



## Norwalk High School Summer Reading for Grade 10

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.

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**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** site 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 do 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 10 SUMMER READING

**All grade 10 students** should choose **one** (1) novel from this list of suggestions **OR** another novel of your choice that is appropriate for high school.

**Honors grade 10** students should read **two** (2) novels from this list of suggestions **OR** another novel of your choice that is appropriate for high school.

### Suggested Titles:

#### *Anne Frank: Diary of a Young Girl*

The story relates how Anne, her family, and their friends hid in secret rooms - "the Annex" - in an Amsterdam warehouse for 25 months.

#### *The Bean Trees* - Barbara Kingsolver

It is the charming, engrossing tale of rural Kentucky native Taylor Greer, who only wants to get away from her roots and avoid getting pregnant.

#### *The Book Thief*- Markus Zusak

The plot follows Liesel Meminger as she comes of age in Nazi Germany during WWII.

#### *Call of the Wild* - Jack London

The Call of the Wild tells the story of Buck, a domesticated dog ripped from a comfortable life when he is stolen from his home on

a California ranch and sold to a pair of men in Canada.

***Chew on This* -Eric Schlosser & Charles Wilson**

Bestselling author Eric Schlosser takes what he learnt and documented in his popular book, *Fast Food Nation*, and presents it to preteens and adolescents - the fast food industry's biggest market.

***Elon Musk* - Ashley Vance**

Discover the rise of Elon Musk, the man who is transforming the way we think about travel technology.

***Gone* - Michael Grant**

In the blink of an eye, everyone disappears. Except for the young. There are teens, but not one single adult. Just as suddenly, there are no phones, no internet, no television.

***The Hound of the Baskervilles* - Sir Arthur Conan Doyle**

Sir Hugo Baskerville was the picture of aristocratic excess, drunkenness and debauchery until he was struck down by a demonic hound sent to punish his wickedness – or so the legend tells.

***The Help* - Kathryn Stockett**

Stories of three women who lived in Mississippi and how their lives intersected with one another.

***If You Could Come Softly* -Jacqueline Woodson**

A teenage interracial couple tell their story about the highs and lows of being in a relationship.

***Into the Wild* - John Krakauer**

In April 1992 a young man from a well-to-do family hitchhiked to Alaska and walked alone **into the wilderness** north of Mt. McKinley.

***Jane Eyre* - Charlotte Bronte**

After a difficult life as an orphan, Jane Eyre is sent to work as a governess to the ward of Mr. Rochester. Thornfield Hall is a spooky and mysterious place with many secrets.

***Little Women* - Louisa May Alcott**

Little Women tells the story of the March sisters growing up in genteel poverty against the backdrop of the American Civil War.

***The Nix: A Novel* -Nathan Hill (*American Library Assoc. recommended*)**

When his absent mother is arrested for an activist crime, a college professor (who spends more time gaming than working) undertakes an offbeat voyage of self-discovery.

***Parable of the Sower* - Octavia Butler (*American Library Assoc. recommended*)**

In 2025, with the world descending into madness and anarchy, one woman begins a fateful journey toward a better future.

***Picture Us in the Light* - Kelly Loy Gilbert**

When Danny's father loses his job as a scientist and inexplicably takes a job as a security guard instead, Danny starts digging into his parents' past, hoping to learn more about their journey from China, and the death of his older sister before he was born.

***The Sport of Kings: A Novel* -C.E. Morgan (*American Library Assoc. recommended*)**

American and epic, a novel of lineage and legacy, race horses and racism, power and poverty. A Kentucky horse farmer breeds thoroughbreds, but his focus on controlling the outcomes of his life (professional and personal) have far-reaching consequences.

***A Wedding in Haiti* - Julia Alvarez**

In a story that travels beyond borders and between families, acclaimed Dominican novelist and poet Julia Alvarez reflects on the joys and burdens of love-for her parents, for her husband, and for a young Haitian boy known as Piti.

