

West Scranton High School Summer Reading List

Grades 9-12 2009-2010 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 serving 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 to choose one book.

Title, 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 145th 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

The logo for Scranton School District is a circular emblem. It features a central shield with a scale of justice, an open book, and a banner. The words "SCRANTON SCHOOL DISTRICT" are written around the perimeter of the circle.

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

