

Leon High School Summer Reading 2018

Many of this year's reading selections were taken from the **Florida Association for Media in Education Florida Teens Read** book list for 2017-18. Additional titles are provided by your English teachers as



books that we consider must-reads. **The mission of our summer reading is to encourage students to read enjoyable, quality literature that will stimulate imagination, awaken curiosity, expand horizons, enhance verbal fluency, and foster critical thinking and a lifelong love for reading and learning.**

Florida Teens Read nominates ten to fifteen books per year. The books nominated were chosen to:

- ❖ Engage high school students
- ❖ Reflect interests of high school students
- ❖ Represent a variety of genres, formats, reading levels, viewpoints, and ethnic and cultural perspectives

DISCLAIMER: The books listed below are chosen for high school students grades nine through twelve. In order to engage their interest and to provide a spur to critical thinking, the book selections include those that involve sensitive issues. The content of some of the titles may be more mature than younger students may have previously encountered. Please recognize that this is a voluntary reading program. Not every book selected will suit every student.

Parents: Please use your judgment in helping your child choose a book that you find suitable.

Florida Teens Read 2017-2018 Book List

- All We Have Left*** by Wendy Mills (historical fiction/ contemporary)
- The Darkest Corners*** by Kara Thomas (mystery/thriller)
- Geek's Guide to Unrequited Love*** by Sarvenaz Tash (contemporary/romance)
- Highly Illogical Behavior*** by John Corey Whaley (contemporary/LGBT)
- Holding Up the Universe*** by Jennifer Niven (contemporary/romance)
- Kids of Appetite*** by David Arnold (contemporary/realistic fiction)
- Learning to Swear in America*** by Katie Kennedy (contemporary/ science fiction)
- My Lady Jane*** by Cynthia Hand, Ashton Brodi and Jodi Meadows (historical fiction/fantasy)
- Rebel of the Sands*** by Alwyn Hamilton (fantasy)
- Salt to the Sea*** by Ruta Sepetys (fantasy)
- Samurai Rising: The Epic Life of Minamoto Yishune*** by Pamela S. Turner (nonfiction)
- Scythe*** by Neal Shusterman (science fiction/dystopia)
- The Serpent King*** by Jeff Zentner (contemporary/fiction)
- Tell Me Three Things*** by Julie Buxbaum (contemporary/romance)
- Three Dark Crowns*** by Kendare Blake (fantasy)

Additional titles suggested by your teachers:

The Time Machine by H.G. Wells

Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott

Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens

Robinson Crusoe by Daniel Defoe

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou

Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte

Dracula by Bram Stoker

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain

On the Road by Jack Kerouac

My Name is Asher Lev by Chaim Potok

Participation in summer reading is voluntary for all grades **with the exception** of those students enrolled in AP Language and Composition, AP Literature, and FAMU English for the 2018-19 school year. Students in these classes will be receiving additional information regarding their assignments.

Your Assignment is to read books you find of interest and share them with your family. That's it---read and enjoy!

Enjoy your summer. We look forward to seeing you in the fall. 😊

Per School Board Policy 2240, Leon County Schools recognizes that certain instructional materials may conflict with a student's or parent's value system. In such cases, a parent may request in writing an alternative summer reading assignment. Please direct inquiries to Stacy Fabrega.