

FAIRFAX COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**Summer 2009 Suggested Reading
for
Rising Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, and Twelfth Graders**

Rising Ninth Graders:

Read a book from one of the following genres:

Mystery
Science fiction
Fantasy
Western/Adventure
Historical Fiction

Rising Tenth Graders:

Read a nonfiction book.

Nonfiction may include autobiography, biography, history, humor or an informational book on a topic that interests you.

Rising Eleventh Graders:

Read a book by an American author.

Rising Twelfth Graders

Read a novel or memoir by an author from a country other than the United States.

Finding a Book: Suggested Sources Available to Students

Local Resources

NoveList (Fiction only)

<http://search.ebscohost.com>

Literature Resource Center- What Do I Read Next? (Fiction & Nonfiction)

<http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/fairfaxcps?db=SDIRN>

These two databases are owned by all FCPS schools. Their purpose is to link readers to books. Book reviews, plot summaries, discussion guides, and awards are included for each title. Students can describe the kind of book they want to read (i.e. mystery, takes place in New York, main character a teenage girl) and these databases will give suggestions. Students can also browse by genre and topic. Finally, users can list a book that they have read and liked; the database will then provide suggestions for similar titles.

Students in FCPS can access these two databases from their high school library websites. Please contact your media specialist for information on passwords.

Fairfax County Public Library: Good Reading

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/goodreading.htm>

This public library website includes links to book lists divided by age-group and genre.

Web Resources

Bartleby.com: Great Books Online

<http://www.bartleby.com>

This website includes free online versions of many classics texts including fiction, nonfiction and reference.

BookBrowse

<http://www.bookbrowse.com/>

Although intended for adults, this website covers books as they are published. Older students may find good suggestions here.

Booklist Center

<http://home.comcast.net/~dwtaylor1/>

This website features a wide selection of booklists sorted by genre and topic. The range of lists includes fiction and non-fiction as well as all major book awards.

BookSpot

<http://www.bookspot.com/>

BookSpot is a comprehensive website of book-related resources, including links to lists of books by age-group, genre, author, cultural background, and many other categories.

The Children's Literature Web Guide

<http://www.acs.ucalgary.ca/%7edkbrown/index.html>

This comprehensive resource for readers, teachers and parents includes links to both children's and young adult book lists.

The Great Books Foundation

<http://www.greatbooks.org>

The Great Books Foundation promotes the discussion of great books as an important part of education. They publish lists of recommended books and resources for students through the Junior Great Books program.

Outstanding Books for the College Bound

<http://www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/booklistsawards/outstandingbooks/outstandingbooks.htm>

This website for college-bound students presents a selection of books from five academic disciplines: history, humanities, literature and language arts, science and technology, and social sciences. The list, chosen by the Young Adult Library Services Association, includes fiction, nonfiction, poetry, biography and drama.

Teenreads.com

<http://www.teenreads.com/index.asp>

This is the teen section of [bookreporter.com](http://www.bookreporter.com), a website that shares book reviews and new releases.