

District Summer Reading List

Incoming Eleventh Graders for the 2022 – 2023 School Year

Parents/Guardians,

The purpose of summer reading is to encourage students to read (or have read aloud) an approved novel that appeals to their own personal interests, instilling a love of reading as well as increasing literacy across the district. The following books were chosen based on many criteria, including reading level, student interest, and more.

Students can choose one book to read over the summer from the grade-level list below.

Happy reading!



Title	Author	Genre	Synopsis
<i>Lord of the Flies</i> Digital version	William Golding	Fiction	At the dawn of the next world war, a plane crashes on an uncharted island, stranding a group of schoolboys. At first, with no adult supervision, their freedom is something to celebrate; this far from civilization the boys can do anything they want. Anything. They attempt to forge their own society, failing, however, in the face of terror, sin and evil. And as order collapses, as strange howls echo in the night, as terror begins its reign, the hope of adventure seems as far from reality as the hope of being rescued.
<i>This Side of Paradise</i> Digital version	F. Scott Fitzgerald	Fiction	<i>This Side of Paradise</i> follows the life of young Amory Blaine in the tumultuous America of the early twentieth century. Highly sophisticated yet hopelessly romantic, Amory flounders from prep school to Princeton to glittering Jazz Age New York, confident that he is destined for greatness but unsure how to go about it.

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A Raisin in the Sun

Lorraine
Hansberry

Drama

Set in 1950s Chicago, the story tells of an African American family's experiences as they attempt to improve their financial circumstances with an insurance payout following the death of the father. The play also deals with the conflict between the family members and their perceptions in the face of injustice.

[Digital version](#)

Twelve Years a Slave

Solomon
Northup

Memoir

Twelve Years a Slave is an 1853 memoir and slave narrative by American Solomon Northup as told to and edited by David Wilson. Northup, a black man who was born free in New York state, details his being tricked to go to Washington, D.C., where he was kidnapped and sold into slavery in the Deep South.

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