

**Boyd H. Anderson High School
Summer Teen Reading List
2018-2019**

Boyd Anderson High School strongly encourages students to read a minimum of two (2) books during the summer. Reading is an enjoyable experience and one should read for pleasure, not simply for academic credit. Thus, we have developed a summer reading list that provides a great deal of flexibility when choosing books.

Students, we encourage you to "stretch" yourselves when choosing what to read. Avoid reading only those types of books you normally read. Be open-minded, experiment, and take chances. Although we understand the merits of rereading, we ask that you do not read books you have already read. Students are free to choose books from the grade level lists that follow; however, the lists are only suggestions. Choose any suitable book that has been approved by your English teacher or any book of equal literary merit that has been approved by your parents.

Students have a number of options in obtaining the pieces of literature. Most required texts are available free online. Students can also enter titles without links into Google. Some books in print form can also be checked out from the public library or read for free on the library's website. <http://www.broward.org/library/Pages/Default.aspx>. A library card is required for both of these options. (Click on "Online Resources" – "eBooks/AudioBooks – "eBook Help." Then, type the title of the book in the "Advanced Search" field at the top right. Click on the book to read or check out.

Active Reading Activity

Your English teacher will provide extra credit for completed activities (dialectical journal or book review) turned in within the first week of school.

Option 1: Students are encouraged to complete a reading log in the form of a dialectical journal. Only dialectical journals with a minimum of 10 well-written, analytical entries will be considered.

Option 2: Students may complete a book review in the form of an audio/visual commercial or a newsletter. Each book review must include a strong summary of the novel, a personal opinion, a recommendation, and evidence from the text (quotes that highlight the theme of the novel).

Grades 9-12 Suggested Reading List

In Darkness by Nick Lake

"Shorty" is a Haitian boy trapped in the ruins of a hospital when the earth explodes around him. Surrounded by lifeless bodies and growing desperately weak from lack of food and water, death seems imminent. Yet as Shorty waits in darkness for a rescue that may never come, he becomes aware of another presence, one reaching out to him across two hundred years of history. It is the presence of slave and revolutionary leader Toussaint L'Ouverture, whose life was marred by violence, and whose own end came in darkness. What unites a child of the slums with the man who would shake a troubled country out of slavery? Is it the darkness they share . . . or is it hope?

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Dear Martin by Nic Stone

There was no reason for Justyce to be arrested, but it happened. In the aftermath, this perfect student starts a journal, penning letters to Martin Luther King, Jr., trying to sort out what happened and how it impacted his own beliefs and values. (Available for checkout at Broward County Library)

Solo by Kwame Alexander

Blade never asked for a life of the rich and famous. In fact, he'd give anything not to be the son of Rutherford Morrison, a washed-up rock star and drug addict with delusions of a comeback. Or to no longer be part of a family known most for lost potential, failure, and tragedy. The one true light is his girlfriend, Chapel, but her parents have forbidden their relationship, assuming—like many—that Blade will become just like his father. (Available for checkout at Broward County Library)

The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas

Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter moves between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and the fancy suburban prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer. Khalil was unarmed.

Soon afterward, his death is a national headline. Some are calling him a thug, maybe even a drug dealer and a gangbanger. Protesters are taking to the streets in Khalil's name. Some cops and the local drug lord try to intimidate Starr and her family. What everyone wants to know is: what *really* went down that night? And the only person alive who can answer that is Starr.

But what Starr does or does not say could upend her community. It could also endanger her life

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie

Bestselling author Sherman Alexie tells the story of Junior, a budding cartoonist growing up on the Spokane Indian Reservation. Determined to take his future into his own hands, Junior leaves his troubled school on the rez (reservation) to attend an all-white farm town high school where the only other Indian is the school mascot.

Heartbreaking, funny, and beautifully written, *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, which is based on the author's own experiences, coupled with poignant drawings by Ellen Forney that reflect the character's art, chronicles the contemporary adolescence of one Native American boy as he attempts to break away from the life he was destined to live.

A Wrinkle in Time by Madeline L'Engle

Meg's father had been experimenting with this fifth dimension of time travel when he mysteriously disappeared. Now the time has come for Meg, her friend Calvin, and Charles Wallace to rescue him. But can they outwit the forces of evil they will encounter on their heart-stopping journey through space?

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Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson

In Laurie Halse Anderson's powerful novel, an utterly believable heroine with a bitterly ironic voice delivers a blow to the hypocritical world of high school. She speaks for many a disenfranchised teenager while demonstrating the importance of speaking up for oneself.

