

Beavercreek High School

Summer 2021 - Optional Summer Reading

For Incoming students in grade 10-12

Students are encouraged, but not required, to read one or more books from the list below.

*Honors English 10, AP Language and Composition, and AP Literature and Composition will have required reading assignments. Course instructors will distribute these assignments, post them on their websites, and make them available on the school website.

Fiction List:

Be Not Far from Me by Mindy McGinnis. Katherine Tegen Books/HarperCollins. 9780062561626.

Ashley Hawkins has spent a lot of time learning survival skills, but they may not be enough when she takes off on her own during a camping trip; a nasty fall leaves her alone with a broken foot and nothing but the clothes on her back.

Cemetery Boys by Aiden Thomas. Swoon Reads/Macmillan. 9781250250469.

When trans-Latinx teen Yadriel accidentally summons the wrong ghost while trying to prove to his family that he is a real brujo, he must find a way to help Julian get what he wants so he can release him to the afterlife.

Clap When You Land by Elizabeth Acevedo. HarperTeen/HarperCollins. 9780062882769.

Camino Rios waits at the airport for a flight that never arrives, while Yahaira Rios finds out that her father has died in a plane crash. Little do these girls know, they are sisters sharing a father who lived a double life with families in both the Bronx and the Dominican Republic.

Deeplight by Frances Hardinge. Amulet Books/ABRAMS. 9781419743207.

The gods are gone, but pieces of them remain. When Hark finds the still-beating heart of a dead god, he uses it to save his friend Jelt's life. As Jelt slowly transforms into a monstrous version of himself, Hark must decide if the consequences are worth it.

Grown by Tiffany D. Jackson. Katherine Tegen Books/HarperCollins. 9780062840356.

Enchanted feels like she is in a dream when big star Korey Fields mentors her singing career, but the dream quickly turns into an obsessive, violent nightmare.

More Than Just a Pretty Face by Syed M. Masood. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers/Hachette. 9780316492355.

Danyal is a pretty face but not much of a student. Then he gets a chance to be recognized academically at school and impress the girl of his dreams. But Bisma, the book-smart girl who helps him with his project, keeps edging into his heart.

Raybearer by Jordan Ifueko. Amulet Books/ABRAMS. 9781419739828.

When Tarisai is chosen to be a member of the Crown Prince's Council of Eleven, she must fight against the magical wish to which her mother, The Lady, has bound her: gain the prince's trust and then kill him.

This Is My America by Kim Johnson. Random House Books for Young Readers. 9780593118764.

With the clock ticking on her father's death-row sentence and her brother accused of killing a white classmate, Tracy has just 267 days to uncover the racist secrets of her small Texas town and prove her family's innocence.

We Are Not from Here by Jenny Torres Sanchez. Philomel Books/Penguin Random House. 9781984812261. Pulga and Pequeña are at a crossroads. Life in their town is ruled by violence, and gang leader Rey has his hooks in them

both. If they want to live, Pulga, Pequeña, and Pulga's friend Chico must flee Guatemala to the U.S. border aboard the dangerous trains known as "La Bestia."

What I Carry by Jennifer Longo. Random House Books for Young Readers. 9780553537710.

White 17-year-old Muir has spent her entire life in foster care following strict rules for herself to prepare for surviving in the real world. As she begins her last foster placement before she ages out, Muir struggles to keep her distance and protect her heart.

Non-Fiction List:

All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team, by Christina Soontornvat. Candlewick Press. 9781536209457

On June 23, 2018, twelve young soccer players and their coach became trapped by floodwaters in a northern Thailand cave. Clear maps, diagrams, photography, and first-hand interviews capture every detail of the rescue of all thirteen, an effort made by hundreds of volunteers. Their rescue seemed impossible but, as Christina Soontornvat shows in this page-turning book, miracles sometimes happen.

The Cat I Never Named: A True Story of Love, War, and Survival, Amra Sabic-El-Rayess with Laura L. Sullivan. Bloomsbury YA. 9781547604531

In 1992 Amra's life is forever changed when Serbian troops seize her hometown of Bihać, Bosnia. Her family and other Muslims face hate, violence, and unimaginable horrors of war. An enlightening memoir of a Muslim teen trying to survive through the Bosnian genocide and the stray cat that protected her family throughout all her ordeals.

How We Got To The Moon: The People, Technology, and Daring Feats of Science Behind Humanity's Greatest Adventure, by John Rocco. Crown Books for Young Readers, an imprint of Random House Children's Books, a division of Penguin Random House. 9780525647416

This extensively researched and illustrated account demonstrates the magnitude of ingenuity and creativity involved in the years' long effort to reach the moon. John Rocco's exquisite illustrations and diagrams pair perfectly with his clear text to illuminate "the grit, determination, and hard work to achieve the goal - also the problem-solving, the organization, the science, and the sheer cleverness of it all."

The Rise & Fall of Charles Lindbergh, by Candace Fleming. Schwartz and Wade. 9780525646549

Charles Lindberg is one of the most complicated figures in American history. Celebrated aviator, dogged scientist, heartbroken father, Nazi sympathizer, anti-Semite, unapologetic eugenicist, Candace Fleming shows all the facets of a deeply flawed American hero. In a well-researched, engaging narrative, Fleming brings Lindberg to life, warts and all.

You Call This Democracy?: How to Fix Our Democracy and Deliver Power to the People, by Elizabeth Rusch. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books for Young Readers. 9780358387428

From gerrymandering and the Electoral College to voter suppression and unequal representation, Elizabeth Rusch breaks down some of the most important problems facing our country's representative democracy. This nonpartisan guide to civic engagement offers ample suggestions for how teens can become involved in political reform.

Hillbilly Elegy by J.D. Vance HarperCollins Publishers. 9780062300553

J. D. Vance tells the true story of what a social, regional, and class decline feels like when you were born with it hung around your neck.

Educated by Tara Westover Random House Publishing Group. 9780399590504

An unforgettable memoir about a young woman who, kept out of school, leaves her survivalist family and goes on to earn a Ph.D. from Cambridge University.

Lists and summaries are taken in part from YALSA (Young Adult Library Services Association)