



**Today a reader,  
tomorrow a leader.**



## Summer Reading

The books on this list come highly recommended by kid readers from all over the country and may also be available in eBook, audio book, braille, and large formats.

Reading can be one of many fun activities children can choose to fill their summer time and to combat summer slide.

## SUFFOLK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### SUMMER READING LIST GRADES 9-12



**Akata Witch  
by Nnedi Okorafor**

Speak, 2017  
ISBN: 9780142420911  
Akata Witch weaves together a heart-pounding tale of magic, mystery, and finding one's place in the world.

**All American Boys  
by Jason Reynolds & Brendan Kiely**

Atheneum/Caitlyn Dlouhy Books, 2017  
ISBN: 9781481463348  
In this New York Times bestselling novel, two teens—one black, one white—grapple with the repercussions of a single violent act that leaves their school, their community, and, ultimately, the country bitterly divided by racial tension.

**Almost American Girl  
by Robin Ha**

Balzer & Bray, 2020  
ISBN: 9780062685094  
A teen graphic novel memoir about a Korean born, non-English speaking girl who is abruptly transplanted from Seoul to Huntsville, Alabama, and struggles with extreme culture shock and isolation, until she discovers her passion for comic arts.

**Children of Blood & Bone**

by Tomi Adeyemi  
Henry Holt & Co., 2018  
ISBN: 9781250170972  
Zélie Adebola remembers when the soil of Orisha hummed with magic. But everything changed the night magic disappeared. Under the orders of a ruthless king, maji were killed, leaving Zélie without a mother and her people without hope.

**Cinderella is Dead  
by Kalynn Bayron**

Bloomsbury, 2020  
ISBN: 9781547603879  
It's 200 years after Cinderella found her prince, but the fairy tale is over. Teen girls are now required to appear at the Annual Ball, where the men of the kingdom select wives based on a girl's display of finery. If a suitable match is not found, the girls not chosen are never heard from again.

**Fat Chance, Charlie Vega  
by Crystal Maldonado**

Holiday House, 2021  
ISBN: 9780823447176  
Coming of age as a Fat brown girl in a white Connecticut suburb is hard. Harder when your whole life is on fire, though.

**Home is Not a Country  
by Safia Elhillo**

Make Me a World, 2021  
ISBN: 9780593177051  
This powerful novel-inverse captures one girl, caught between cultures, on an unexpected journey to face the ephemeral girl she might have been. Woven through with moments of lyrical beauty, this is a tender meditation on family, belonging, and home.

**I Will Always Write Back**

**by Martin Ganda & Caitlin Alifirenka**

Little, Brown, 2016  
ISBN: 9780316241335  
In this compelling dual memoir, Caitlin and Martin recount how they became best friends -- and better people -- through their long distance exchange. Their story will inspire you to look beyond your own life and wonder about the world at large and your place in it.

**Long Way Down  
by Jason Reynolds**

Atheneum/Caitlyn Dlouhy Books, 2019  
ISBN: 9781481438261  
Jason Reynolds's electrifying novel that takes place in sixty potent seconds—the time it takes a kid to decide whether or not he's going to murder the guy who killed his brother.

**Renegades  
by Marissa Meyer**

Square Fish, 2018  
ISBN: 9781250180636  
The Renegades are a syndicate of prodigies—humans with extraordinary abilities—who emerged from the ruins of a crumbled society and established peace and order where chaos reigned. As champions of justice, they remain a symbol of hope and courage to everyone...except the villains they once overthrew.

**Scythe  
by Neal Shusterman**

Simon & Schuster, 2017  
ISBN: 9781442472433  
A world with no hunger, no disease, no war, no misery. Now Scythes are the only ones who can end life—and they are commanded to do so, in order to keep the size of the population under control.



**Undeclared: Jim Thorpe & the Carlisle Indian School Football Team**

**by Steve Sheinkin**  
Roaring Brook Press, 2017

ISBN: 9781596439542  
Before Jim Thorpe and Pop Warner became legends, they met in 1907 at the Carlisle Indian Industrial School in Pennsylvania, where they forged one of the winningest teams in American football history. Called "the team that invented football," they took on the best opponents of their day, defeating much more privileged schools such as Harvard and the Army in a series of breathtakingly close calls, genius plays, and bone crushing hard work.

**Solo  
by Kwame Alexander**

Blink, 2017  
ISBN: 9780310761839  
the story of seventeen year-old Blade Morrison, who is being crushed between the scathing tabloids exposing his former rock-star-father's addictions and a protected secret that threatens his own identity.