

WSG 2016 Summer Reading at TH&ARC

Summer is a wonderful time to connect with friends, relax and enjoy the outdoors. You can do all of those things while **READING!** Reading during the summer is the absolute best way to prepare for the next grade at the end of August.

You can break out a book during long metro or car rides, in bed, when you're waiting for a friend, at the pool...anywhere! Once you start the right book, you will find that you won't want to stop.

While you should read as much as you can, WSG does have certain requirements for summer.



MIDDLE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Write two reports, one for each book:

- A fiction book from your grade's list (or a grade above)
- A nonfiction book from your grade (or a grade above or below)

DEADLINE

Both reports absolutely must be submitted by your re-enrollment interview with your advisor in August.

FORMAT GUIDELINES

You may bring paper copies of your work to your re-enrollment interview or submit it electronically to library@wsgdc.org.

The correct WSG heading for this assignment belongs at the top left of your paper.

Your name

Date

Your Grade Fiction/Nonfiction Summer Reading

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Our first Colors challenge of the year will be based on summer reading! You can and SHOULD read as many books from the list as possible!

How to Write a Book Report

1. Introduction (First Paragraph)

Here you want to provide basic information about the book. Include the title, author, genre and main idea.

2. Body

There are two main sections for this part. The first is an explanation of what the book is about. The second is your opinions about the book.

Summary (at least 2 paragraphs)

There are some differences between reports on fiction or other imaginative writing and reports on non-fiction books. For both, a good place to start is to explain the author's purpose and/or the main themes of the book.

- **For fiction:**
- Provide brief descriptions of the setting, the point of view (who tells the story), the protagonist (the main character), and other major characters. If there is a distinct mood or tone, discuss that as well.
- Give a short plot summary with the conflict and sequence of events. What was the climax? How is the conflict resolved? How did the protagonist change?
- **For non-fiction:**
- Explain the most important points of the book. Make the author's purpose clear.
- If the information is presented in chronological order, you can summarize it a lot like a fiction book.

Analysis and Evaluation (at least one paragraph)

In this section you analyze or critique the book. You can write about your own opinions; just be sure that you explain and support them with examples. Some questions you might want to consider:

- Did the author achieve his or her purpose?
- Is the writing effective, powerful, difficult, beautiful?
- What are the strengths and weaknesses of the book?
- What is your overall response to the book? Did you find it interesting, moving, dull...?
- Would you recommend it to others? Why or why not?

3. Conclusion (Final paragraph)

In the last paragraph, pull your thoughts together. You may want to say what impression the book left you with, or emphasize what you want your reader to know about it.

Optional Bonuses

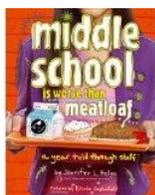
- a. Create a vocabulary log of the words you learned from the book. Include definitions.
- b. Illustrate your favorite scene from the story. Include a quote related to the image.
- c. Create an acrostic with the title. Write the title of the book vertically. For each letter in the title, construct a sentence that begins with that letter and that tells something significant about the story.
- d. Looking for a challenge? Complete another report using a book from the list for the grade above you.

Washington School for Girls 2016 Summer Reading Lists

Rising 6th Grade

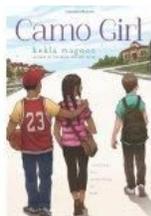
**"KNOWLEDGE IS FREE AT THE LIBRARY. JUST
BRING YOUR OWN CONTAINER!"
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FICTION



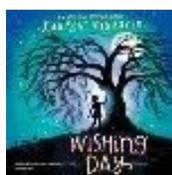
Middle School is Worse than Meatloaf (Holm)

Little challenges and larger ones push Ginny to find her own unique talent. Almost a graphic novel.



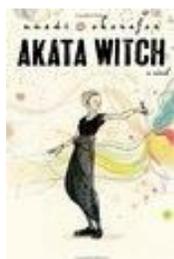
Camo Girl (Magoon)

Ella and Zachary, sixth grade misfits, cling to each other to get through "...taunts, rejection and sometimes abuse" from their classmates.

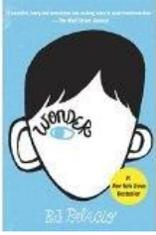


Wishing Tree (Myracle)

The oldest in a family of magic believers, Nataha doesn't quite have the faith. But she's full of wishes and still misses her mother.