Brown Girl Dreaming (Newberry Honor Book) by Jacqueline Woodson

Jacqueline Woodson, one of today's finest writers, tells the moving story of her childhood in mesmerizing verse. Raised in South Carolina and New York, Woodson always felt halfway home in each place. In vivid poems, she shares what it was like to grow up as an African American in the 1960s and 1970s, living with the remnants of Jim Crow and her growing awareness of the Civil Rights movement. Touching and powerful, each poem is both accessible and emotionally charged, each line a glimpse into a child's soul as she searches for her place in the world. Woodson's eloquent poetry also reflects the joy of finding her voice through writing stories, despite the fact that she struggled with reading as a child. Her love of stories inspired her and stayed with her, creating the first sparks of the gifted writer she was to become.

Grade 9 Suggested Reading List

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Bettie Smith

The beloved American classic about a young girl's coming-of-age at the turn of the century, (Available for checkout at Broward County Library)

<http://gnauss.hrsbteachers.ednet.ns.ca/sites/gnauss.hrsbteachers.ednet.ns.ca/files/documents/A%20Tree%20Grows%20in%20Brooklyn%20full%20text.pdf>

Don't Look Behind You by Lois Duncan

April Corrigan's life is turned upside-down when she when she learns that her father has been working secretly undercover for the FBI. When his testimony convicts a notorious drug dealer, the whole family must relocate and enter the Federal Witness Security Program. April's entire way of life changes--not just her name. And when she attempts to communicate with her boyfriend, an agent is killed. With thrills, chills, and a high-speed cross-country chase, master suspense writer Lois Duncan will leave readers breathless! (Available for checkout at Broward County Library)

Killing Mr. Griffin by Lois Duncan- They only meant to scare him. Mr. Griffin is the strictest teacher at Del Norte High, with a penchant for endless projects and humiliating his students. Even straight-A student Susan can't believe how mean he is to the charismatic Mark Kinney. So when her crush asks Susan to help a group of students teach a lesson of their own, she goes along. After all, it's a harmless prank, right? But things don't go according to plan. When one "accident" leads to another, people begin to die. Susan and her friends must face the awful truth: one of them is a killer. (Available to read online for free at Broward County Library. Search the title and enter your library card number) <http://broward.lib.overdrive.com/ABA47046-FCFC-4CB08B5BD0BA6DC3F420/10/50/en/AdvancedSearch.htm>

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The Golden Compass by Phillip Pullman

Lyra Belacqua is content to run wild among the scholars of Jordan College, with her daemon familiar always by her side. But the arrival of her fearsome uncle, Lord Asriel, draws her to the heart of a terrible struggle—a struggle born of Gobblers and stolen children, witch clans and armored bears. And as she hurtles toward danger in the cold far North, Lyra never suspects the shocking truth: she alone is destined to win, or to lose, this more-than-mortal battle.

https://archive.org/stream/TheGoldenCompass_201307/The%20Golden%20Compass_djvu.txt

The Rescuers by Anne Schraff

On the brink of her freshman year at Tubman High, something clicked in Chelsea's mind. Shadrach rescued animals. And in a way, he saved kids by teaching them respect. Now she and her friends were rescuers by volunteering at the shelter. Jaris was a rescuer too. He was trying to save Sereeta's mom. And, maybe Maurice would have to rescue Athena from getting into trouble.

Grade 10 Suggested Reading List

A Lesson Before Dying by Ernest Gaines

A young teacher discovers compassion and commitment as he tutors a prisoner on death row.
http://schoolsites.schoolworld.com/schools/MiamiDadeNW/files/filesystem/A%20Lesson%20Before%20Dying_Grade%209.pdf

A Night to Remember by Walter Lord

The best account of the last day/night of the Titanic. Written when over 200 survivors still were alive, this first hand account of the tragedy is the most accurate account of the sinking.

