



Norwalk High School

Summer Reading for Incoming Grade 9

There is *no written assignment to complete during the summer*. Instead, students should be prepared to complete summer-reading- related work **with their teacher** in the first weeks of school.

We suggest the following sites to search for a free, digital text.

Access to Public Online Reading via the Norwalk Public Library --

- Use the Norwalk Public Library <http://www.norwalkpl.org/>
- Click on Resources
- Under “Digital Library” click on **Ebooks**
- Scroll down and click on **HOOPLA**
<https://www.hoopladigital.com/my/hoopla>
- Open an account using your library card (from any CT library). If you do not have a library card, click on “get a library card now”



Access to Public Online reading via **Norwalk High School** --

- Use the **Norwalk High School media center** link at <https://norwalknhs.ss4.sharpschool.com/nhsresources/librarymediacenter>
 - In the left column, click on **Destiny Catalog**
 - You will be directed to a new window, look on the right side of the page and scroll down to “**Reading Frenzy: What to read next?**” and there is a long list of free Ebook sites where you can register and ‘borrow’ books
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INCOMING Grade 9 SUMMER READING

All grade 9 students should choose one (1) novel from this list of suggestions **OR** another novel of your choice that is appropriate for grade 9.

Honors grade 9 students should read two (2) novels from this list of suggestions **OR** another novel of your choice that is appropriate for grade 9. The corresponding assignment(s) will be given in the English class upon return to classes.

Suggested Titles:

Can't Hurt Me - David Goggins

Goggins' story of how he transformed himself from a depressed, overweight young man with no future into a U.S. Armed Forces icon and one of the world's top endurance athletes

Code Name Verity - Elizabeth Wein

This gripping story is a first-rate mystery and a riveting spy novel wound into one, but ultimately it's also a triumphant tale that

celebrates the unique power of female friendship.

Feed - M.T. Anderson

Identity crises, consumerism, and star-crossed teenage love in a futuristic society where people connect to the Internet via feeds implanted in their brains. (*mature language*)

Finnikin of the Rock - Melinda Marchetta (*American Library Assoc. recommended*)

Ten years after the royal family of Lumatere is brutally murdered, nineteen-year-old Finnikin sets out on a journey to discover whether or not the rumors of a surviving heir are true.

I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter -Erika Sánchez (*NOT available in free digital copy*)

Julia is NOT a typical Mexican daughter. When a tragic accident on the busiest street in Chicago leaves Olga dead and Julia left behind to reassemble the shattered pieces of her family and find out some secrets about her sister.

It's Kind of a Funny Story - Ned Vizzini (*sensitive content related to mental illness*)

Once Craig aces his way into Manhattan's Executive Pre-Professional High School, the pressure becomes unbearable.

Luna by Julia Peters (*sensitive content related to mental illness*)

A brother and sister in their teens go through an adventure of identity and self-acceptance.

Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore - Robin Sload (*American Library Assoc. recommended*)

This story of complex code breaking, global conspiracy, and adventure all starts with a lonely bookstore and one unemployed web designer.

Refugee - Alan Gratz

Separated by continents and decades, the harrowing escape stories of **refugees** Josef, Isabel, and Mahmoud intertwine.

Secret Lives of Bees -Sue Monk Kidd

A story of a young girl who is grieving for her mother and unexpectedly meets three sisters that help her through the process.

Symptoms of Being Human - Jeff Garvin

Gender fluid Riley Cavanaugh starts an anonymous blog that quickly goes viral and threatens Riley's anonymity as well as Riley's conservative congressman father.

Taming the Star Runner - S.E. Hinton

A cool but hot-tempered teenager Travis Harris and the struggles he faces after relocating from the big city to his uncle's rural horse ranch.

The Declaration - Gemma Malley (*sensitive content related to abuse*)

Set in the year 2140 in England, this chilling dystopian tale explores issues of overpopulation, global warming and the ethics of immortality.

Then She Was Gone - Lisa Jewell (*American Library Assoc. recommended*)

An acutely observed family drama with bone-chilling suspense.

The Girl Who Fell from the Sky -Heidi Durrow

Bi-racial teen tries to adjust to loss and a new life.

The Things about Jellyfish by Ali Benjamin (*NOT available in free digital copy*)

A preteen shares how studying the life of a very special jellyfish heals from a sad event.

We Were Liars -E. Lockheart (*NOT available in free digital copy*)

Prejudice, greed, and shifting patriarchal favoritism in a seemingly perfect family.