Akata Witch (Okorafor) Set in Nigeria, 12 year old American Akata is magically different. Can she and her gang change reality?



Wonder (Palacio)

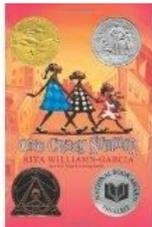
August Pullman, homeschooled because of facial abnormalities, heads to public school. He's courageous and looking for the same things everyone wants ... friends and understanding. Will he find them?



Bayou Magic (Rhodes) At first just a visitor to the Bayou, Maddy finds she's more. Should she save this threatened place that's become magical for her?



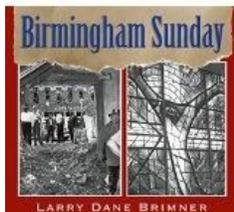
Princeless (Whitley) First of a series for the adventurous and action minded who are tired of "waiting to be rescued".



One Crazy Summer (Williams-Garcia)

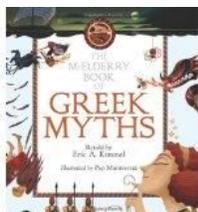
3 sisters, Delphine, Vonetta and Fern, visit California thinking they'll find Disney World and their birth mother. It's the 60's and they don't ... AT ALL!

NON FICTION



Birmingham Sunday (Brimner)

"Racial bombings were so frequent in Birmingham that it became known as 'Bombingham'. Until September 15, 1963, these attacks had been threatening but not deadly. On that Sunday morning, however, a blast in the 16th Street Baptist Church ripped through the exterior wall and claimed the lives of four girls."

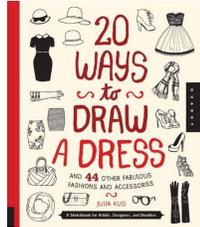


The McElderry Book of Greek Myths (retold by Kimmel)

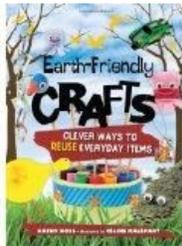
Dazzling artwork ... memorable characters ... from sword wielding soldiers to Medusa with her head full of writhing, poisonous snakes.



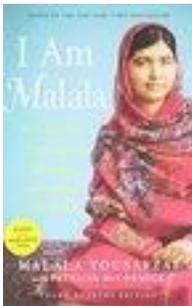
March, Book One (of a series) (Lewis, Ayden, Powell)
Iconic Congressman John Lewis was a “trouble maker” in the 60’s. From Alabama to the sit-ins to City Hall, Lewis risked his life for universal civil rights.



20 Ways to Draw a Dress, and 44 other Fabulous Fashions and Accessories (Julia Kuo)
A new take on the world of sketching, doodling, and designing. Get out your favorite drawing tool.



Earth-friendly CRAFTS; Clever Ways to Reuse Everyday Items (Ross)
New uses for your old stuff. Get creative with neckties or playing cards or ...? Practical and eye-catching projects with an environmental emphasis.



I Am Malala (Yousafzai, Lamb) Malala has told her story again, this time for middle school readers. It will open your eyes.

Rising 7th Grade

**"WHEN I GOT MY LIBRARY CARD,
THAT WAS WHEN MY LIFE BEGAN."**

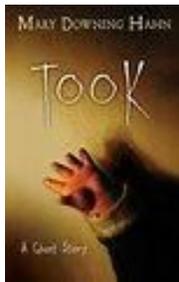
- RITA MAE BROWN, AUTHOR

FICTION



Stella by Starlight (Draper)

Stella and her brother, Jojo, become involved with the KKK. Full of honesty and justice.



Took (Hahn) "Folks say Old Auntie takes a girl and keeps her fifty years-then lets her go and takes another one." How weird is this new town where Erica and Daniel have moved!



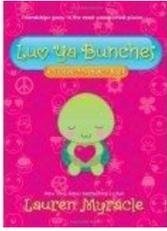
The Misfits (Howe)

12 year old tie salesman, outspoken girl, gay middle schooler and hooligan. This clique's story is hilarious and poignant.



A Mango-Shaped Space (Mass)

Mia sees colors in sounds, numbers and letters. When she discovers not everyone else does, should she share her secret? Is she crazy?

