

West Scranton High School Summer Reading List

Grades 9-12

2010-2011 School Year

One of the greatest abilities we possess as humans is the ability to read. Reading opens our minds to many different worlds – worlds we otherwise might not have the opportunity to explore. It is the objective of this program to help enrich and further develop students’ reading skills.

**Therefore, please realize that this program is not optional.**

Upon returning to school, students will be evaluated during **the first month of school** regarding their comprehension of the selected title. **Any student absent on the day of the summer reading test and not possessing a legal excuse (i.e. doctor, court, funeral, military) will be permitted to make up the test but will not be awarded a score higher than a 75%.** Students’ scores will be calculated as part of their first quarter average; this score **must** be included and may not be dropped.

One key to making a summer reading program successful is to make the experience enjoyable to everyone. In an attempt to do this, West Scranton will allow the students to choose their own book from the following list which represents a variety of high-quality titles addressing many interests and audiences. Students are encouraged to read book descriptions before making their selection. A computerized Accelerated Reader test will be administered during the month of September in the students’ scheduled English classes. **Students are required to choose at least ONE (1) book from this comprehensive list. Students will be tested on the book they select during the second week of school in September.**

**Title and Author**

*The Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie

*The Adoration of Jenna Fox* by Mary E. Fox

*The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho

*The Alchemyst (The Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel)* by Scott, Michael

*All the Pretty Horses* by Cormic McCarthy

*The Bean Trees* by Barbara Kingsolver

*The Braid* by Frost, Helen

*Bronx Masquerade* by Nikki Grimes

*Catch 22* by Joseph Heller

*The Chocolate War* by Robert Cormier

*Code Orange* by Cooney, Caroline B.

*The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night* by Mark Haddon

*A Curse as Dark as Gold* by Elizabeth C. Bunce

*Day of Tears: A Novel in Dialogue* by Lester, Julius

*Dead Connection* by Price, Charles

*Deadline* by Crutcher, Chris

*The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau Banks* by E. Lockhart

*Does My Head Look Big in This?* By Abdel-Fattah, Randa

*Elsewhere* by Gabrielle Zevin

*Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan

*Everlost* by Neal Shusterman

*Evolution, Me and Other Freaks of Nature* by Brande, Robin

*The First Part Last* by Angela Johnson

*Flight* by Alexie, Sherman

*The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman

*The Guardian* by Nicholas Sparks

*The Glitch in Sleep* by Hulme, John and Michael Wexler

*The God of Animals* by Aryn KYle

*Hattie Big Sky* by Larson, Kirby

*Holdup Fields* by Fields, Terri

*Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins

*Juvie Three* by Gordon Korman

*Keturah and Lord Death* by Leavitt, Martine

*It's Kind of a Funny Story* by Ned Vizzini

*Lemonade Mouth* by Hughes, Mark Peter

*Life As We Know It* by Pfeffer, Susan Beth

*Like water for chocolate : a novel in monthly installments, with recipes, romances, and home remedies* by Esquivel, Laura

*The Lilies of the Field* by William E. Barrett

*Looking For Alaska* by John Greene

*Memoirs of a Teenage Amnesiac* by Zevin, Gabrielle

*My Mother the Cheerleader* by Sharenow, Robert

*My Sister's Keeper* by Picoult, Jodi

*The Natural* by Bernard Malamud

*November Blues* by Draper, Sharon

*The Opposite of Love* by Benedict, Helen

*Paper Towns* by John Green

*The Picture of Dorian Gray* by Oscar Wilde

*Pictures of Hollis Woods* by Patricia Reilly Giff

*Plainsong* by Kent Haruf

*Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen

*Prom* by Laura Halse Anderson

*Right Behind You* by Giles, Gail

*Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry* by Mildred Taylor

*Samurai Shortstop* by Gratz, Alan M.

