

SUMMER READING



Newton County School System
SUMMER 2021
 Grades 6-12

Kids who read beat the summer slide. The amount of time children spend reading outside of school is linked to gains in reading achievement. Numerous studies show that access to books and magazines is directly related to higher reading achievement. During the summer, it is *suggested* that every middle and high school student (grades 6th - 12th) read (1) book and complete (1) assignment on that book.

The lists on the page are **SUGGESTED** lists of appropriate grade-level books; however, this year, students will be allowed to read any book they choose as long as it is age-appropriate AND content- appropriate. **See these resources for free access to online texts:**

<https://librivox.org/>, <https://openlibrary.org/collections/k-12>, <https://www.gutenberg.org/>, <https://manybooks.net/>, or <https://www.overdrive.com/>.

As a means of recognizing the student's effort, the assignment will be collected during the 3rd week of school and counted as an **extra credit** grade for the first marking period of the 2021-2022 school year. Students will be awarded up to **20** points of extra credit on their first unit test.

BOOK SUGGESTIONS

Rising 6th	Rising 7th	Rising 8th	Rising 9th	Rising 10th	Rising 11th	Rising 12th
<i>Artemis Fowl</i> Eoin Colfer	<i>Eragon</i> Christopher Paolini	<i>Pride and Prejudice</i> Jane Austen	<i>The Catcher in the Rye</i> J.D Salinger	<i>The Life of Pi</i> Yann Martel	<i>Cold Mountain</i> Charles Frazier	<i>Letters to a Young Brother</i> Hill Harper
<i>Bad Boy</i> Walter Dean Myers	<i>Peak</i> Roland Smith	<i>Soldier's Heart</i> Gary Paulsen	<i>Jurassic Park</i> <i>Michael Crichton</i>	<i>The Stranger</i> Albert Camus	<i>All the Pretty Horses</i> Cormac McCarthy	<i>House of Sane and Fog</i> Andre Dubus III
<i>Small Steps</i> Louis Sachar	<i>Guts</i> Gary Paulsen	<i>Football Hero</i> Tim Green	<i>The Secret Life of Bees</i> Sue Monk Kidd	<i>Wandering Warrior</i> Da Chen	<i>Cold Sassy Tree</i> Olive Ann Burns	<i>A Yellow Raft in Blue Water</i> Michael Dorris
<i>Hatchet</i> Gary Paulsen	<i>Ungifted</i> Gordan Korman	<i>White Fang</i> Jack London	<i>The Fault in our Stars</i> John Green	<i>The Perks of Being a Wallflower</i> Stephen Chbosky	<i>My Beloved World</i> Sonia Sotmayor	<i>Makes Me Wanna Holler</i> Nathan McCall

SUMMER READING



Newton County School System
SUMMER 2021
Grades 6-12

Assignments

Middle School (pick 1)

- Create a **flyer** with essential information using www.smore.com
- Create a **book summary** using PowToon, Storyboard That, etc.
- Create a **rap / poem/ song** (at least 4 verses / stanzas)
- Create a **Novel Word Cloud**. Type at least 20 words that help describe the setting, characters, plot, conflicts, tone, and themes in the novel.
- Create a **Quizlet study guide**
- Write a **letter** to the author explaining who your favorite character is, why you like that character, and why you liked the book

High School (pick 1)

- Create a piece of **artwork** (painting, sculpture, or other medium) that represents your understanding of the major themes, ideas, or messages in the novel. Include a typed 1-page reflection that shows your thorough understanding of the *entire* novel and makes a clear connection between your artwork and the novel.
- Create a **scrapbook** (10 pages minimum) filled with objects and captions such as pictures, postcards, etc. that relate to events, characters, plot details, messages, and themes in the book. This scrapbook should include sufficient detail to demonstrate that you have read and understood the whole novel.
- Create at least 40 **tweets** from one character to another at pivotal external or internal events. Be sure to caption each tweet with what part of the book this tweet would have taken place and what was happening in the novel at that time.
- Create a queue of 10 **Netflix** movies for the protagonist. Explain why the character wants to view each movie. How are character's thoughts, struggles, and triumphs mirrored in the movie choices?
- Create a **soundtrack** to go with your novel. Choose 10 songs you feel represent specific times throughout the novel. Write a description for each song that explains why you chose the song and what part of the book it pertains.
- Create an **ABC Book** for the selected novel. Using the alphabet, students will explore the characters, setting, symbols, literary devices, etc. that are relevant to the novel. Each page must include the word the letter stands for, a visual representation of the word, and a 4 - 5 sentence explanation of its relevance.

Local Library Contact Information:

Covington - 770-787-3231

www.newtonlibrary.org

Nancy Guinn- 770-388-5040

www.conyersrockdalelibrary.org

Newborn Library - 770-787-1126

Porter Memorial - 678-729-1388

Important Information

Newton County Libraries

The Newton County Library System now offers both "Library to Go" and Curbside Service! Curbside is offered at the Covington Branch every Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. by APPOINTMENT ONLY. Pick-up will take place from the main entrance of the Covington Branch Library on Floyd Street. (Please follow the arrows in the parking lot to the entrance.) When picking up holds, the library staff requests that masks be worn for protection of all parties; the staff will also wear masks. Customers are encouraged to browse the PINES catalog and place items on hold for curbside pickup. Library items may be placed on hold via the PINES website or by visiting www.newtonlibraries.org and clicking on the PINES icon.

Library to Go Visits "Inside":

Covington- Wednesdays only- 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (senior hours 11:00 a.m. to Noon)

Porter-Sundays only 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Please observe the following guidelines for the safety of all staff and patrons:

- Limit the number of users
- 30 minute limit inside the library
- Wear a mask at all times
- Please use hand sanitizer upon entry
- Observe social distance of six feet or more
- Return all items using the outside book drop only

Rockdale County Libraries

Nancy Guinn Library, in Conyers, is preparing to open without appointments on May 17, 2021. The library will continue to offer curbside service each Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Customers are encouraged to browse the PINES catalog at <https://conyersrockdalelibrary.org/> for in-house pick up or place items on hold for Friday's curbside pick-up. The library is currently renovating, so space is limited. The children's department will be closed for a week (May 21 through May 29, 2021), in order to move the department downstairs. Please remember, masks are required in the facility. You may call the library to schedule a pick-up time or stop by the library during hours of operation to pick-up holds.

The library hours are:

Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Friday and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Closed Sunday

PINES System

Please use the site link <https://gapines.org/eg/opac/home> to access the PINES Libraries across Georgia.

The site offers valuable information, which include:

- Applying for a PINES Library Card
- New Items at PINES Libraries across Georgia
- Choosing library selections
- Library locations
- Galileo virtual library