

Raven, Nicky (Retold by). **Beowulf: A Tale of Blood, Heat, and Ashes**

A modern, illustrated retelling of the Anglo-Saxon epic about the heroic efforts of Beowulf, son of Ecgtheow, to save the people of Heorot Hall from the terrible monster, Grendel. (Non-fiction, literature)

Tan, Amy. **The Joy Luck Club**

Contains sixteen interwoven stories about conflict between Chinese immigrant mothers and their American-raised daughters. (Fiction)

More great reads for any grade level

Fiction

Anderson, Laurie Halse. **Speak**

Anderson, Laurie Halse. **Wintergirls**

Card, Orson Scott. **Ender's Game**

Crutcher, Chris. **Whale Talk**

Frost, Helen. **Keesha's House**

Heiligman, Deborah. **Charles and Emma: The Darwins' Leap of Faith**

Meyer, Stephanie. **The Host**

Reinhardt, Dana. **How to Build a House**

Yang, Gene Luen. **American Born Chinese**

Non-Fiction

Davis, Tanita. **Mare's War**

Hamilton, Virginia. **Many Thousand Gone: African Americans from Slavery to Freedom**

Myers, Walter Dean. **The Greatest: Muhammed Ali**

Nelson, Vaunda Micheaux. **Bad News for the Outlaws: The Remarkable Life of Bass Reeves, Deputy U.S. Marshal**

Oppenheim, Joanne. **Dear Miss Breed**

Schlosser, Eric and Charles Wilson. **Chew on this: Everything you don't Want to Know about Fast Food**

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Splash into Summer Reading

What better way to relax over the summer than with a great book!



Why Spend Your Summer Reading?

Dear Parents and Students:

We believe reading during the summer vacation months contributes significantly to a student's academic growth. As a result, we recommend that our students read at least three books this summer.

This brochure provides a sample of books that students may choose from. It has been designed to provide for various reading levels and interests. However, students may substitute any other grade appropriate book. We advise parents and students to select books wisely. Summer reading should be an enjoyable experience, and the books chosen should be appropriate for the student both in terms of content and level of difficulty.

Also, the Lansingburgh branch of the Troy Public Library will be open this summer for students to check out books. The back of this brochure details hours and location. What a great way to beat the heat!!

Just like swimming or throwing a baseball, reading is a skill that improves with practice. Let's encourage reading! The entire faculty and staff at Lansingburgh High School look forward to seeing you in the fall! Happy reading!



8th Graders Entering 9th Grade

Engle, Margarita. **The Poet Slave of Cuba**

The biography of Juan Francisco, a Cuban slave who escapes to become a celebrated poet. Story told in poetry. (Non-fiction, poetry, biography)

Hoose, Phillip. **Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice**

Presents the life of the Alabama teenager who played an integral but little-known role in the Montgomery bus strike of 1955-1956. (Non-fiction, biography)

Weeks, Sarah. **So B. It**

After spending her life with her mentally retarded mother and agoraphobic neighbor, Heidi sets out from Reno, Nevada to New York to find out who she really is. (Fiction)

Yancey, Rick. **The Monstrumologist**

Will Henry, orphan and assistant to a monstrumologist, races against time to save his town (and himself) from the anthropophagi, a pod of monstrous creatures who prey on humans. (Fiction)

9th Graders Entering 10th Grade

Bartoletti, Susan Campbell. **Hitler Youth: Growing up in Hitler's Shadow**

Gives voice to the youth of Europe who were forced with choosing between indoctrination into the Nazi party or being targeted as undersirables and how they dealt with the consequences at the end of World War II. (Non-fiction)

Crisler, Curtis L. **Tough Boy Sonatas**

A collection of poems depicts the lives of poverty, crime, despair and lost innocence of African American teenagers growing up in Gary, Indiana. (Non-fiction, poetry)

Rapp, Adam. **Punkzilla**

Fourteen-year-old runaway Jamie, homeless and having difficulties with drug addiction, embarks on a harrowing journey to reach his dying brother. (Fiction)

Smith, Betty. **A Tree Grows in Brooklyn**

A young girl comes of age in the squalor and poverty of the Brooklyn slums. (Fiction)

Wells, H.G. **The Time Machine**

Further proving his theory that time is the fourth dimension, the Time Traveller tells his stories of travel and adventure throughout the ages. (Fiction)

10th Graders Entering 11th Grade

Bray, Libba. **Going Bovine**

Cameron, a sixteen-year-old slacker, sets off on a madcap road trip along with a punk angel, a dwarf sidekick, a yard gnome and a mad scientist to save the world and perhaps his own life. (Fiction)

Dickens, Charles. **David Copperfield**

A young boy in 19th-century London runs away from an unhappy home, finds employment in a wine factory, and becomes acquainted with a wide variety of characters in the city streets. (Fiction)

Golding, William. **Lord of the Flies**

After a plane crash strands them on a tropical island while the rest of the world is ravaged by war, a group of British schoolboys attempt to form a civilized society but descends into brutal anarchy. (Fiction)

Orwell, George. **1984**

Eternal warfare, the price of bleak prosperity in satire of totalitarian barbarism. (Fiction)

Huxley, Aldous. **Brave New World**

A satirical novel about the Utopia of the future, when babies are decanted

11th Graders Entering 12th Grade

Chaucer, Geoffrey. **The Canterbury Tales**

A company of thirty-one pilgrims tell their stories on the way to the shrine of St. Thomas at Canterbury. (Fiction, literature)

Hemingway, Ernest. **A Farewell to Arms**

An American ambulance driver serving on the Austro-Italian front becomes entangled with an English nurse and deserts to join her after the retreat of Caparetto. (Fiction)

Turn over for more great reads!