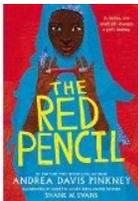


Love Ya' Bunches: A Flower Power Book (Myracle)

4 fab girls, but they sure aren't friends. Especially at the beginning of a new school year . Written in a "mix of instant messages, blog posts, screenplay, and straight narrative."



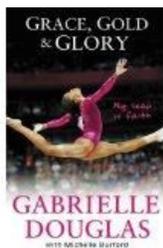
The 7th Most Important Thing (Pearsall) One kid. One Crime. One chance to make things right.



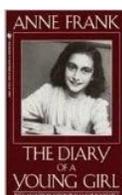
The Red Pencil (Pinkney)

Amira is 12, old enough for new responsibilities and to attend school in Nyala. But life in her peaceful Sudanese village is shattered by the Janjaweed and the horrors of war they bring.

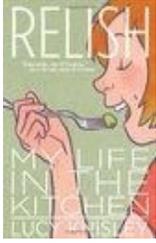
NON FICTION



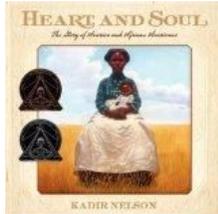
Grace, Gold & Glory: My Leap of Faith (Douglass, autobiography, athlete) Olympic gymnast, Gaby Douglas, tells her story of faith, perseverance and determination; showing you really can reach your dreams.



Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl; the definitive edition (Frank, diary, history, WWII, Holocaust) Startling new edition of Dutch Jewish teenager's diary as she hid from the Nazis for 2 years. Expanded entries reveal more of life in the "secret annex."



Relish: My Life in the Kitchen (Knisley) Autobiographical graphic novel celebrates food, creating with it, and what it can do for you!!



Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African Americans

(Nelson, history, African American, Civil War, slavery)

Award winning history of “men, women and children who toiled in the hot sun picking cotton... It’s about brothers and sisters of all colors who rallied...”



The Mighty Mars Rovers (Rusch, science of space)

“How extraordinary to visit Mars ... Hair raising human emotions rise and fall.”

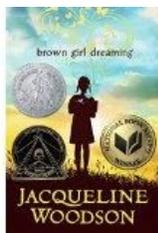


The Fashion Book (Venditelli, design, life skills)

“Packed full of advice, handy hints and top tricks [for] FASHIONISTAS!”



Freedom Heroines (Wishinsky) Interested in the black movement, black power, how women’s rights came to the fore? Read this and understand Hillary better!



Brown Girl Dreaming (Woodson, poetry and 60’s memoir)

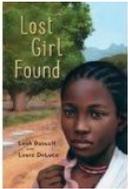
“Mesmerizing journey through Jacqueline Woodson’s early years ... powerfully effective verse.”

Rising 8th grade

"WE LOSE OURSELVES IN BOOKS. WE FIND OURSELVES THERE, TOO!"

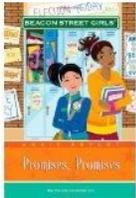
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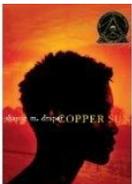
Lost Girl Found (Bassoff)

Sudanese village life is simple until war forces Poni to a refugee camp in neighboring Kakuma, and then on to Nairobi. There she must decide whether to travel to America, or stay in Kenya and hunt for her mother.



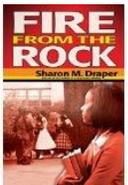
Promises Promises (Bryant, series)

Who will be the next class president? Will the Beacon Street Girls survive the growing tension between them and their most super competitors? And who's writing mean notes about the nominees?



Copper Sun (Draper, historical fiction, 18th century)

The epic story of Amari, an Ashanti girl torn from her African village, sold into slavery, and stripped of all she has ever known--except hope.

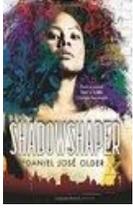


Fire from the Rock (Draper, historical fiction, Civil Rights) Before Sylvia can make her final decision about high school, smoldering racial tension ignites into flames. Compare and contrast with Ferguson and Baltimore today.



Nowhere to Run (Griffin)

Urban drama, and lots of it, set in Washington DC. Sometimes it's hard to know right from wrong. This author visited WSG and shared NTR with us in person.



