

LACES Middle School Summer Reading 2016

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

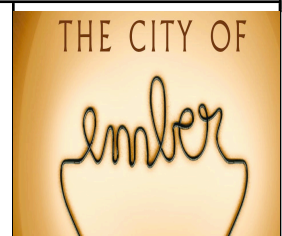
Suzanne Fisher Staples

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

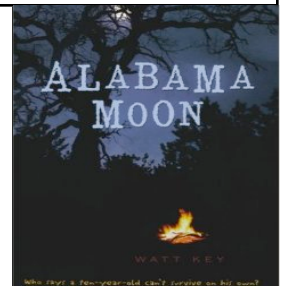
Gary Soto

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

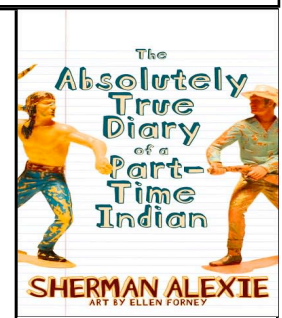
Carl Hiaassen

Journey of the Sparrows

Fran Leeper Buss

Romiette & Julio

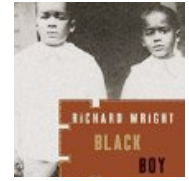
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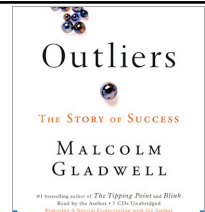
All 9th Grade Students read *Black Boy* (Part I) by Richard Wright

Richard Wright grew up in the woods of Mississippi amid poverty, hunger, fear, and hatred. He lied, stole, and raged at those around him; at six he was a "drunkard," hanging about in taverns. Surly, brutal, cold, suspicious, and self-pitying, he was surrounded on one side by whites who were either indifferent to him, pitying, or cruel, and on the other by blacks who resented anyone trying to rise above the common lot.



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.



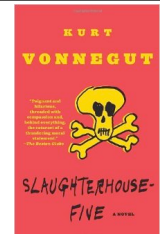
All 10th Grade Students read *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot

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

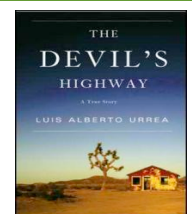
One of the world's great anti-war books, *Slaughterhouse-Five* centers on the infamous fire-bombing of Dresden. Billy Pilgrim's odyssey through time reflects the mythic journey of our own fractured lives as we search for meaning in what we are afraid to know. (Amazon blurb)



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.



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.