<http://www.readanybook.com/author/walter-lord-245988>

Elsewhere by Gabrielle Zevin

Elsewhere is where fifteen-year-old Liz Hall ends up, after she has died. It is a place so like Earth, yet completely different. Here Liz will age backward from the day of her death until she becomes a baby again and returns to Earth. But Liz wants to turn sixteen, not fourteen again. She wants to get her driver's license. She wants to graduate from high school and go to college. And now that she's dead, Liz is being forced to live a life she doesn't want with a grandmother she has only just met. And it is not going well. How can Liz let go of the only life she has ever known and embrace a new one? Is it possible that a life lived in reverse is no different from a life lived forward? (Available for checkout at Broward County Library)

Fire from the Rock by Sharon Draper

Sylvia is shocked and confused when she is asked to be one of the first black students to attend Central High School, which is scheduled to be integrated in the fall of 1957, whether people like it or not. Before Sylvia makes her final decision, smoldering racial tension in the town ignites into flame. (Available for checkout at Broward County Library)

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Like a Broken Doll by Anne Schraff

Accusations fly when a string of thefts hit Tubman High School. Suspicion falls on Sereeta Prince, whose family life is unraveling, sending her into a deep depression. Treated like a stranger by her mother, an enemy by her stepfather, and thief by her classmates, she retreats to a place where even Jaris is not welcome.

Grade 11 Suggested Reading List

All the Truth That's in Me by Julie Gardner

Judith gradually reveals the horror of her two-year disappearance in a stunning historical murder mystery and romance!

Brewster: A Novel by Mark Slouka

Set against the backdrop of the Vietnam War era, a powerful coming-of-age story about an unforgettable friendship between two teenage boys on the brink of manhood and their hopes for escape from a dead-end town.

My Beloved World by Sonia Sotomayor

The first Hispanic and third woman appointed to the United States Supreme Court, Sonia Sotomayor has become an instant American icon. Now she recounts her life from a Bronx housing project to the federal bench. (Available for checkout at Broward County Library) OR <http://www.readanybook.com/ebook/my-beloved-world-565400>

Somehow Tenderness Survives: Stories Of Southern Africa by Hazel Rochman

Apartheid. It's about suffering, about violence. Here are ten stories and autobiographical accounts, by southern Africa writers of various races. Their stories individually and as a group, create a moving, sometimes shockingly vivid portrait of what it feels like to grow up in a land where racism is the law. (Used copies available on Amazon starting at \$0.01) <http://www.amazon.com/Somehow-Tenderness-Survives-Stories-Southern/dp/0064470636>

Grade 12 Suggested Reading List

A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini

Born a generation apart and with very different ideas about love and family, Mariam and Laila are two women brought jarringly together by war, by loss and by fate. As they endure the ever escalating dangers around them-in their home as well as in the streets of Kabul-they come to form a bond that makes them both sisters and mother-daughter to each other, and that will ultimately alter the course not just of their own lives but of the next generation. With heart-wrenching power and suspense, Hosseini shows how a woman's love for her family can move her to shocking and heroic acts of self-sacrifice, and that in the end it is love, or even the memory of love, that is often the key to survival.

http://www.kkoworld.com/kitablar/Xaled_Xosseyini_Shefeq_sachan_min_gunesh_eng.pdf

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A Time for Dancing by Willis David Hurwin

This is the story of four close girlfriends who have been inseparable for most of their 16 years and how they learn to deal with death and dying when one of them is diagnosed with cancer.

(Used copies available on Amazon starting at \$0.01)

http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0140386181/ref=x_gr_w_bb?ie=UTF8&tag=x_gr_w_bb20&inkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=9325&creativeASIN=0140386181&SubscriptionId=1MGPYB6YW3HWK55XCGG2

Danger Zone by David Klass Jimmy Doyle is an accomplished basketball player from a small town who finds himself faced with hate and racist views when he accepts an offer to play for the American dream team. (Used copies available on Amazon starting at \$0.01)

<http://www.amazon.com/Danger-Zone-David-Klass/dp/0590485903>

The Black Count: Glory, Revolution, Betrayal, and the Real Count of Monte Cristo by Tom Reiss

The life story of Alex Dumas, from his birth to a slave mother and fugitive French nobleman in Haiti to his schooling in Paris and quick rise through the ranks of the French army during the Revolution. (Available for checkout at Broward County Library)

Go Tell It On the Mountain by James Baldwin

With lyrical precision, psychological directness, resonating symbolic power, and a rage that is at once unrelenting and compassionate, Baldwin chronicles a fourteen-year-old boy's discovery of the terms of his identity as the stepson of the minister of a storefront Pentecostal church in Harlem one Saturday in March of 1935. Baldwin's rendering of his protagonist's spiritual, sexual, and moral struggle of self-invention opened new possibilities in the American language and in the way Americans understand themselves. (Available for checkout at Broward County Library)

OR (New & Used copies available at Barnes & Noble starting at \$1.99)

<http://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/go-tell-it-on-the-mountain-jamesbaldwin/1103165705?ean=9780440330073>