & summary for each book via designated school/ grade link
Due by: 8/26/19	Due by: 8/26/19	Due by: 8/26/19	Due by: 8/26/19

Advanced and accelerated course requirements:

9th ADV.	10th ADV.	11th ADV.	12th ADV. / AP
Read/listen to at least 3 books	Read/listen to at least 4 books	Read/listen to at least 5 books	Read/listen to at least 6 books
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Links for entering summaries and reflections:

Beach High School:	9th grade: bit.ly/BHS9thSummerReading 10th grade: bit.ly/BHS10thSummerReading 11th grade: bit.ly/BHS11thSummerReading 12th grade: bit.ly/BHS12thSummerReading
Groves High School:	9th grade: bit.ly/GHS9thSummerReading 10th grade: bit.ly/GHS10thSummerReading 11th grade: bit.ly/GHS11thSummerReading 12th grade: bit.ly/GHS12thSummerReading
Islands High School:	9th grade: bit.ly/IHS9thSummerReading 10th grade: bit.ly/IHS10thSummerReading 11th grade: bit.ly/IHS11thSummerReading 12th grade: bit.ly/IHS12thSummerReading
Jenkins High School:	9th grade: http://bit.ly/Jenkins9thSummerReading 10th grade: http://bit.ly/Jenkins10thSummerReading 11th grade: http://bit.ly/Jenkins11thSummerReading 12th grade: http://bit.ly/Jenkins12thSummerReading

Johnson High School:	9th grade: bit.ly/Johnson9thSummerReading 10th grade: bit.ly/Johnson10thSummerReading 11th grade: bit.ly/Johnson11thSummerReading 12th grade: bit.ly/Johnson12thSummerReading
New Hampstead High School:	9th grade: bit.ly/NHHS9thSummerReading 10th grade: bit.ly/NHHS10thSummerReading 11th grade: bit.ly/NHHS11thSummerReading 12th grade: bit.ly/NHHS12thSummerReading
Savannah Arts Academy:	9th grade: bit.ly/SAA9thSummerReading 10th grade: bit.ly/SAA10thSummerReading 11th grade: bit.ly/SAA11thSummerReading 12th grade: bit.ly/SAA12thSummerReading
Savannah Early College:	9th grade: bit.ly/SEC9thSummerReading 10th grade: bit.ly/SEC10thSummerReading 11th grade: bit.ly/SEC11thSummerReading 12th grade: bit.ly/SEC12thSummerReading
School of Liberal Studies @ SHS:	9th grade: bit.ly/SHS9thSummerReading 10th grade: bit.ly/SHS10thSummerReading 11th grade: bit.ly/SHS11thSummerReading 12th grade: bit.ly/SHS12thSummerReading
Windsor Forest High School:	9th grade: bit.ly/WFHS9thSummerReading 10th grade: bit.ly/WFHS10thSummerReading 11th grade: bit.ly/WFHS11thSummerReading 12th grade: bit.ly/BHS12thSummerReading
Woodville Tompkins High School:	9th grade: bit.ly/WTHS9thSummerReading 10th grade: bit.ly/WTHS10thSummerReading 11th grade: bit.ly/WTHS11thSummerReading 12th grade: bit.ly/WTHS12thSummerReading

Resources:

- ★ For students who would prefer to listen to audiobooks on their phone, join free at <https://www.audiobooksync.com/>. No library cards or credentials are needed, and once the audiobook is downloaded to the device wifi is not needed to listen. All summer long, two new audiobooks are released each week on Thursdays and are available to download for one week until the new books are released. There is no limit to how many books you can download!
- ★ Each summer, the state of Georgia sponsors the *Get Georgia Reading* program. Visit their website (<https://www.renaissance.com/getgeorgiareading>) and enter your school name with the password 'read' to access thousands of digital books.

Recommended Lexile Levels:

Grade	Lexile Level	<p>To find books on your child's Lexile level, visit http://Lexile.com/fab/GA and enter the Lexile score or grade level.</p> <p><i>Q: Where do I find my child's Lexile level?</i> A: Check their most recent GMAS ELA score report.</p>
9th	925L - 1070L	
10th	1080L - 1335L	
11th / 12th	1185L - 1385L	

Suggested Texts:

