

**Florence City Schools**  
**Grades 5-12 Outside Reading List**  
**Grades 10-12 Reserved Literature Selections**

The English teachers of Florence City Schools desire to promote a variety of responses to reading within their students. First and foremost of these is the enjoyment of reading. It is also important that students learn to use critical thinking skills and to evaluate information they will inevitably encounter in print and/or digital media. The ultimate goal is to provide students with the essential future-ready skills needed for them to become lifelong readers and learners.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**GRADE 5**

**NOTE: Teachers will select at least three (or all) titles in grade 5 during the academic school year.**

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| 1. <i>Upside Down in the Middle of Nowhere</i> | Julie T. Lamana |
| 2. <i>The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe</i> | C.S. Lewis      |
| 3. <i>Tuck Everlasting</i>                     | Natalie Babbitt |
| 4. <i>Where the Red Fern Grows</i>             | Wilson Rawls    |
| 5. <i>Number the Stars</i>                     | Lois Lowry      |

**SUMMER READING (BETWEEN GRADES 5 & 6)**

- *Because of Winn Dixie* Kate Dicamillo

**GRADE 6**

**NOTE: Teachers will select at least three (or all) titles in grade 6 during the academic school year.**

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| 1. <i>Hatchet</i>              | Gary Paulsen       |
| 2. <i>Bridge to Terabithia</i> | Katherine Paterson |
| 3. <i>Maniac Magee</i>         | Jerry Spinelli     |
| 4. <i>Holes</i>                | Louis Sachar       |

**SUMMER READING (BETWEEN GRADES 6 & 7)**

- *The Giver* Lois Lowry

**GRADE 7**

**NOTE: Teachers will select at least three (or all) titles in grade 7 during the academic school year.**

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| 1. <i>Anne of Green Gables</i>    | L. M. Montgomery  |
| 2. <i>Anpao</i>                   | Jamake Highwater  |
| 3. <i>Scorpions</i>               | Walter Dean Myers |
| 4. <i>The House of Dies Drear</i> | Virginia Hamilton |
| 5. <i>Esperanza Rising</i>        | Pamela Munoz Ryan |

**SUMMER READING (BETWEEN GRADES 7 & 8)**

- *Stormbreaker* Anthony Horowitz

**GRADE 8**

**NOTE: Teachers will select at least three (or all) titles in grade 8 during the academic school year.**

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| 1. <i>The Outsiders</i>   | S.E. Hinton     |
| 2. <i>Night</i>           | Elie Wiesel     |
| 3. <i>The Maze Runner</i> | James Dashner   |
| 4. <i>Soldier Boys</i>    | Dean Hughes     |
| 5. <i>Hunger Games</i>    | Suzanne Collins |

**SUMMER READING (BETWEEN GRADES 8 & 9)**

- *Tears of a Tiger* Sharon Draper

**Pre-AP Selections**

- *The Hobbit* J.R.R. Tolkien

**HIGH SCHOOL**

**GRADE 9**

**NOTE: Teachers will select at least four (or all) titles in grade 9 during the academic school year.**

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|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. <i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i> | Harper Lee        |
| 2. <i>The Contender</i>         | Robert Lipsyte    |
| 3. <i>Monster</i>               | Walter Dean Myers |
| 4. <i>Animal Farm</i>           | George Orwell     |

(**Grade 9 Continued**)

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| 5. <i>Fahrenheit 451</i> | Ray Bradbury   |
| 6. <i>The Hobbit</i>     | J.R.R. Tolkien |

**PRE-AP CLASSES**

**NOTE: Pre-AP teachers will select at least four titles from the above list in addition to the following title(s):**

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|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. <i>Great Expectations</i>    | Charles Dickens     |
| 2. <i>Pride and Prejudice</i>   | Jane Austen         |
| 3. <i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i> | Harper Lee          |
| 4. <i>Pygmalion</i>             | George Bernard Shaw |

