



West Ridge Middle School

Incoming 8th Grade Summer Reading

2025-26 School Year

Hello Wildcats!

The West Ridge ELA department is dedicated to creating and maintaining a community of readers. Our summer reading program strives to promote literacy, critical thinking skills, rigor, and empathy. Over the summer, we would like incoming 8th graders to read a novel of their choice from the [2025 Lone Star Reading List](#). These lists are developed each year by public and school librarians across the state of Texas from the Young Adult Round Table. The purpose of the lists is to encourage students in grades 6, 7, and 8 to explore a wide variety of genres in current books. West Ridge encourages all students to read widely in an effort to grow vocabulary, improve writing, build SEL skills, bring inspiration, and boost creativity.*

Your Assignment:

Read a novel of your choice from the [2025 Lone Star Reading List](#).

- ★ Click on the link above to view the annotated book list (which includes the title, author, and a brief description of each).



- Consider novel descriptions for interests and appropriateness. You can use [Common Sense Media](#) to help you with this.
- ★ Students should finish reading their book (hardcopy, ebook, or audiobook) by the first day of school, August 13, 2025. All assignments related to summer reading will be given after students begin class in August.

Have a wonderful summer! Happy reading!
—Mr. Salazar, Mrs. Hutson, Mrs. Turner & Mr. Mills

Need help acquiring your book? Here are some options:

- Sora
 - This app was purchased by Eanes for more electronic and audiobooks.
 - Download it in the "Student" app on your school iPad or from the app store on any personal device.
 - Click the green button that says "My School is Eanes ISD," OR you can select "I have a setup code" from the very bottom of the screen and type in eanestx
 - Select log in with Google and use your Eanes ISD email address (which is your first initial last initial lunch number @eanesisd.net)
 - "Borrow" books to check them out.
 - The books can be opened in the Kindle app as well.
 - Check out the [WRMS Library website](#) for more information.
- Learning Ally
 - If you already have a Learning Ally account, please contact Anne Buchta (abuchta@eanesisd.net) and she can assist you with username/passwords.
- Amazon
 - Most of the Lone Star books are available for purchase on Amazon.
- Audible
 - This is a great resource for students who struggle to stay engaged in a book, have reading difficulties, or just like to hear a dramatic reading of a book.
 - We ask that your child read the book while they listen to boost reading skills.
- Westbank/Laura's Library
 - Sign-up for a membership [here](#).
 - Any Eanes student can have access to this.
 - Use a family account to view the content your child is selecting.
 - The community [digital library](#) includes eBooks, audiobooks, e-magazines, films, and much more.
 - Email them with questions here at questions@westbanklibrary.com or text 512-649-2247.
- Austin Regional Library
 - The eCard provides access to the library's digital materials and can be acquired without visiting a library location.
 - The card is free for Austin residents and costs \$22 for non-residents.
 - The [virtual library](#) includes e-books, audiobooks, e-learning, entertainment, magazines and newspapers, homework help, and research and databases.
 - This is a parent account with student access (and it works with the iPad).
 - Fill out an [eCard application](#), then upload your photo ID and residence address documentation.
 - The application will be processed within 2-3 business days.
 - Once approved, you will receive an email with your eCard number.
 - The eCard gives you 24/7 access to the [virtual library](#).

*If you would like to read more about the WRMS ELA Reading Philosophy, click [here](#).