*Scorpions* by Walter Dean Myers

*Siddhartha* by Herman Hesse

*Slam* by Hornby, Nick

*Smiles to Go* by Jerry Spinelli

*Sold* by McCormick, Patricia

*Song of the Sparrow* by Sandell, Lisa Ann

*So Yesterday* by Scott Westerfield

*The Stranger* by Albert Camus

*Stripes of the Sidestep Wolf* by Sonya Harnett

*Summer of Fear* by Lois Duncan

*Sunrise over Fallujah* by Walter Dean Myers

*Suzanne's Diary for Nicholas* by James Patterson

*Sweetgrass Basket* by Marlene Carvell

*They Came From Below* by Nelson Blake

*Thirteen Reasons Why* by Asher, Jay

*A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Hosseini, Khaled

*Transall Saga* by Gary Paulsen

*Twilight, New Moon* or *Eclipse* by Stephenie Meyer

*Twisted* by Anderson, Laurie Halse

*Uglies* by Scott Westerfield

*Unwind* by Neal Shusterman

*What They Found: Love on 145<sup>th</sup> Street* by Walter Dean Myers

*What the Moon Saw* by Laura Resan

*Watership Down* by Richard Adams

*Waves* by Dogar, Sharon

*The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin

*Wintergirls* by Laurie Halse Anderson

*Zap* by Paul Fleischman



## **Nonfiction and Biography**

**Up Close: Frank Lloyd Wright, a Twentieth-Century Life** by Adkins, Jan

**Race: A History Beyond Black and White** by Aronson, Marc

**All Creatures Great and Small** by James Herriot

**The Burn Journals** by Runyon, Brent

**Cave Sleuths** by Lindop, Laurie

**Chasing Lincoln's Killer** by James Swanson

**Counting Coup: Becoming a Crow Chief on the Reservation and Beyond Medicine** by Crow, Joseph

**Death Be Not Proud** by John Gunther

**The Devil on Trial: Witches, Anarchist, Atheists, Communists and Terrorists in America's Courtrooms** by Phillip Margulies

**E.E. Cummings** by Reef, Catherine

**A Girl's Life Online** by Katherine Tarbox

**The Glass Castle** by Jeanette Walls

**Having Our Say** by Sarah and Elizabeth Delaney with Amy Hill

**How Female Journalists Won the Battle to Cover World War II War in the Middle East: a Reporter's Story** by Hampton, Wilborn

**I'll pass for your Comrade: Women Soldiers in the Civil War** by Anita Silvey

**Into Thin Air** by Krakauer, Jon

**Jim Thorpe: an Original All-American** by Bruchac, Joseph

**John Lennon: All I Want is the Truth** by Elizabeth Partridge

**Last chance in Texas : the redemption of criminal youth** by Hubner, John

**Marley and Me** by Grogan, John

*No Choir boy: Murder, Violence, and Teenagers on Death Row* by Susan Kublin

*The North Pole Was Here: Puzzles and Perils at the Top of the World* by Revkin, Andrew

*The Real Revolution, the Global Story of American Independence* by Aronson, Marc

*Phenomena: Secrets of the Senses* by Donna M. Jackson

*Sandy Koufax* by Doeden, Matt

*Shark Life: True Stories about Sharks and the Sea* by Wojtyla, Karen

*Secrets, Lies, Gizmos, and Spies: a History of Spies and Espionage* by Coleman, Janet

*Six Days in October: The Stock Market Crash of 1929* by James Swanson

*Something Out of Nothing: Marie Currie and Radium* by McClafferty, Carla Killough

*Three Little Words* by Ashley Rhodes-Courter

*Tree Shaker: the Story of Nelson Mandela* by Keller, Bill

*Travels with Charley: in search of America* by John Steinbeck

*Up Close: Robert F. Kennedy, a Twentieth-Century Life* by Aronson, Marc

*Vincent Van Gogh Portrait of an Artist* by Jan Greenberg and Sandra Jordan

*Venturing the Deep Sea* by Lindhop, Laurie

*Walker Evans: Photographer of America* by Nau, Thomas

*War, Women, and the News* by Gourley, Catherine

*Wildly romantic : the English Romantic poets--the mad, the bad, and the dangerous*  
by M. Andronik