**NOTE: Criteria used to select summer reading books in the high school grade levels include the following:**

- ❖ High interest to the age group
- ❖ Themes that are important and relevant to the age group
- ❖ Literary merit

**SUMMER READING (BETWEEN GRADES 9 & 10)**

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| ● <i>The Lord of the Flies</i> | William Golding |
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**Pre-AP Selections**

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| ● <i>The Lord of the Flies</i> | <i>William Golding</i> |
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**GRADE 10**

**NOTE: Teachers will select at least four (or all) titles in grade 10 during the academic school year.**

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| 1. <i>The Crucible</i>                            | Arthur Miller       |
| 2. <i>The Awakening</i>                           | Kate Chopin         |
| 3. <i>Julius Caesar</i>                           | William Shakespeare |
| 4. <i>The Lord of the Flies</i>                   | William Golding     |
| 5. <i>The Scarlet Letter</i>                      | Nathaniel Hawthorne |
| 6. <i>How to Read Literature Like a Professor</i> | Thomas Foster       |

### PRE-AP CLASSES

**NOTE: Pre-AP teachers will select at least four titles from the above list in addition to the following title(s):**

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|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. <i>Invisible Man</i>          | Ralph Ellison       |
| 2. <i>Wuthering Heights</i>      | Emily Bronte        |
| 3. <i>The Merchant of Venice</i> | William Shakespeare |

### SUMMER READING (BETWEEN GRADES 10 & 11)

- *The Glass Castle* Jeannette Walls

### AP CLASSES

- *Profiles in Courage* John F. Kennedy

## GRADE 11

**NOTE: Teachers will select at least four (or all) titles in grade 11 during the academic school year.**

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| 1. <i>The Great Gatsby</i>   | F. Scott Fitzgerald |
| 2. <i>Kite Runner</i>  | Khalid Housseni     |
| 3. <i>Freedom Walk</i>   | Mary Stanton        |
| 4. <i>Fences</i>   | August Wilson       |
| 5. <i>Of Mice and Men</i>  | John Steinbeck      |
| 6. <i>Bootleg: Murder, Moonshine, and the Lawless Years of Prohibition</i> | Karen Blumenthal    |
| 7. <i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i>  | William Shakespeare |
| 8. <i>Much Ado About Nothing</i>   | William Shakespeare |
| 9. <i>A Raisin in the Sun</i>  | Lorraine Hansberry  |

### AP CLASSES

**NOTE: AP teachers will select at least four titles from the above list in addition to the following title(s):**

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| 1. <i>Othello</i>                            | William Shakespeare |
| 2. <i>Ella Minnow Pea</i>                    | Mark Dunn           |
| 3. <i>The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn</i> | Mark Twain          |

### SUMMER READING (BETWEEN GRADES 11 & 12)

- *All Over But the Shoutin'* Rick Bragg

**AP CLASSES**

- *A Streetcar Named Desire* Tennessee Williams

**GRADE 12**

**NOTE: Teachers will select at least four (or all) titles in grade 12 during the academic school year.**

1. *1984* George Orwell
2. *Their Eyes Were Watching God* Zora Neale Hurston
3. *Beowulf*
4. *Macbeth* William Shakespeare
5. *Frankenstein* Mary Shelley

**AP CLASSES**

**NOTE: AP teachers will select at least four titles from the above list in addition to the following title(s).**

1. *The Inferno* Dante
2. *A Doll's House* Henrik Ibsen
3. *Things Fall Apart* Chinua Achebe
4. *Hamlet* William Shakespeare
5. *A Lesson Before Dying* Ernest J. Gaines
6. *Death of a Salesman* Arthur Miller
7. *Oedipus Rex* Sophocles
8. *Siddhartha* Hermann Hesse
9. *Brave New World* Aldous Huxley
10. *Heart of Darkness* Joseph Conrad
11. *Cry, the Beloved Country* Alan Paton