Shadow Shaper (Older) Urban Fantasy Murals in Brooklyn weep real tears. A corpse crashes Sierra’s first summer party. What’s going on?

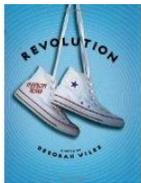


I am Princess X (Priest) “Once upon a time, 2 best friends created a princess together.” Then 1 friend died and the Princess came to life. REALLY!



Goodbye, Stranger (Stead)

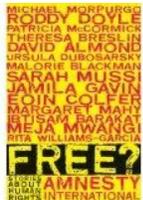
What are the limits of friendship? Is “No Fighting” a fair and useful rule? Will Bridge, Tabitha and Emily remain best friends?



Revolution (Wiles, series)

These kids live in a world where everyone is choosing sides. It’s the 60’s in Mississippi, and they need to figure out how to stand up for themselves and what they know is right.

NON FICTION

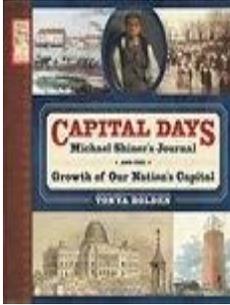


FREE? Stories about Human rights (Amnesty International, short stories) From a boy who thinks school is “slavery” to a police interrogation in London, these writers will help you understand freedom more completely. Travel to a Palestinian settlement, a child-labor factory, and New Orleans after Katrina to stretch your experience.



They Called Themselves the KKK (Bartolotti, history, Civil Rights)

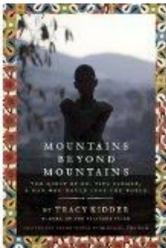
Winner of awards for excellence, this is the story of the terrorist club that has spread so much fear and hate across the south since the end of the Civil War.



Capital Days (Bolden) Personal diary, documents, artifacts and anecdotes paint a vivid portrait of freed slave, Michael Shiner, and his Washington DC of the 19th C.

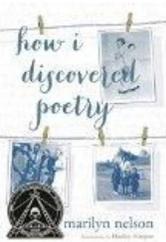


Because They Marched (Freedman) You already know they marched from Selma to Montgomery for voting rights. But this is a new and gripping account of that crucial '60's protest. "Clear story telling ... myriad quotes" enliven this well documented retelling.



Mountains beyond Mountains (Kidder & French, biography and public health/making a difference)

Inspiring story of Dr Paul Farmer who still brings healthcare to the developing world. He started with Haiti, and then moved on to Peru and Russia. Why? And should he receive more \$\$\$ from the Gates Foundation?



How I Discovered Poetry (Nelson, poetry, recent history)

50 stunning, free verse poems tell Nelson's story of growing up in the era of Civil Rights, civil disobedience and the Cold War.



Bad Girls: Sirens, Jezebels, Murderesses, Thieves and other Female Villains (Yolen, biography collection, history)

Meet history's most notorious ladies, each with a rotten reputation!

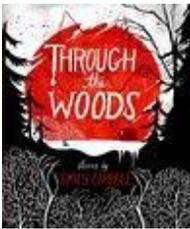
Upward and Onward to High School!
Ms. Mendoza's Recommendations

FICTION



Go Ask Alice (Anonymous)

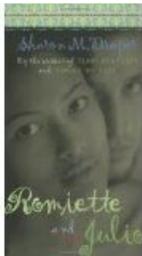
Read her diary. Enter her world. You will never forget her. Best selling first person account of a teen girl's harrowing descent in the nightmare of drugs. Although not new, it continues to ring true.



Through the Woods (Carroll) Fairy tales gone seriously wrong. Four stories not for the faint hearted.



Untwine (Danticat) Supernatural and mystical, this is a touching story of twins, one of whom dies in a car accident.



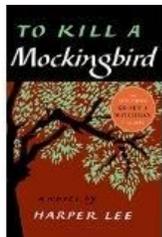
Romiette & Julio (Draper)

Shakespeare's timeless romance set in Ohio with a different twist, including deadly reality and desperate struggle.



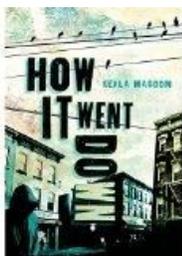
Paper Towns (Green)

Suspenseful, hilarious and quirky. Where *is* Margo?



