

# LACES Summer Reading 2015

LACES requires students to read over the summer. Each grade level has a mandatory text. Select books from the grade students will enter in August. Students & parents are responsible for obtaining their own books. Please check local libraries and bookstores. **Middle School students** read the highlighted book for their grade level and choose at least one other book from the list. **All High School students** read the required text, and Honors students read an additional required book. **AP reading and summer essay assignments are published separately on the LACES website.** Reading multiple books during the summer is highly encouraged. In August, teachers will use the summer reading to launch their curricula, so students should be prepared to be quizzed. Enjoy!

## 6th Grade *The City of Ember* by Jeanne DuPrau

We also recommend you choose one of the books below to read:

***How Tia Lola Came To Stay***

Julia Alvarez

***The Watsons Go to Birmingham***

Christopher Paul Curtis

***The Tale of Despereaux***

Kate DiCamillo

***Shabanu***

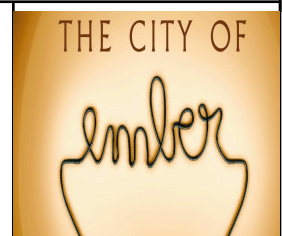
Suzanne Fisher Staples

***A Single Shard***

Linda Sue Park

***Maniac Magee***

Jerry Spinelli



## 7th Grade *Alabama Moon* by Watt Key

We also recommend you choose one of the books below to read:

***Tangerine***

Edward Bloor

***Hound of the Baskervilles***

Arthur Conan Doyle

***The Skin I'm In***

Sharon Flake

***Rumblefish***

S.E. Hinton

***Becoming Naomi Leon***

Pam Munoz Ryan

***Taking Sides***

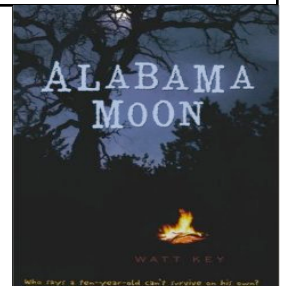
Gary Soto

***Dead End in Norvelt***

Jack Gantos

***When You Reach Me***

Rebecca Stead



## 8th Grade *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie

We also recommend you choose one of the books below to read:

***Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy***

Douglas Adams

***Jane Eyre***

Charlotte Bronte

***Alice in Wonderland***

Lewis Carroll

***The Chocolate War***

Robert Cormier

***Hiroshima***

John Hersey

***Hoot***

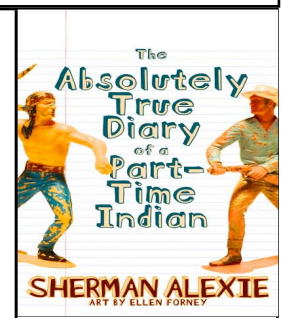
Carl Hiaasen

***Journey of the Sparrows***

Fran Leeper Buss

***Romiette & Julio***

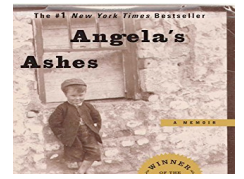
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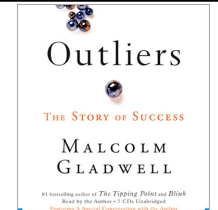
## All 9th Grade Students read *Angela's Ashes* by Frank McCourt

"Worse than the ordinary miserable childhood is the miserable Irish childhood," writes Frank McCourt in his Pulitzer Prize winning memoir about his impoverished childhood in Brooklyn, New York and Limerick, Ireland. With humor and pathos, McCourt chronicles his mother's attempts to keep the family going despite abject poverty and her husband's heavy drinking.



### 9th Grade Honors Students ALSO read *Outliers* by Malcolm Gladwell

Gladwell takes us on an intellectual journey through the world of "outliers" – the best and the brightest, the most famous and the most successful. He asks the question: what makes high-achievers different? His answer will surprise you.



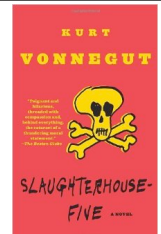
## All 10th Grade Students read *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot

This *New York Times* bestseller tells of the collision between ethics, race, and medicine; of scientific discovery and faith healing; and of a daughter consumed with questions about the mother she never knew. Henrietta Lacks, a poor black tobacco farmer whose cells—taken without her knowledge — became one of the most important tools in medical research.



### 10th Grade Honors Students ALSO read *Slaughterhouse-Five* by Kurt Vonnegut

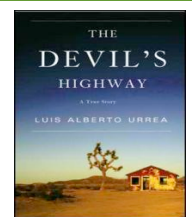
One of the world's great anti-war books, *Slaughterhouse-Five* centers on the infamous fire-bombing of Dresden. Billy Pilgrim's odyssey through time reflects the mythic journey of our own fractured lives as we search for meaning in what we are afraid to know. (Amazon blurb)



## Non-AP Language/11th Grade Students read *The Devil's Highway* by Luis Alberto Urrea

In a new 10th anniversary edition: "The single most compelling, lucid, and lyrical contemporary account of the absurdity of U.S. border policy" (*The Atlantic*).

11th Grade AP Language Students' assignments are posted separately at [LACESMAGNETSCHOOL.ORG](http://LACESMAGNETSCHOOL.ORG).



## Non-AP Literature/12th Grade Students read *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini

Set in Afghanistan, *The Kite Runner* tells the unforgettable, heartbreaking story of the unlikely friendship between a wealthy boy and the son of his father's servant,

12th Grade AP Literature Students' assignments are posted separately at [LACESMAGNETSCHOOL.ORG](http://LACESMAGNETSCHOOL.ORG).

