

## Featured Authors by Genre:

### **Mystery/Adventure**

Peter Abrahams  
Anthony Horowitz  
James Patterson  
Siobhan Dowd  
Elizabeth Chandler  
Jodi Picoult  
Dan Brown

### **Historical Fiction**

Richard Peck  
Judy Blundell  
Adam Bagdasarian  
Ann Rinaldi

### **Fantasy**

Rick Riordan  
Cassandra Clare  
Suzanne Collins  
Christopher Paolini  
Libba Bray  
P.C. and Kristen Cast  
Kenneth Oppel

### **Urban Fiction**

L. Divine  
Matt de la Pena  
Nikki Grimes  
Sister Souljah  
Walter Dean Myers  
Sharon Draper  
Rita Williams Garcia  
Coe Booth  
Teri Woods

### **Science Fiction**

Scott Westerfield  
Orson Scott Card  
Michael Crichton  
Kevin Brooks

### **Humor**

Gordon Korman  
Tim Tharp  
Jordan Sonnenblick  
Michele Jaffe  
Ned Zizzini  
David Sedaris

### **Romance**

Simone Elkeles  
E. Lockhart  
Sarah Dessen  
Lauren Myracle  
Nicholas Sparks  
Meg Cabot  
Rita Williams Garcia  
Coe Booth  
Teri Woods  
Richard Wright

### **Memoirs**

Jeannette Walls  
Esmeralda  
Santiago  
Dave Pelzer

### **Graphic Novels**

Neil Gaiman  
Marjane Satrapi  
Hiromu Arakawa  
Nobuhiro Watsuki  
Tite Kubo

### **Paranormal**

Stephenie Meyer  
Carrie Ryan  
Carrie Jones  
Lili St. Crow  
Claudia Gray

### **Poetry**

Langston Hughes  
Margarita Engle  
Julia Alvarez  
Nikki Giovanni

### **Sports**

Chris Crutcher  
Mike Lupica  
John Coy  
John Feinstein  
Catherine Murdock

### **Horror**

Stephen King  
Darren Shan  
Simon Holt  
Sara Shepard  
Neil Shusterman  
Laurie Stolarz

# New Haven Public Schools

## The Sound School

### *Summer Reading Guide*

# 2018



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### Summer Reading

This summer, you will be reading **2 books** for your summer reading. Please follow the directions below to complete your summer reading **before the first day of school**. The books should be available at your local public library.

**Step 1:** Chose **1 book** from the list on the next page for the grade you will be going into. Read the book over the summer and come to school prepared to discuss and write about the book in class. Your teacher may ask you to do an in-class writing assignment, participate in book chats with fellow students, or complete an in-class project on the book.

**Step 2:** Select **1 book** of your choosing to also read over the summer. Make sure your book is grade-level appropriate. Feel free to use the list of suggested authors to help you decide. After you finish the book, chose one of the following assignments to complete based on the book. Your English teacher will collect the assignment from you at the beginning of the school year.

- a. Write a 2+ page letter to the author in which you explain what impacted you the most, ask questions you have on the book, and explain connections you found between the book and your own life or the lives of others you know.
- b. Write a 2+ page spin-off story for the main character(s). You could add a new scene to the book, rewrite the ending, or create a new scene that would happen after the book ended. Whatever you write should clearly connect to the original book.
- c. Write a 2+ page newspaper article on a major event from the book. Make sure to hit all of the key facts from the event and to make it dramatic.

### 9<sup>th</sup> Grade:

1. **Anderson, Laurie Halse.** *Twisted*
2. **Anderson, Laurie Halse.** *Speak*
3. **Bradbury, Ray.** *Fahrenheit 451*

### 10<sup>th</sup> Grade:

1. **Schusterman, Neal.** *Unwind*
2. **Gruen, Sara.** *Water for Elephants*
3. **Twain, Mark.** *Tom Sawyer*

### 11<sup>th</sup> Grade:

1. **Morrison, Toni.** *Sula*
2. **Knowles, John.** *A Separate Peace*
3. **Partridge, Edith.** *John Lennon: All I want is the Truth: A Biography.*

### 12<sup>th</sup> Grade:

1. **Picoult, Jodi.** *My Sister's Keeper.*
2. **Strauss, Darin.** *Half a Life*
3. **Wright, Richard.** *Black Boy*
4. **Albom, Mitch.** *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*

### Suggested Science Readings

1. *A Whale for the Killing.* Farley Mowat
2. *The Perfect Storm.* Sebastian Junger
3. *Fatal Forecast. An Incredible True Tale of Disaster and Survival at Sea.* Michael J. Tougas
4. *Never Cry Wolf.* Farley Mowat
5. *Cod: A Biography of the Fish that changed the World.* Mark Kurlansky
6. *Games Wars: The Undercover Pursuit of Wildlife Poachers.* Marc Reisner