

Top Teen Summer Reads

Below is a list of books that have been suggested by Nagel Staff. **Content Related Books** will give students background/time period information that will be useful in class. **Just for Fun Books** are popular books with Nagel 7th and 8th grade students that you might also enjoy. Nagel Media Center will be open on: June 16 & 30 July 14 & 28 August 11 for summer checkouts. Fun, Prizes and Fun! Read these great young adult novels and avoid the summer brain drain ☺

Content Related Books

Medieval

Mary Bloody Mary by Carolyn Meyer 830L*
Sword of the Rightful King by Jane Yolen 1010L*
Beware, Princess Elizabeth by Carolyn Meyer 910L*

Ancient Civilizations

Atticus of Rome by Barry Denenberg 1100L**
The Secrets of Vesuvius Caroline Lawrence 680L**
The Pirates of Pompeii by Caroline Lawrence 680L**
The Thieves of Ostia by Caroline Lawrence 720L**
Canterbury Tales by Geoffrey Chaucer

Civil War

Iron Thunder: Battle Between Monitor & Merrimac by Avi 620L**
Second Sight by Gary Blackwood 660L*
Soldier's Heart by Gary Paulsen 1000L**
Gone With the Wind by Margaret Mitchell 1100L*
Bull Run by Paul Fleishman 810L*

American Revolution

War Comes to Willy Freeman by James Collier 800L*
Freedom's Fire by J. Trent 670L*
Finishing Becca by Ann Rinaldi 620L**
Soldier's Secret by Sheila Klass

Historical Fiction

Uprising by Margaret Peterson Haddix 790L**
The Boy Who Dared by Susan Bartoletti 760L*
Chains by Laurie Anderson 780L*
A Tugging String by David Greenberg*

Science

Night of the Twisters by Ivy Ruckman 790L*
Cayman Gold by Richard Trout 780L
Life as We Knew It by Susan Pfeffer 770L*
White Darkness by G. McCreaghlin 850L
Who Really Killed Cock Robin by J. George Craighead 830L*
Hoot by Carl Hiaasen 760L**
Flush by Carl Hiaasen 830L**
Scat by Carl Hiaasen 810L*

Non-Fiction

Three Little Words: A Memoir by A. Rhodes-Courter 810L*
I Am Scout: The Biography of Harper Lee 1120L*
Rachel Carson, Voice For the Earth by G. Wadsworth 1030L*

Too Old for this, Too Young for That: Your Survival Guide for Middle-School Years by H. Mosatche*
Leaders of Women's Suffrage by Liza Burby*

Just for Fun-Genre Reading

Mystery

Christopher Killer by Alane Ferguson 800L**
Cover-Up by John Feinstein 780*
Kingdom Keepers by Ridley Pearson 640L**

Science Fiction

Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card 780L*
Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by D. Adams 1000L*
Maximum Ride Series by James Patterson 700L*

Fantasy

The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan 740L**
Book of a Thousand Days by Shannon Hale 850L*
Princess Academy by Shannon Hale 890L*
The Alchemyst by Michael Scott 890L**

Sports Fiction

Losing is Not an Option by Rich Wallace 760L*
High Heat by Carl Deuker 620L*
Summer Ball by Mike Lupica 910L*
Heat by Mike Lupica 940L*
Football Genius by Tim Green 800L*

Realistic Fiction

Many Stones by Carolyn Coman 830L*
Make Lemonade by Virginia Euwer Wolff 890L*
How I Live Now by Meg Rosoff 1620L*

Adventure/Survival

The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins 810L**
Crossing the Wire by Will Hobbs 670L**

Classics

Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson*
Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain

Key

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L-Lexile--reading comprehension measurement. The approximate range for 7th & 8th graders is 800-1100

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