



Dear Families,

Reading is one of the most important activities in which students can engage to keep their minds sharp. This summer, students entering grades 6 through 12 are challenged to read at least 3-4 books. Students should be prepared to discuss their books when we return in the fall.

Research shows that reading is most effective and students are most engaged when they have choice in what they read. We encourage students to choose from various genres: biography, nonfiction, historical fiction, mystery, poetry, drama, etc. Parents should preview the books so they are comfortable with the student's selection.

If your student is enrolled in AP Language or AP Literature, please refer to the specific school's webpage for requirements or recommendations.

Free digital books are available through the [Chester County Library System](#), or students can use their school username and password to download books from [MackinVIA.com](#). Families can purchase books if they prefer.

For ideas, take a look at the [Middle School](#) and [High School](#) lists curated by our West Chester Area School District ELA teachers. You are also welcome to explore the links below.

- [ALAN \(Assembly on Literature for Adolescents\) Picks](#)
- [Common Sense Media](#)
- [National Council of Teachers of English](#)
- [Read Brightly](#)
- [We Need Diverse Books](#)
- [Young Adult Library Services Association](#)

Please contact me if you have any questions or need assistance accessing books. I wish you and your family a relaxing and enjoyable summer!

Sincerely,

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