

Leon High School Summer Reading 2025

Many of this year's reading selections were taken from the **Florida Association for Media in Education Florida Teens Read** book list for 2025-26. 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 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 presented will suit every student.

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

Florida Teens Read 2025-2026 Book List

All the Fighting Parts by Hannah V. Sawyer
Another First Chance by Robbie Couch
Bring Me Your Midnight by Rachel Griffin
Going Dark by Melissa De La Cruz
Pieces of Me by Kate Mclaughlin
Ready or Not by Andi Poretta
Rez Ball by Byron Graves
The Bad Ones by Melissa Albert
The Kill Factor by Ben Oliver
Stars and Smoke by Marie Lu
Star Splitter by Matthew J. Kirby
Sunrise Nights by Jeff Zenter and Brittany Cavallaro
Swimming in the Sea of Stars by Julie Wright
Twelfth Knight by Alexene Farol Follmuth
Wander in the Dar. by Jumata Emill

Please see the Leon High School website to read a brief description of each book.

Additional titles loved by your teachers:

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith
All Quiet on the Western Front by Erich Maria Remarque
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain
The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho
Dracula by Bram Stoker
The Fountainhead by Ayn Rand
Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou
Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte
Life of Pi by Yann Martel
Little Women by Louisa May Alcott
Midnight's Children by Salman Rushdie
My Name is Asher Lev by Chaim Potok
Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens
On the Road by Jack Kerouac
Robinson Crusoe by Daniel Defoe
The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd
The Time Machine by H.G. Wells
Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson

Participation in summer reading is voluntary for all grades **except for** those students enrolled in AP Language and Composition and AP Literature for the 2024-25 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 friends and 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 Mindy Fulton