Hampton City Schools Administrative Center
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Dear HCS students and caregivers,

Hampton City Schools encourages students to continue reading throughout the summer months. Consistent reading during the break positions students for a confident, successful start to the new school year. It helps them maintain and strengthen essential literacy skills while fostering a lifelong love of reading. To support summer reading, students have access to a variety of resources including digital platforms:

HCS Resources: Log in via Clever using HCS student credentials. Platforms are listed under "Library Resources."

- **MackinVIA:** Offers a wide selection of e-books and digital audiobooks accessible directly through the platform
- **Sora Summer Reading Program:** Provides a curated list of "Always Available" titles organized by age group

Hampton Public Library Resources: To log in use HCS+Student ID number. When asked for a PIN number, use the year of your birth. Contact any local library for assistance.

- **Hoopla:** Allows students to check out digital titles using their student ID through a partnership with the Hampton Public Library
- **Beanstack:** Enables students to log their reading progress and participate in the Hampton Public Library Summer Reading Challenges
- **NoveList or NovelList K-8 Plus:** Features curated book recommendations based on subjects, areas of interest, or specific authors

Community Resources:

- **Barnes and Noble:** Offers a free book to students in grades one through six who read any eight books during the summer and record their favorite part in the Barnes and Noble Summer Reading Journal.

If you have any questions about summer reading, please contact your school or the Hampton City Schools English Language Arts Department at jbutler1@hampton.k12.va.us or Melanie Parker at mparker1@hampton.k12.va.us. Have a safe and fun summer!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Butler
HCS Secondary English Curriculum Leader

Summer Reading Lists for High School English

- Students enrolled in English 9-12 should read **two books** of their choice or from the suggested reading list below. The titles on the lists relate to the themes of unit 1.
- Students enrolled in AP English, IB English, or Dual Enrollment will receive the summer reading list from their teacher or school counselor. The lists will also be posted on the school's website.

Grade 9

Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan	Fiction	750L
Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds	Fiction (verse)	720L
Maus by Art Spiegelman	Graphic novel	
The Maze Runner by James Dashner	Fiction	770L
The Playbook by Kwame Alexander	Nonfiction	970L
Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson	Fiction	690L
We Beat the Street by Davis, Jenkins, Hunt and Draper	Nonfiction	860L

Grade 10

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time by Mark Haddon	Fiction	1100L
Dear Martin by Nic Stone	Fiction	720L
Divergent by Veronica Roth	Fiction	700L
I am Nujood, Age 10 and Divorced by Nujood Ali	Nonfiction	990L
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou	Nonfiction	1070L
The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd	Fiction	840L
Sunrise Over Fallujah by Walter Dean Myers	Fiction	780L

Grade 11

The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas	Fiction	600L
How Does It Feel to be a Problem? Being Young and Arab in America by Moustafa Bayoumi	Nonfiction	1090L
How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents by Julia Alvarez	Fiction	950L
A Lesson Before Dying by Ernest J. Gaines	Fiction	750L
Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck	Fiction	630L
Up From Slavery by Booker T. Washington	Nonfiction	1320L
We Were Liars by E. Lockhart	Fiction	600L

Grade 12

1984 by George Orwell	Fiction	1090L
Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card	Fiction	780L
Flags of Our Fathers by James Bradley with Ron Powers	Nonfiction	950L
The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls	Nonfiction	1010L
Graceling by Kristin Cashore	Fiction	730L
Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children by Ransom Riggs	Fiction	890L
A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini	Fiction	830L