



Grades 9 - 12 PWCS Summer Reading Program

Osborn Park High School

The purpose of the PWCS Summer Reading Program is to encourage students to enjoy quality literature and to continue developing their independent reading skills. Student participation in the program is voluntary. Students who choose to participate in the program are required to complete a minimum number of two books.

Students participating in the program in Grades 9 -12 will complete a list of books read. The documentation is to include the name of the author, the title of the book, publishing information, an explanation of the topic or plot of the book, and a parent or guardian statement that the student has completed the reading.

Students in Grades 9 -12 who participate in Prince William County Public Library's Summer Reading Program, the Public Library documentation will apply. Students will receive an extra "A" (100) for each book completed, for a total of two. The summer reading documentation will be submitted by the student by the end of the first week of school.

The following titles are suggestions for summer reading. Other books selected by the student with guidance from a parent/guardian and/or librarian may be used. Participation in the PWC Public Library Summer Reading Program and its documentation is also acceptable.

PWCS OPHS 9th- 12th Grade Summer Reading Program

Suggested Reading

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Author	Title	Pub. Date	Annotation
Ng, Celeste	<i>Everything I Never Told You</i> (realistic historical fiction)	2014	Lydia is dead. But they don't know this yet . . . So begins the story of this exquisite debut novel, about a Chinese American family living in 1970s small-town Ohio. Lydia is the favorite child of Marilyn and James Lee; their middle daughter, a girl who inherited her mother's bright blue eyes and her father's jet-black hair. Her parents are determined that Lydia will fulfill the dreams they were unable to pursue—in Marilyn's case that her daughter become a doctor rather than a homemaker, in James's case that Lydia be popular at school, a girl with a busy social life and the center of every party. – Amazon
Nelson, Jandy	<i>I'll Give you the Sun</i> * (realistic fiction)	2014	Fraternal twins and burgeoning artists Jude and Noah are inseparable until a tragic event changes their lives. Told in alternating perspectives and times lines, with Noah's chapters taking place when he is 13 and Jude's when she is 16, Jude's takes are peppered with entries from her bible of superstitions and Noah continuously imagines portraits to cope with his emotions. –School Library Journal
Alifrenka, Caitlin & Martin Ganda with Liz Welch	<i>I Will Always Write Back: How One Letter Changed Two Lives</i> * (non-fiction)	2015	It started as an assignment. Everyone in Caitlin's class wrote to an unknown student somewhere in a distant place. Martin was lucky to even receive a pen pal letter. There were only ten letters, and forty kids in his class. But he was the top student, so he got the first one. That letter was the beginning of a correspondence that spanned six years and changed two lives. -Amazon

Brown, Don	<p><i>Drowned City: Hurricane Katrina & New Orleans</i></p> <p>(non-fiction/graphic novel)</p>	2015	<p>On August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina's monstrous winds and surging water overwhelmed the protective levees around low-lying New Orleans, Louisiana. Eighty percent of the city flooded, in some places under twenty feet of water. Property damages across the Gulf Coast topped \$100 billion. One thousand eight hundred and thirty-three people lost their lives. The riveting tale of this historic storm and the drowning of an American city is one of selflessness, heroism, and courage—and also of incompetence, racism, and criminality. –Amazon</p>
Quintero, Isabel	<p><i>Gabi, A Girl in Pieces*</i></p> <p>(realistic fiction)</p>	2014	<p>Gabi Hernandez chronicles her last year in high school in her diary: college applications, Cindy's pregnancy, Sebastian's coming out, the cute boys, her father's meth habit, and the food she craves. And best of all, the poetry that helps forge her identity.</p>
Green, Sally	<p><i>Half Bad *</i></p> <p>(fantasy)</p>	2014	<p>Sixteen-year-old Nathan lives in a cage: beaten, shackled, trained to kill. In a modern-day England where two warring factions of witches live amongst humans, Nathan is an abomination, the illegitimate son of the world's most terrifying and violent witch, Marcus. Nathan's only hope for survival is to escape his captors, track down Marcus, and receive the three gifts that will bring him into his own magical powers—before it's too late. But how can Nathan find his father when his every action is monitored, when there is no one safe to trust, not even family, not even the girl he loves? –Amazon</p>
Williams, Michael	<p><i>Diamond Boy *</i></p> <p>(realistic fiction)</p>	2015	<p>"Diamonds for everyone." That's what fifteen-year-old Patson Moyo hears when his family arrives in the Marange diamond fields. Soon Patson is working in the mines along with four friends, pooling their profits for a chance at a better life. Each of them hopes to find <i>agirazi</i>, a priceless stone that could change their circumstances forever. But when the government's soldiers come to Marange, Patson's world is shattered. Set against the backdrop of Zimbabwe's brutal recent history, <i>Diamond Boy</i> is the story of a young man who succumbs to greed but finds his way out through a transformative journey to South Africa in search of his missing sister, in search of freedom, and in search of himself. -Amazon</p>

Bardugo, Leigh	<i>Six of Crows</i> (fantasy)	2015	One impossible heist. Six teen outlaws, whose skills range from sharpshooting to spells to swindling. The reward? Money beyond their wildest dreams— <i>if</i> they can succeed without killing one another –Junior Library Guild
Sepetys, Ruta	<i>Salt to the Sea</i> (historical fiction)	2016	World War II is drawing to a close in East Prussia and thousands of refugees are on a desperate trek toward freedom, many with something to hide. Among them are Joana, Emilia, and Florian, whose paths converge en route to the ship that promises salvation, the <i>Wilhelm Gustloff</i> . Forced by circumstance to unite, the three find their strength, courage, and trust in each other tested with each step closer to safety. Just when it seems freedom is within their grasp, tragedy strikes. Not country, nor culture, nor status matter as all ten thousand people—adults and children alike—aboard must fight for the same thing: survival. –Amazon
Sundquist, Josh	<i>We Should Hang Out Sometime: Embarrassingly, a True Story</i> (non-fiction)	2015	Josh Sundquist wondered why “no one ever wanted to be my girlfriend.” This math-and-science inclined, Paralympic ski racer analyzed each of his failed relationships to get an answer.
Reynolds, Jason & Brendan Kiely	<i>All American Boys</i> (realistic fiction)	2015	In this Coretta Scott King Honor Award–winning novel, two teens—one black, one white—grapple with the repercussions of a single violent act that leaves their school, their community, and, ultimately, the country bitterly divided by racial tension. (From the Publisher)