

James River High School Summer Reading

If you're passionate about science and technology, myths and legends, mysteries and suspense, or history and other cultures, this summer you have an opportunity to read what you love. Select one book from the following list that sparks your interest, or choose a favorite title that fits into one of the categories. We hope this list inspires a summer of enjoyable reading. Early in September, you and your peers will share your summer reading through a variety of engaging activities.

Flights of Fantasy

Shannara trilogy by Terry Brooks
Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer
The Book of Lost Things by John Connolly
The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman
Forests of the Heart by Charles de Lint
The Pendragon Adventure by DJ MacHale
Dragonsong by Anne McCaffrey
Twilight series by Stephenie Meyer
Harry Potter series by JK Rowling
Lord of the Rings by JRR Tolkien

Spine-Tingling Suspense

Murder with Peacocks by Donna Andrews
In the Woods by Tana French
Death Dances to a Reggae Beat by Kate Grilley
A Cold Day in Paradise by Steve Hamilton
The Blue Edge of Midnight by Jonathan King
The House on Cherry Street by Rodman Philbrick
The Hot Zone by Richard Preston
Dread Locks by Neal Shusterman
Project 17 by Laurie Stolarz
A Place of Execution by Val McDermid
The Secret Hour by Scott Westerfield

Chick Picks

In the Time of Butterflies by Julia Alvarez
Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson
The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants by Ann Brashares
Copper Sun by Sharon Draper
I See You Everywhere by Julia Glass
The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd
Confessions of a Shopaholic by Sophie Kinsella
The Pact by Jodi Picoult
A Walk to Remember by Nicholas Sparks
Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli

Sci-Fi Thrillers

The Hitchhiker's Guide trilogy by Douglas Adams
But What of Earth by Piers Anthony
The Foundation trilogy by Isaac Asimov
The Martian Chronicles by Ray Bradbury
The Ender Saga by Orson Scott Card
Childhood's End by Arthur C. Clarke
Dune by Frank Herbert
Brave New World by Aldous Huxley
The Left Hand of Darkness by Ursula LeGuin
Life as We Knew It by Susan Beth Pfeffer

Multi-Cultural Literature

Breath, Eyes, Memory by Edwidge Danticat
Sister of My Heart by Chitra Divakaruni
The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini
Annie John by Jamaica Kincaid
Kafir Boy by Mark Mathabane
Angela's Ashes by Frank McCourt
A Step from Heaven by An Na
When the Emperor Was Divine by Julie Otsuka
When I Was Puerto Rican by Esmeralda Santiago
Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress by Dai Sijie
Buried Onions by Gary Soto

Just for Guys

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie
Someday This Pain Will Be Useful to You by Peter Cameron
The Pact by Sampson Davis et al
Under a War-Torn Sky by Laura Malone Elliott
Running with Buffaloes by Chris Lear
The Contender by Robert Lipsyte
No Excuses by Kyle Maynard
Fallen Angels by Walter Dean Myers
The Things They Carried by Tim O'Brien
The Catcher in the Rye by J. D. Salinger

AP 11: Language

The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini
The Glass Castle by Jeanette Walls

John Tyler Dual Enrollment English 11

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain

AP 12: Literature

The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini
How To Read Literature Like a Professor by
Thomas C. Foster

Leadership AP 12: Literature

The Awakening by Kate Chopin
Mythology: Timeless Tales of Gods and Heroes
by Edith Hamilton

John Tyler Dual Enrollment English 12

Frankenstein by Mary Shelley

Web Sites for Teen Reading

Internet Public Library for Teens: Teenspace

www.ipl.org/div/teen/browse/rw0000

Here you'll find sites with fun reading lists, online independent e-zines, blogs by teens, and more.

Readers Club

www.plcmc.lib.nc.us/readers_club

This site features book reviews organized by a variety of categories, including graphic novels, fantasy, and multiculturalism.

No Flying, No Tights!

www.noflyingnotights.com

This comprehensive site reviews graphic novels for teens. With the increasing popularity of manga, the blogs allow the user to sort through by interest.

What Kids Can Do (WKCD)

www.whatkidscando.org

This national nonprofit organization collaborates with students around the country on books, essays, booklists, research, and teen activism.

Teenreads

www.teenreads.com

This site has everything for the young adult reader—book reviews, news about awards, recently published books, books that have been made into movies, discussion questions, author interviews, and more.

YALSA Booklists for Young Adults

www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/gooklistsawards/booklistsbook.htm

Sponsored by the American Library Association, this site features recommended reading lists, teens' top 10 lists, recommendations for reluctant readers, and outstanding books for the college bound, to name a few.