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
- _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 J.R.R. Tolkien

**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

**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

**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

**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
**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

**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

**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 Bookslists for Young Adults**
www.al.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.