

"Reading...a vacation for the mind."

- Dave Barry, American Columnist

2024 Summer Reading Resources

Seneca Valley High School Library Media Center

To learn about summer reading enrichment for students entering English 9-12 & IB English, click [HERE](#). Click [here](#) or scroll down if you'd like to see some inclusive reading suggestions. Finally, check out the links below to explore amazing reading resources that you can access 24/7.

Seneca Valley High School & MCPS Reading Resources



[Soraapp/Overdrive](#)

Log in using studentID@mcpsmd.org & your MCPS password (tutorial [here](#))



[Teen Book Cloud](#)

eBooks, audiobooks, graphic novels & more - get login info [here](#)



[Destiny Discover Card Catalog](#)

Log in using your MCPS student ID & password to access eContent



[MackinVIA](#)

Select SVHS, then log in using your MCPS student ID & password

FREE AUDIOBOOKS ALL SUMMER!

Audiobooks are a great option for summer reading while you soak up some sun and we've added new titles in every genre to keep you entertained. Pop on your headphones to listen to hot new romances and exciting thrillers. Or cool down with a chilling horror story. Beat the heat with an escape into a mystical fantasy world. To browse audiobooks currently available in [Sora](#), click [here](#).

Montgomery County Public Libraries (MCPL) Resources

Be sure to take a look at [MCPL's Teen Summer Reading Challenge](#), through which students can win [a free book and other big prizes!](#) Peek at their awesome [high school summer reading book list](#), too!

To access MCPL services, such as those below, you will need your library card. If you don't have a library card, GET ONE NOW -- it's super easy using this link: [MCPL Get a Digital Library Card](#).

Click [HERE](#) to access the resources below, and more, using your library card!

[Libby/Overdrive](#) - eBooks, audiobooks, eMagazines; public library version of Sora

[Hoopla!](#) - audiobooks, eBooks, comics, music, movies & TV; borrow up to 10/month

[Kanopy](#) - on-demand film streaming, cardholders can access up to 10 films/month

[Flipster](#) - digital copies of popular magazines reflecting a wide range of interests

[PressReader](#) - top newspapers and magazines from more than 120 countries

[MCPL Catalog](#) - search library content, including eContent, to find something special ♥

New York Times Summer Reading Contest



[The 15th Annual New York Times Summer Reading Contest](#)

- [PDF summary](#)
- NYT's digital subscription allows for 5 free articles per month; additional free articles can be accessed through [The Learning Network](#).

2024-2025 Reading Programs at SVHS



[Black-Eyed Susan Book Club](#)

- To participate in this program, students must commit to reading at least 3 of the 10 nominated high school-level books between now and April 22, 2025. Students who complete this requirement vote for their favorite book and honor the winning author.
- Click [HERE](#) for a list of this year's nominees, all of which are available on Sora -- please see the Sora information above for access!
- More information is available in the [SVHS LMC myMCPS Classroom!](#)



[One Maryland One Book](#)

- Students read this year's OMOB selection, *What Storm, What Thunder* by Myriam J.A. Chancy, prepare 5 discussion questions, and write a reflective essay based on the book.
- In September, participants meet to discuss the book and may possibly have the opportunity to meet the author during an author tour.
- For more information about this reading program and to make arrangements to pick up a copy of this book, please email [Ms. Little](#)

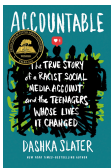


[Project Lit Community](#)

- Project Lit is a network of students and teachers dedicated to providing access to culturally relevant texts and promoting a love of reading.
- As we develop plans for Project LIT book club discussion next year, more information will become available in the [SVHS LMC myMCPS Classroom](#).

2024 SUMMER READING SUGGESTIONS

We recently added copies of these titles to the SVHS [Soraapp](#) account; log in using [studentID@mcpsmd.org](#) & your MCPS password (tutorial [here](#)). They're also available through MCPL; if you don't already have a library card, get one [here](#).



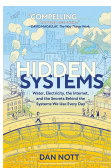
[Accountable: The True Story of a Racist Social Media Account and the Teenagers Whose Lives It Changed](#) by Dashka Slater (non-fiction, Project LIT) In 2017, a Korean American high school junior in Albany, California, created a “private” Instagram account through which he posted racist and sexist memes in an attempt to get a few laughs from his original 13 followers. Instead, he hurt a whole community.



[Dreams From Many Rivers: A Hispanic History of the United States Told in Poems](#) by Margarita Engle, illustrated by Beatriz Gutierrez Hernandez (poetry) Through a collection of illustrations and free-verse poems voicing both fictional and historical LatinX narratives, this book presents more than 500 years of indigenous and Hispanic American history, from pre-Columbian times to the present.



[Dry](#) by Neal Shusterman and Jarrod Shusterman (science fiction, dystopian fiction) When California is hit with an extended drought dubbed the “Tap Out,” 16-year-old Alyssa and her brother must partner with their neighbor Kelton and others to search for water and a chance at survival. As people start to turn against each other amid apocalyptic doom, will they persevere?



[Hidden Systems: Water, Electricity, the Internet, and the Secrets Behind the Systems We Use Every Day](#) by Dan Nott (non-fiction, graphic novel) A hidden system, or “something we don’t notice until it breaks,” brings benefits but at what cost? This book explains, in graphic detail (literally), three components of our infrastructure and how they work, along with how they help humanity but also cause harm.



[Kaiju No. 8, Vol. 1](#) by Naoya Matsumoto (manga) Kaiju, Godzilla-like monsters, plague Japan and Kafka aspires to join the heroic defense force that battles them. Instead, he is relegated to the cleanup crew responsible for dismantling slain kaiju. When he acquires the ability to transform parts of his body to kaiju parts, he gets a second chance.



[Love in English](#) by Maria E. Andreu (fiction, romance) Ana, having moved from Argentina to New Jersey, has enough to worry about between navigating a new culture, a new language, and new family dynamics. Before long, she must also navigate a love triangle between herself, an American in 1st period math, and a Greek Cypriot in 2nd period ESL.



[A Million to One](#) by Abida Jaigirdar (historical fiction, LGBTQ+) What do you get when Irish, Croatian, Haitian, and Pakistani teens from an all-girls boarding school in Dublin board the Titanic? A fast-paced historical heist in which a troupe of talented thieves attempt to steal a bejeweled copy of the *Rubaiyat*, a priceless book of Persian poetry.



[Promise Boys](#) by Nick Brooks (thriller/mystery, Project LIT) After the principal of Urban Promise Prep School in DC is shot and killed during a basketball game, three teens of color – J.B., Ramon, and Trey, who were serving an unsupervised detention at the time of the murder, become key suspects and must investigate the crime to clear their names.



[The Voting Booth](#) by Brandy Colbert (fiction, romance) When ambivalent Duke is turned away at the voting booth due to a registration mix-up, activist Marva makes it her personal mission to ensure he votes in the election. Between light and flirty interactions and tackling significant social and personal issues, they grow closer throughout the day.



[What Storm, What Thunder](#) by Myriam J.A. Chancy (adult fiction, One Maryland One Book) In this fictional account of the devastating 2010 earthquake in Haiti, 10 people connected through Ma Lou, a market woman and community staple, share their personal grief and trauma, exacerbated by systemic social failures, as they navigate recovery in the aftermath of a natural disaster.