Chattanooga School for the Arts & Sciences



Summer Reading 2026

Catalog

Great resources to check out for summer reading books…

- CSAS Library (some of the listed texts are in our own library!)
- McKay's: 7734 Lee Hwy, Chattanooga, TN 37421
- Thrift Books (online used book store)
- Amazon (for digital/e-reader or print copies)
- Chattanooga Library & associated sites (Libby, Hoopla, etc.)

Lower School

Click the blue text below, then click the pop up link to access Lower School summer reading plans. Unless otherwise noted, assignments are due on the first day of school.

- **Elementary School (Rising K-5th)** (by grade level)

Upper School

Click the blue text below, then click the pop up link to view the summer reading selection(s) and assignment(s):

- **Middle School (Rising 6th-8th Grade)** (by grade level)
  In middle school students will have **TWO** required books for their ELA course. Unless otherwise noted assignments are due on the first day of school.
- **High School (Rising 9th - 12th Grade)** (by course)
  In high school students will have ONE seminar selection and ONE English/ Language Arts selection. (AP courses may have additional requirements.)

Elementary School (Rising K-5th)

Please find your grade level listed below. **Click the blue text below, then click the pop up link** to see your summer reading choices and assignments! Unless otherwise noted, assignments are due on the first day of school. If you have questions, please contact the teacher(s) noted and/or the school office.

Grade Level	Summer Reading Assignment	Grade Contact
★ Rising Kindergarten	Kindergarten Handbook	Ms. Michelle Howell howell_michelle@hcde.org
★ Rising 1st Grade	1st Grade Summer Reading/Math	Ms. Caroline Cardwell cardwell_caroline@hcde.org
★ Rising 2nd Grade	2nd Grade Summer Reading/Math	Ms. Trinace Henderson henderson_trinace@hcde.org
★ Rising 3rd Grade	3rd Grade Summer Reading Math	Ms. Joy Nease nease_joy@hcde.org
★ Rising 4th Grade	4th Grade Summer Activity Journal	Ms. Amber Ezell ezell_amber@hcde.org
★ Rising 5th Grade	5th Grade Summer Reading	Ms. Alyssa DiNitto dinitto_alyssa@hcde.org

Middle School (Rising 6th-8th)

Click the blue text below, then click the pop up link to view the selection(s) and assignment(s).

- For middle school, each student must read two books and complete an assignment on each.

Questions about the summer reading assignment should be directed to the instructor indicated. Unless otherwise noted, assignments are due on the first day of school.

Course	Course Instructor
➢ Rising 6th Grade ○ **Selections** ○ **Assignment**	*Mr. Andre Crosby* crosby_scott@hcde.org
➢ Rising 7th Grade ○ **Selections & Assignment**	*Mrs. Jaime Barrett* barrett_j@hcde.org
➢ Rising 8th Grade ○ **Selections** ○ **Assignment**	*Mrs. Della Taylor* taylor_del@hcde.org

High School (Rising 9th - 12th)

Click the blue text below, then click the pop up link to view the course reading selection(s) and assignment(s).

- Each high school student will have one ELA book & one Seminar book to read.
- *AP Language & Composition* students must read two books and the one chosen for the pertinent grade-level seminar.

Questions about the summer reading assignment should be directed to the instructor indicated. Unless otherwise noted, assignments are due on the first day of the school year.

Course	Course Instructor
➢ **Rising 9th Grade (English I)** ○ **Book 1: ENG I Book & Assignment** ○ **Book 2 (Seminar Book): *Animal Farm* by George Orwell - Click here for assignment**	*Mrs. Abigail Guarneiri* guarneiri_a@hcde.org
➢ **Rising 10th Grade (English II)** ○ **Book 1 ENG II Book & Assignment** ○ **Book 2 (Seminar Book): *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho - Click here for assignment**	*Mrs. Linka Pace* pace_linka@hcde.org
➢ **Rising 11th Grade (English III)** ○ **Book 1 ENG III Book & Assignment** ○ **Book 2 (Seminar Book): *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald (Click here for assignment)**	*Mr. Kevin Aslinger* aslinger_k@hcde.org
➢ **Rising 12th Grade (English IV)** ○ **Book 1 ENG IV Book & Assignment** ○ **Book 2 (Seminar Book): *A Long Way Gone* by Ishmael Beah**	*Mr. Ron Nance* nance_ronald@hcde.org
➢ **AP Language and Composition (11th & 12th)** ○ **AP Language & Composition Books (2 Books)** ○ **Seminar Book:** Please choose the applicable grade level Seminar book to read in addition to the 2 ELA Books for AP Language & Composition.	*Mr. Kevin Aslinger* aslinger_k@hcde.org *&* *Mrs. Kelly Davis* davis_kelly@hcde.org