

All Saint Stanislaus students, grades 7 through 12, are encouraged to participate in the Summer Reading program. Our goal is to promote a love of reading and to expose students to high interest and character-building books.

Students who will be participating in the summer reading program should choose a book from their appropriate grade level listed below. A summer reading assessment will be offered at Orientation before school begins. A student who elects to read a book and take the corresponding assessment at Orientation has the opportunity to earn 10 bonus points in the class of his choosing for the first quarter. These bonus points will be earned if the student achieves an 80% or higher on the summer reading assessment.

Students in select Honors and AP classes will have additional required reading. The teachers of these classes will handle the assessments for these books as part of their class requirements for the first quarter.

Books are available at Bay Books, 131 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520 (228)-463-2688

7th and 8th Grade

Students are encouraged to read at least ONE of the following books:

***Guys Read: Thriller* edited by Jon Scieszka (ISBN 9780061963759)**

Mystery/Thriller/Short Stories

Snakes on the hunt. Modern-day pirates. A mysterious wish-granting machine. The world's worst private detective. The volume of the Guys Read Library is chock-full of mystery, intrigue, and nefarious activity. Containing ten short, action-packed stories featuring some of the best writers around, *Guys Read: Thriller* is a pulse-pounding collection guaranteed to keep you riveted until the final page.

***The Wednesday Wars* by Gary Schmidt (ISBN 9780547237602)**

Realistic Fiction

Seventh-grader Holling Hoodhood must spend Wednesday afternoons with his teacher, Mrs. Baker, while the rest of the class has religion class. Mrs. Baker doesn't like Holling—he's sure of it. Why else would she make him read the plays of William Shakespeare outside class? But he has bigger things to worry about, like Vietnam, a bully demanding cream puffs, angry rats, and a baseball hero signing autographs the very same night Holling has to appear in a play in yellow tights! As fate sneaks up on him again and again, Holling works to find the courage to embrace his destiny, in spite of himself.

***Woodson* by Gary Paulsen (ISBN 9781416939399)**

Adventure/Nonfiction

Gary Paulsen, author of *Hatchet*, is no stranger to adventure. He has flown off the back of a dogsled and down a frozen waterfall to near disaster. He has led a team of sled dogs toward the Alaskan Mountain Range in an Iditarod -- the grueling, 1,180-mile dog sled race -- while hallucinating from lack of sleep. In this book, Paulsen recounts several of his remarkable experiences that shaped his life and inspired his award-winning writing.

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9th and 10th Grade

Students are encouraged to read at least ONE of the following books:

***Peak* by Roland Smith** (ISBN 9780152062682)

Adventure/Fiction

After fourteen-year-old Peak Marcello is arrested for scaling a New York City skyscraper, he's left with two choices: wither away in Juvenile Detention or go live with his long-lost father, who runs a climbing company in Thailand. But Peak quickly learns that his father's renewed interest in him has strings attached. Big strings. As owner of Peak Expeditions, he wants his son to be the youngest person to reach the Everest summit--and his motives are selfish at best. Even so, for a climbing addict like Peak, tackling Everest is the challenge of a lifetime. But it's also one that could cost him his life.

***The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien** (ISBN 9780345339683)

Fantasy/Fiction

Bilbo Baggins is a hobbit who enjoys a comfortable, unambitious life, rarely traveling any farther than his pantry or cellar. But his contentment is disturbed when the wizard Gandalf the Grey and a company of dwarves arrive on his doorstep one day to whisk him away on an adventure. The dwarves have launched a plot to reclaim their most precious treasure from Smaug the Magnificent, a powerful and deadly dragon. Bilbo reluctantly joins their quest, unaware that on his journey to the Lonely Mountain he will take risks, make discoveries, and survive adventures that no Hobbit has ever even dreamed of.

