

Learning Support/Emotional Support 2017 Summer Reading List - 9th Grade -

Over the course of the summer, students are required to read ONE book from the following list.

Students will be graded on written responses, which include journal entries and a vocabulary assignment, that must be completed over the summer. (Instructions for both written assignments are listed on a separate attachment.) All assignments must be submitted on or before the second Friday of the first quarter.

Students may also take an Accelerated Reader computerized test in order to obtain extra credit points, but it is strictly optional.

Any book by: John Green

Choose one book by John Green. Some examples include: Looking for Alaska~, The Fault in Our Stars, Paper Towns, An Abundance of Katherines

Any book by: Mike Lupica

Choose one book by Mike Lupica. Some examples include: The Bat Boy, The Big Field, Bump and Run, The Big League, Travel Team~ and Heat~.

Backlash (4.8) Sarah Darer Littman

When Christian, a boy 15-year-old Lara knows only through Facebook, posts a lot of nasty comments on her page, she tries to kill herself, but that is only the beginning of the backlash for her sister, Sydney, her former friend Bree, and her classmates.

The Impossible Knife of Memory (4.7) Laurie Halse Anderson

Hayley Kincaid and her father move back to his hometown to try a "normal" life, but the horrors he saw in the war threaten to destroy their lives.

**The plot contains profanity, violence, and drug use.*

Into the Killing Seas (4.6) Michael P. Spradlin

In 1945, 12-year-old Patrick and his younger brother stowaway on the USS "Indianapolis" in a desperate attempt to get back to the Philippines where they last saw their parents just before the Japanese invasion.

**The plot contains violence.*

The Only Thing to Fear (5.8) Caroline Tung Richmond

Nearly 80 years after Hitler's armies won the war, 16-year-old Zara St. James lives in the Shenandoah hills, still under the rule of the Nazis. But a resistance movement is growing.

**The plot contains graphic descriptions of violence.*

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