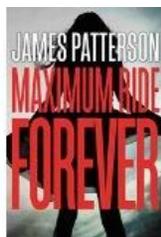
To Kill a Mockingbird (Lee)

One day you'll have to read it. Why not now? And then see the great movie. It's a tale of race and justice in a very small town, during the great depression. Lee is an amazing story teller.



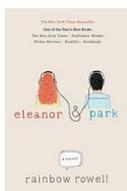
How It Went Down (Magoon, Best Book Award)

“When 16 year old Tariq dies from two gunshot wounds, his community is thrown into an uproar. Tariq was black. The shooter, Jack Franklin, is white. Day by day, new twists further obscure the truth.” Sound like real life?



Maximum Ride Forever (Patterson, series)

More incredible adventures of a teenage girl who can fly. She and her flock search their post apocalyptic world for answers about what has happened.



Eleanor & Park (Rowell)

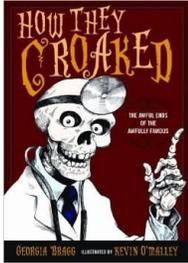
Star-crossed misfits. “Smart enough to know that first love almost never lasts, but brave and desperate enough to try.”



The Beginning of Everything (Schneider)

“Everyone has a tragedy waiting to happen.” Is that true?

NON FICTION



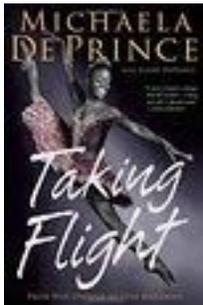
How They Croaked: The Awful Ends of the Awfully Famous (Bragg, history)

The gory details of what happened to those who had it coming!

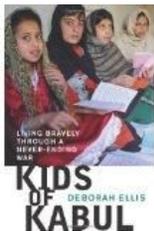


The Fashion Book (DK Publishing, life skills)

A “guide for teenage girls who want to discover the stories behind their favorite looks, find their own style, and learn what makes the fashion world tick.”

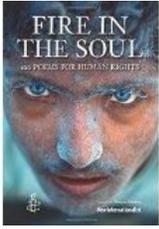


Taking Flight (DePrince, autobiography, dance) Memoir of principal Dance Theatre of Harlem ballerina, Michaela DePrince. Her dramatic journey from West Africa to the USA is unforgettable and courageous.



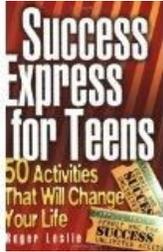
Kids of Kabul: Living Bravely through a Never Ending War (Ellis, current events)

Children speak about their lives in a country torn apart by violence and oppression. But they speak with courage, optimism and a focus on education.

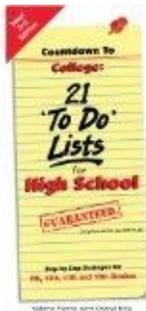


Fire in the Soul: 100 poems for Human Rights (Godrej, editor)

An exciting collection of poems about justice and outrage, resistance and hope -- all through the lens of human history.



Success Express for Teens: 50 Life Changing Activities (Leslie, life skills) How to get from where you are to where you want to be. Make your dreams happen!



Countdown to College: 21 to do Lists for High School

(Pierce, life skills)

Step by step strategies for 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th graders. Invaluable reminders of what to do and when to do it.



The Complete Persepolis (Satrapi, recent history)

Unforgettable childhood, war, escape and return. “Sweet and Terrible” in the Islamic Revolution. Not over yet, one should note.

And some interesting websites to explore!

Art Zone - Interactive online art from the National Gallery.
<http://www.nga.gov/content/ngaweb/education/kids.html>

Capitol Choices - More reviews by librarians, frequently updated. www.capitolchoices.org

Free Rice - Improve your vocabulary, math facts, grammar or geography while earning rice for the United Nations' World Food Program. www.freerice.com

National Geographic Kids - From kids' book reviews, to geography games to world statistics, National Geographic offers lots. www.kids.nationalgeographic.com

Origami Instruction - Create animals, hats and fireworks with paper and patience.
www.origami-instruction.com

“Textonpictures” - app for making memes with your photos or anyone else's. Don't forget to credit the source.