

Lowell High School Summer Reading 2020



**"Reading takes us away from home, but more important,
it finds homes for us everywhere."**

-Hazel Rochman, Journalist, Teacher, and Editor at the American Library Association

Spring 2020 found all of us spending more time in our homes. Quarantine and social distancing meant we were physically apart from each other and, for many of us, that meant that the world felt a little bit smaller. This summer, we hope each member of the LHS community will shake off that sense of confinement through reading. We encourage you to read books that will take you on adventures, present you with new ideas and offer you new perspectives.

We encourage you to choose your own reading selections this summer. We are providing you with suggested reading lists and resources for supporting independent reading. We invite you to choose what and how you read - and hope that you will engage with a wide range of text-types, platforms, and voices. In a time of new rules and restrictions, we hope you will feel empowered by this freedom and be inspired by the endless possibilities.

Our hope for Summer 2020 is that all members of our LHS community will:

- 1. make reading a habit - devoting time every day to some form of reading**
- 2. make a commitment to reading a minimum of one book this summer**
- 3. share your reading experience by completing one of the extra credit options below**

Please visit the Lowell High School enrichment site for a complete list of book lists and resources. That site can be accessed by [clicking here](#).

We will continue to update the enrichment page throughout the summer. If you find a great read, please share with Mrs. Keefe - she will in turn share your recommendation with others. You can email your book suggestions to: skeefe@lowell.k12.ma.us

****Please Note: Students enrolled in English 3HH, Advanced Placement English Lit, and Dual Enrollment English Composition have summer assignments specific to their courses. Information can be found on the English page of the LHS website.**

Resources and book lists to help you find the right read:

- Lowell High School's Library Resources
https://lowell-ma.libguides.com/Digital_Literacy_SummerReading_AND_Listening
- Lowell High School's list of staff suggestions
[Books We Are Grateful For](#)
- Lowell's Pollard Library will be offering curbside pick up this summer!
[Click here to go to the Pollard Library website](#)
- National Public Radio's list of popular Young Adult books
[Click here for NPR's List](#)
- Diversity Book Lists from GoodReads
[Click here for GoodReads' List](#)
- Black Lives Matter: A Reading List for Young Adults (Skokie Public Library)
[Click here for Skokie Library's List](#)
- Real life, personal stories to inspire teens:
[Click here to see suggestions for 10 Great Memoirs](#)
- Nonfiction Page-Turners
[Click here to see suggestions for nonfiction titles](#)
- A collection of short stories organized by genre and length:
[Short Stories at East of the Web](#)
- What's popular right now around the country:
[New York Times Best Sellers](#)
- Free audiobooks from Audible (check out the teen offerings)
[Free Audiobooks for Kids | Audible.com](#)

Read Some Poetry

- [Poetry Foundation](#)
- [BOXCAR Poetry Review](#)
- [Poetry 180: A Poem a Day for American High Schools, a Project from Poet Laureate](#)
- [poets.org | Academy of American Poets](#)
- [Poems written by teens](#)

Read about Current Events and News:

- [Newsela](#): provides literacy content for many different subjects and interests. Log-in with your school email to explore available articles.
- [The Players' Tribune](#): provides athletes with a platform to connect directly with their fans, in their own words by publishing first-person stories from athletes, providing unique insight into the daily sports conversation. No account necessary.
- [Science News for Students](#): a free, award-winning online publication dedicated to providing news to learners. No account necessary.

Resources for Becoming a Better Reader

- **Video: How to Read When You Hate Reading: Five Tips and Tricks**
[How to Read When You Hate Reading - 5 Tips and Tricks](#)
- **Video: How to Remember More of What You Read:**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xw8KuGD1fJ4&t=1s>
- **Article: “Be a Better Reader in 7 Days” from *The New York Times***
[NYT Programs – Be a Better Reader in 7 Days](#)

Extra Credit Opportunities

Coming soon...please check back!