Title:	Author:	Topic/Themes:	Lexile:
<i>Confessions of a Thug</i>	Phillip Taylor	Crime and retribution	1120
<i>The Hate You Give</i>	Angie Thomas	Racial/class issues	590
<i>American Born Chinese</i>	Gene Luen Yang	Immigrant struggle	530
<i>The Glory Field</i>	Walter Dean Myers	Slavery	800
<i>No One is Coming to Save Us</i>	Stephanie Watts	Great Gatsby retelling	1100
<i>Home After Dark</i>	David Small	Abandonment	990
<i>Shadow of the Fox</i> (graphic novel)	Julie Kagawa	Japanese folklore	890
<i>Glimmer of Hope</i>	Movement founders	March for Our Lives movement	990
<i>Boneless Mercies</i>	April Tucholke	Genderbent Beowulf	770
<i>Odd One Out</i>	Nic Stone	Sexuality and friendship	780
<i>Broken Things</i>	Lauren Oliver	Fandom mystery	760
<i>Sawkill Girls</i>	Claire Legrand	Fantasy thriller	990
<i>Dear Evan Hansen</i>	Val Emmich	Suicide, anxiety, loneliness	590
<i>Hey, Kiddo</i>	Jarrett Krosoczka	Children of addicts	510
<i>Someday</i>	David Levithan	Morality, equality	720
<i>Buried Beneath the Baobab Tree</i>	Adaobi Nwaubani	Boko Haram kidnappings	1000
<i>We'll Fly Away</i>	Bryan Bliss	Teen on death row	670
<i>The Unwanted</i> (graphic novel)	Don Brown	Syrian refugee crisis	800
<i>Pride</i>	Ebi Zobi	Pride & Prejudice retelling	760

<i>And the Ocean was our Sky</i>	Patrick Ness	Moby Dick fantasy retelling	760
<i>I Felt a Funeral, In My Brain</i>	Will Walton	Loss, love, addiction (<i>poetry</i>)	1100
<i>How I Resist</i>	Maureen Johnson	Activism & hope for teens	1170
<i>Invisible Ghosts</i>	Robert Schneider	Teen romance	860
<i>My Plain Jane</i>	Cynthia Hand	Jane Eyre retelling	650
<i>Dear Rachel Maddow</i>	Adrienne Kisner	Diary-themed confessions	590
<i>Monday's Not Coming</i>	Tiffany D. Jackson	Crime thriller	990
<i>Girl Made of Stars</i>	Ashley Blake	Rape accusations	740
<i>Picture Us in the Light</i>	Kelley Gilbert	Family, loss, and secrets	890
<i>Calling My Name</i>	Liana Tamani	Female coming-of-age	1000
<i>We Are All That's Left</i>	Carrie Arcos	Faith, War, Violence	610
<i>Brazen</i>	Penelope Bagieu	Feminist biographies	770
<i>Between the Lines</i>	Nikki Grimes	Male coming-of-age	630
<i>Mun Mun</i>	Jesse Andrews	Satire	1100
<i>Losers Bracket</i>	Chris Crutcher	Foster care and sports	790
<i>Devils Within</i>	S. F. Henson	Rejecting white supremacy	640
<i>Hooper</i>	Geoff Herbach	Basketball & Fitting in	610
<i>Mapping the Bones</i>	Jane Yolen	Holocaust	790
<i>Unearthed</i>	Meagan Spooner	Sci-fi alien thriller	960
<i>I am Malala</i>	Malala Yousafzai	Biography	1000
<i>Hidden Figures</i>	Margot Shetterly	Historical fiction	1120
<i>Fallen Grace</i>	Mary Hooper	Family and loss; orphans	1160
<i>Fantastic Beasts</i>	J. K. Rowling	Fantasy	1230
<i>The Glass Castle</i>	Jeannette Walls	Family struggles	1010
<i>Lebron James</i>	Hal Marcovitz	Sports biography	1110
<i>A Brief History of Time</i>	Stephen Hawking	Science and Space	1290
<i>Tales of Beedle the Bard</i>	J. K. Rowling	Fantasy	1230

<i>Spindle's End</i>	Robin McKinley	Sleeping Beauty retelling	1220
<i>The Old Man in the Corner</i>	Emmuska Orczy	Unsolved murders	1170
<i>Hungry Lightning</i>	Pei-Lun Yu	Anthropology	1220
<i>Friday Night Lights</i>	H. G. Bissinger	Sports fiction	1220
<i>A Short History of Nearly Everything</i>	Bill Bryson	Mysteries of the Universe	1190
<i>12 Years a Slave</i>	Solomon Northup	Historical fiction	1200
<i>Little Boys Came from the Stars</i>	Emmanuel Dongala	Satire	1200
<i>Into Thin Air</i>	Jon Krakauer	Climbing biography	1320
<i>The Tell Tale Heart</i>	Edgar Allen Poe	Horror, short stories	1350
<i>Banned in the U.S.A.</i>	Herbert Foerstel	Censorship	1360
<i>Hidden Evidence</i>	David Owen	True crime stories	1390
<i>Death by Black Hole</i>	Neil DeGrasse Tyson	Universe and space	1400