

Summer reading

Baldwin, James

Go Tell It On the Mountain FIC BALDWIN

Semi-autobiographical novel about a 14-year-old black youth's religious conversion.

Bradbury, Ray

FIC BRADBURY

Fahrenheit 451

Reading is a crime and firemen burn books in this futuristic society.

Crane, Stephen

FIC CRANE

The Red Badge of Courage

During the Civil War, Henry Fleming joins the army full of romantic visions of battle which are shattered by combat.

Dorris, Michael

FIC DORRIS

A Yellow Raft in Blue Water

Three generations of Native American women recount their searches for identity and love.

Ellison, Ralph

FIC ELLISON

Invisible Man

A black man's search for himself as an individual and as a member of his race and his society.

Fitzgerald, F. Scott

FIC FITZGERALD

The Great Gatsby

A young man corrupts himself and the American Dream to regain a lost love.

Gaines, Ernest

FIC GAINES

The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman

In her 100 years, Miss Jane Pittman experiences it all, from slavery to the civil rights movement.

Hawthorne, Nathaniel

FIC HAWTHORNE

The Scarlet Letter

An adulterous Puritan woman keeps secret the identity of the father of her illegitimate child.

Heller, Joseph

FIC HELLER

Catch-22

A broad comedy about a WWII bombardier based in Italy and his efforts to avoid bombing missions.

- Hemingway, Ernest FIC HEMINGWAY
A Farewell to Arms
During World War I, an American lieutenant runs away with the woman who nurses him back to health.
- Kesey, Ken FIC KESEY
One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest
A novel about a power struggle between the head nurse and one of the male patients in a mental institution.
- Lee, Harper FIC LEE
To Kill a Mockingbird
At great peril to himself and his children, lawyer Atticus Finch defends an African-American man accused of raping a white woman in a small Alabama town.
- Lewis, Sinclair FIC LEWIS
Main Street
A young doctor's wife tries to change the ugliness, dullness and ignorance which prevail in Gopher Prairie, Minn.
- London, Jack FIC LONDON
Call of the Wild
Buck is a loyal pet dog until cruel men make him a pawn in their search for Klondike gold.
- Potok, Chaim FIC POTOK
The Chosen
Friendship between two Jewish boys, one Hasidic and the other Orthodox, begins at a baseball game and flourishes despite their different backgrounds and beliefs.
- Salinger, J.D. FIC SALINGER
The Catcher in the Rye
A prep school dropout rejects the "phoniness" he sees all about him.
- Sinclair, Upton FIC SINCLAIR
The Jungle
The deplorable conditions of the Chicago stockyards are exposed in this turn-of-the-century novel.
- Walker, Alice FIC WALKER
The Color Purple
A young woman sees herself as property until another woman teaches her to value herself.

Wells, H.G. FIC WELLS
The Time Machine
A scientist invents a machine that transports him into the future.

Austen, Jane FIC AUSTEN
Pride and Prejudice
Love and marriage among the English country gentry of Austen's day.

Golding, William FIC GOLDING
Lord of the Flies
English schoolboys marooned on an uninhabited island test the values of civilization when they attempt to set up a society of their own.

Paton, Alan FIC PATON
Cry, the Beloved Country
A country Zulu pastor searches for his sick sister in Johannesburg, and discovers that she has become a prostitute and his son a murderer.

Orwell, George FIC ORWELL
Animal Farm
Animals turn the tables on their masters.

Weisel, Elie B WEISEL
Night
A searing account of the Holocaust as experienced by a 15-year-old boy.

Epstein, Norrie
Friendly Shakespeare: A Thoroughly Painless Guide to the Best of the Bard.
Gain a perspective on Shakespeare's works through these sidelights, interpretations, anecdotes, and historical insights.

Frank, Anne B FRANK
The Diary of a Young Girl
The story of a Jewish family forced by encroaching Nazis to live in hiding.

Franklin, Benjamin B FRANKLIN
The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin
Considered one of the most interesting autobiographies in English.

Haley, Alex FIC HALEY

Roots

Traces Haley's search for the history of his family, from Africa through the era of slavery to the 20th century.