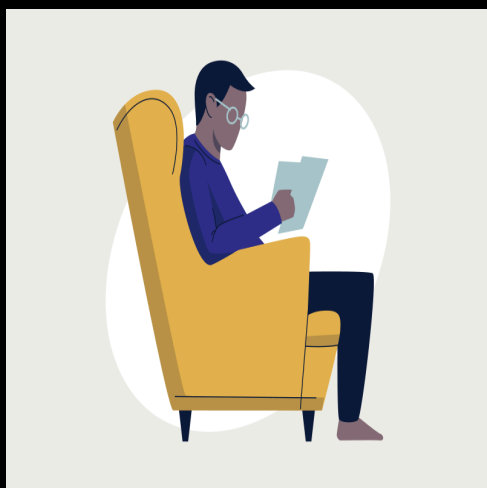




## Summer Reading Lists for Advanced Placement Students

Dear Parent(s),



I hope that you and your family are safe and well.

Summertime provides children a welcome break from the classroom. Summer vacations means fun – playtime with friends, family gatherings, adventure and lazy days.

But when children spend two or more months away from the regular exercise of learning they are at risk of the “summer slide” ([CLICK HERE](#) to find our more).” Kids not exposed to ongoing summer learning, such as reading and solving math problems, can lose anywhere from one to three months of what they learned in the previous grade. When that happens, children start the next year playing catch up.

Parents know how to inspire a love of books in babies and toddlers: Just put 'em on your lap, and start reading. But as kids get older and go to school, reading can be seen as work rather than fun -- and kids, especially teens, may stop reading for pleasure.

Here are nine ways to get teens reading, either again or for the first time.

1. **Find the "why" in YA.** YA (young adult) novels tackle the edgy issues teens struggle with, from peer pressure and romantic longing to grief and trouble at home or school. Whether they're personally grappling with these issues or seeking vicarious thrills, teens gravitate toward subject matter that's relatable. Check the YA bestseller lists and our book reviews for ideas.
2. **Merge movies with books.** Hollywood is turning to teen lit for ideas more than ever. Offer your teen the print version to read before or after a big film adaptation comes out, and talk about the similarities and differences between the two.
3. **Get graphic.** Gone are the days when graphic novels were dismissed as comic books. Now recognized as literature, they may be the key to getting some teens hooked on books. They're available in a wide range of genres -- from adventure and fantasy to historical fiction, memoir, and biography -- so certainly there's a graphic novel out there to suit your teen's taste.



4. **Lure 'em with adult books.** Find nonfiction titles on subjects your teen's curious about, such as climate change, race, political corruption, or true crime. Check adult nonfiction bestseller lists to see what's catching fire. Funny adult books also work (by David Sedaris or Tina Fey, for example), as do horror (Stephen King), mysteries (Agatha Christie), thrillers (James Patterson, John Grisham), fantasy (George R.R. Martin), science fiction (Isaac Asimov), and sports (Michael Lewis).

5. **Try poetry.** Novels in verse are a popular trend. All that white space on the page makes them easy to read, and the spare, lyrical approach can really pack a punch. Try Sarah Crossan's *One*, Stasia Ward Kehoe's *The Sound of Letting Go*, or Ellen Hopkins' *Rumble*. Memoirs in verse are taking hold, too; check out Marilyn Nelson's *How I Discovered Poetry*.



6. **Let them listen.** Spark teens' interest by getting an audiobook to listen to on the way to school or on long drives. Let them download audiobooks to their smartphones. (They won't risk looking uncool, because they'll be under headphones or have their earbuds in.)

- 7. Model reading.** Read at home where your teens can see you. Talk about what you're reading, and express your enjoyment. Always take a book or magazine along when you go to the beach or face waiting in a long line. Send your teen the message that reading is a pleasure, not a chore.



- 8. Keep reading material around.** Kids who grow up with lots of books around tend to read more. Stock the bathroom, car, dining table -- wherever there's a captive audience -- with comic books, graphic novels, and magazines geared to your teens' interests; first books in the hit YA series; or classic sci-fi and mysteries. There's nothing wrong with "micro-reading."

- 9. Give the gift of reading.** Hand your teen a gift card to your local bookstore. They'll discover the treasure-hunt fun of looking for a good book.

**Source:** 9 Ways to Get Teens Reading

<https://rb.gy/xzpdos>

# AP Summer Reading Book Lists



Here are some Summer Book Lists as recommended by [www.Goodreads.com](http://www.Goodreads.com)

*Have your child skim the list to see what they may be interested in reading during the summer.*

## 1. 8th Grade Summer Reading Books (196 Titles)

<https://rb.gy/pqhyor>

## 2. The Best Graphic Novels for Middle School (186 Titles)

<https://rb.gy/qrzicu>

## 3. High Interest Lower Level Books for Middle Schoolers (198 Titles)

<https://rb.gy/6xzhoh>

## 4. Graphic Novels for High School Students

<https://rb.gy/4ntfo4>

## 5. Best Graphic Novels for Girls

<https://rb.gy/zoghl3>

## 6. American Library Association's Great Graphic Novels for Teens

<https://rb.gy/yti7lj>

7. 8th Grade Reading Books (Comprehensive List) (800+)

<https://rb.gy/aughbk>

8. New York Public Library Teen Book Lists and Video Book Trailers

<https://rb.gy/umhc6v>

9. 15 Must Reads for Every High School Student

<https://rb.gy/ddgzpz>

10. Scholastic's The Ultimate Summer Reading List for Young Adults

<https://rb.gy/iyffgo>

11. The Most Anticipated Young Adult Books of 2020

<https://rb.gy/faivnw>

12. The Best YA Book Trailers of All Time - Epic Reads

<https://rb.gy/f4tp5j>

13. High School Summer Reading List

<https://rb.gy/gbublj>



Happy Reading!!

