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Dear Rolling Meadows High School Families,

We are so excited to share our summer reading titles with you! We all know how important reading is to a student's success in school. By reading over the summer, students will enhance their reading skills, gain exposure to new vocabulary, improve critical thinking, build empathy for others, and create meaningful conversations within families. Our Summer Reading Committee, composed of both staff and students, has selected nine choices for summer reading. These books cover a wide range of genres and are both high-interest and contemporary. The book titles are listed on the attached poster.

Although not required, Rolling Meadows High School's Summer Reading program is highly recommended. After selecting and reading one of the books over the summer, students will create a [Book Bento project](#). This is a creative way for students to showcase their understanding and analysis of the book. Students will submit the Book Bento in their English class and receive extra credit points to start the school year.

The books are available at the Rolling Meadows Library, Arlington Heights Memorial Library, and Mount Prospect Public Library. For digital options, students may access ebooks and audiobooks from [Sora](#).

Our hope is that students will choose a book that aligns with their interests and reignites a love for reading. Thank you for supporting our students on their literacy journey. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

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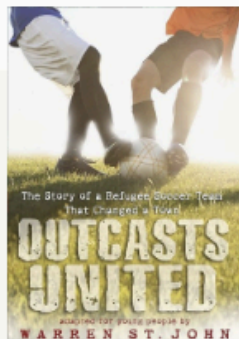
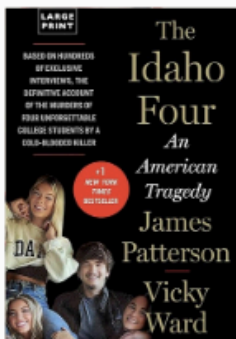
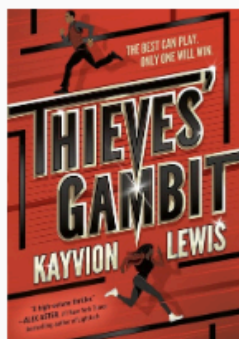
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RMHS SUMMER READING 2026



Choose 1 of 9 choices for summer reading.

Available in Spanish: *Sunrise on the Reaping*, *Thieves' Gambit*,
and *Betting On You*

Available in Russian: *Sunrise on the Reaping*

Books are available at RMHS Library, AHML, RML, MPPL, and on Sora.





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BOOK GENRES & SUMMARIES

Thieves' Gambit (Adventure): Ross Quest is a master thief, desperate to save her mom's life. She enters the Thieves' Gambit, competing in dangerous international heists where the winner earns a wish.

Sunrise on the Reaping (Science Fiction/Dystopian): In the Quarter Quell, Haymitch is forced into an arena with twice as many tributes. Torn from everything he loves and sent to fight a battle he's meant to lose, he realizes survival may depend on defying the system.

Salt and Sugar (Romance): Lari's family bakery, Salt, is in a long standing feud with the Molina family's bakery, Sugar. As both businesses struggle, Lari teams up with Pedro Molina to save the bakeries.

Me: Moth (Verse Novel/Magical Realism): After losing her family, Moth feels alone—until she meets Sani, a boy searching for answers about his past. Together, they take a road trip to uncover their roots and find a sense of belonging.

The Idaho Four: An American Tragedy (Nonfiction/True Crime): In 2022, four college students were murdered in Moscow, Idaho. The book explores the tragedy's impact on the victims' families, the community, and the nation, while examining how people respond to unimaginable violence.

I Must Betray You (Historical Fiction): Set in 1989 communist Romania, Cristian Florescu is blackmailed into becoming an informer; he must choose between betraying those he loves or fighting back against the regime.

Outcasts United: The Story of a Refugee Soccer Team That Changed a Town (Nonfiction/Sports): In a small American town transformed by incoming refugees, a youth soccer team brings together teens. Led by the intense and inspiring Coach Luma, the players overcome cultural differences and personal challenges to form a tight-knit team.

The Girls I've Been (Mystery): Nora O'Malley, the daughter of a con artist, finds herself trapped in a bank robbery. Being held hostage, she is forced to rely on the dangerous skills she once used to survive.

Betting on You (Romance): Bailey starts a job at a waterpark and reconnects with Charlie, a sarcastic coworker she once disliked. As they bond and make a bet about another couple, their own feelings begin to grow.

