



2020 High School Summer Reading Program

Objective

The purpose of the PPS Summer Reading Program is to encourage and support independent reading habits and instill a love of reading as a lifelong leisure activity that can provide hours of enjoyment. In addition, the ability to read well is crucial to college and career readiness, and research shows that frequent independent reading has a direct correlation to reading achievement and improves vocabulary and writing skills.

Requirements for All Students

All incoming Grade 9-12 students are asked to read at least ONE book from this year's [HS Summer Reading Book List](#) over the summer (multiple books are encouraged!). Students should complete the [HS Summer Reading Assignment](#) for their book (either fiction or nonfiction) and bring it to K block when they return. The purpose of a one-pager is to show the themes, conflicts, connections, and big ideas of the book in both an analytical and visually creative way. Look on the [Plymouth Public Schools / Homepage](#) for more models, as well as a Summer Reading video with detailed instructions, examples, and criteria. In the fall, students will share their reading with their peers.

Additional Honors/AP English Requirements

Students who are enrolled in Honors English (grades 9-11) are asked to complete a writing task in addition to their choice summer reading book and one-pager. Information about this Honors assignment can be found [here](#). Students who are enrolled in an Advanced Placement course should check [this link](#) for more information.

Book List

As always, we have created a [list](#) to represent a variety of genres, accommodate a range of reading levels, and apply to a wide range of interests. Choice is a key element of fostering a love of reading, and it is our hope that all students will find one or more books that they will find enjoyable. In light of the current situation, we have worked to identify a number of books that students can access through our free school library ebook collections and/or that are easily accessible online. Parents and guardians are encouraged to assist students in making choices that are appropriate based on reading level, interest, and maturity level and are acceptable to both the student and his/her family.

Additional Information

The link to the book list, templates, and entire summer reading packet is available via the Plymouth Public Schools webpage, and paper copies will be made available at the PPS Administration Building. We also encourage students to access the Plymouth Public Library [Youth Services Department](#) webpage for resources and information on how to get a library card, how to access their ebook options, and teen and tween events.

Questions:

Thank you for your support of the 2020 Summer Reading Program. If you have any questions, please contact your child's building principal or Dr. Lisa White, English Language Arts & Library Media Coordinator: lwhite@plymouth.k12.ma.us. Have a wonderful summer!

Reading gives us someplace to go when we have to stay where we are."
~Mason Cooley