

Talbot County Public Schools High School Summer Reading Suggestions

Summer reading is not required in Talbot County Public Schools, but it is a great way to help students expand their general knowledge and vocabulary, improve analytical thinking, enhance writing skills, boost memory and even reduce stress! Our teachers have developed these lists to help students and parents make choices. We hope that students will read at least three books this summer from their grade level list. Most of the books on these lists can be borrowed from school libraries or the Talbot County Free Library. Students may also ask guidance counselors for loaner copies and since some of these are personal favorites, they might also be borrowed from individual teachers!

Not all books will be appropriate for all readers in a particular grade or age group. Parents are encouraged to preview and monitor their children's reading.

Suggested for Students Entering Ninth Grade:

The Secret Life of Bees (Sue Monk Kidd)
The Pact (Drs. Davis, Jenkins and Hunt)
In Search of Our Mothers' Gardens (Alice Walker)
The Shadow of the Wind (Carlos Ruis Zafon)
Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time (Mark Haddon)

Ender's Game (Orson Scott Card)
Catalyst (Laurie Halse Anderson)
Watership Down (Richard Adams)
Notes of a Native Son (James Baldwin)
The Lord of the Rings (J.R.R. Tolkien)

Suggested for Students Entering Tenth Grade:

The Bean Trees (Barbara Kingsolver)
A Walk in the Woods (Bill Bryson)
Song Yet Sung (James McBride)
Like Water for Chocolate (Laura Esquivel)
The Killer Angels (Michael Shaara)

The Bonesetter's Daughter (Amy Tan)
The Power of One (Bryce Cortenay)
House of Spirits (Isabel Allende)
The Book Thief (Marcus Zusak)
Lies My Teacher Told Me (James Loewen)

Suggested for Students Entering Eleventh Grade:

High Tide in Tucson (Barbara Kingsolver)
Native Son and/or *Black Boy* (Richard Wright)
Chesapeake (James Michener)
The Kite Runner (Khaled Hosseini)
Walden (Henry David Thoreau)

Pilgrim at Tinker Creek (Anne Dillard)
Into the Wild (Jon Krakauer)
Dune (Frank Herbert)
Jane Eyre (Charlotte Bronte)
Outliers (Malcolm Gladwell)

Suggested for Students Entering Twelfth Grade:

1984 (George Orwell)
Snow Falling on Cedars (David Guterson)
Roots (Alex Haley)
Go Tell it on the Mountain (James Baldwin)
The Fountainhead and/or *Atlas Shrugged* (Ayn Rand)

Madame Bovary (Gustave Flaubert)
The Sun Also Rises (Ernest Hemingway)
Catch-22 (Joseph Heller)
Don Quixote (Miguel deCervantes)
War and Peace (Leo Tolstoy)