***Lincoln's Spymaster* by Samantha Seiple** (ISBN 9780545708975)

Historical Nonfiction

This book details the dangerous and action-packed adventures of Allan Pinkerton, America's first private eye and Lincoln's most trusted spymaster. Pinkerton was a poor immigrant barrel-maker in Illinois when he stumbled across his first case just miles from his home. His reputation grew and people began approaching Pinkerton with their cases, leading him to open the first-of-its-kind private detective agency. He assembled a team of undercover agents, and together they caught train robbers, counterfeiters, and other outlaws. They even uncovered and stopped an assassination plot against then president-elect Abraham Lincoln. Seeing firsthand the value of Pinkerton's service, Lincoln funded Pinkerton's spy network, a precursor to the Secret Service.

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11th and 12th Grade

Students are encouraged to read at least ONE of the following books:

***Monster* by Walter Dean Myers** (ISBN 9780062274991)

Fiction/Graphic Novel

Sixteen-year-old Steve Harmon is on trial for murder. A Harlem drugstore owner was shot and killed in his store, and the word is that Steve served as the lookout. Guilty or innocent, Steve becomes a pawn in the hands of "the system," cluttered with cynical authority figures and unscrupulous inmates, who will turn in anyone to shorten their own sentences. For the first time, Steve is forced to think about who he is as he faces prison, where he may spend all the tomorrows of his life.

As he acclimates to juvenile detention and goes on trial, he envisions how his ordeal would play out on the big screen. He decides to transcribe his trial into a script, just like in the movies. He writes it all down, scene by scene, the story of how his whole life was turned around in an instant. But despite his efforts, reality is blurred and his vision obscured until he can no longer tell who he is or what is the truth.

***I, Robot* by Isaac Asimov** (ISBN 9780553294385)

Science Fiction

There are the three laws of Robotics:

- 1) A robot may not injure a human being or, through inaction, allow a human being to come to harm
- 2) A robot must obey orders given to it by human beings except where such orders would conflict with the First Law.
- 3) A robot must protect its own existence as long as such protection does not conflict with the First or Second Law.

With these three seemingly simple directives, Isaac Asimov changed our perception of robots forever when he formulated the laws governing their behavior. Unfortunately, as simple and fundamental as these rules seem, they leave room for a variety of human-robot conflicts. In *I, Robot*, Asimov explores the possible outcomes of creating Artificial Intelligence that rivals or surpasses human capability through a series of interlinked short stories: from its primitive origins in the present to its ultimate perfection in the not-so-distant future—a future in which humanity itself may be rendered obsolete.

***Every Falling Star* by Sungju Lee** (ISBN 9781419727610)

Survival/Nonfiction

An intense memoir of a North Korean boy named Sungju who is forced at age twelve to live on the streets and fend for himself. Sunju leans to survive by any means necessary. He richly re-creates his experience, depicting what it was like for a boy alone to create a new family with the gang he calls his "brothers," and reveals to readers what it is like to be hungry, and to fear arrest, imprisonment, and even execution.

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**ADDITIONAL READING REQUIRED for the following
HONORS and AP ENGLISH CLASSES and SOCIAL STUDIES CLASSES**

9th Grade	English I Honors	<i>The Life of Pi</i> by Yann Martel (ISBN 9780151008117)
10th Grade	English II Honors	<i>The Road</i> by Cormac McCarthy (ISBN 0307387895)
	European History AP	<i>The Day the Universe Changed</i> by James Burke (ISBN 978-0316091916)
11th Grade	English III Honors	<i>The Glass Menagerie</i> by Tennessee Williams (ISBN 0811214044) OR Attend a performance of the Tulane Shakespeare Festival
	English III Language and Composition AP	<i>The Glass Menagerie</i> by Tennessee Williams (ISBN 0811214044) OR Attend a performance of the Tulane Shakespeare Festival
	US History AP	<i>Lies My Teacher Told Me: Everything Your American History Textbook Got Wrong</i> by James Loewen. ISBN-13: 978-0743296281.
12th Grade	English IV Honors	<i>Norse Mythology</i> by Neil Gaiman (ISBN 0393356183)
	English IV Literature and Composition AP	<i>Brave New World</i> by Aldous Huxley. (ISBN: 0060850523)