

**COLUMBIA ACADEMY  
SUMMER READING LIST - SUMMER 2026**

Summer Brain Drain is a real thing. The old adage holds true - "what you don't use, you lose!" BUT - the simple act of reading can prevent students from losing the valuable skills that they learned in classes like English and History and can even help them be successful in other classes too in the year ahead.

"Reading skills translate to other subject areas also because "all other subjects hinge on the ability to take in information through reading." Research shows that "students who read 20 minutes per day score in the 90th percentile on standard type skills and learning tests, with those who only read for 5 minutes per day scoring in the 50th percentile." (Source: Dominican University IMLS-funded research: Public Library Summer Reading Programs Close the Reading Gap).

Columbia Academy requires and actively encourages students to read during the summer. This will help them to prepare for the upcoming year and also to prevent losing the learned skills that are typically lost during the summer months when school is not in session.

The list below are the selections required for the Summer 2025. The correct book selection can be found by searching the ISBN (International Standard Book Number) on Amazon. Unless otherwise noted, all books on the list below should be purchased and shipped to your home directly. Students should have read the book selections below completely by the time that school begins for Fall 2026 (Approximately August 7, 2026). Students who plan to take advantage of the CA library to check out available copies for the summer must do so BEFORE THE LAST WEEK of school.

CLASS	GRADE	TEACHER	BOOK TITLE	Author	ISBN	NOTES
Reading	4	Niven	Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing	Judy Blume	ISBN-13 : 978-0142408810	
English	5	Nagy	Lemonade War	Jacqueline Davies	ISBN: 978-0547237657	These are available for loan from the CA Library, please contact Ms. Amber Mattox to check out
English	6	Speir	Call of the Wild	Jack London	ISBN: 1453065962	These are available for loan from the CA Library, please contact Ms. Amber Mattox to check out
English - Grade Level	7	Jones	Unteachables	Gordan Korman	ISBN: 978-0062563880	
English - Grade Level	8	Jones	Restart	Gordan Korman	ISBN: 978-1338053777	
English - Grade Level	9	Berry	Animal Farm	George Orwell	ISBN 978-0-451-52634-2	A few of these are available for loan at the CA Library on a first come first serve basis or you may order from Amazon.
English - Honors I	9	Berry	Animal Farm	George Orwell	ISBN 978-0-451-52634-2	A few of these are available for loan at the CA Library on a first come first serve basis or you may order from Amazon.
English - Grade Level	10	Tubbs	1984	George Orwell	ISBN 978-1998382996	A few of these are available for loan at the CA Library on a first come first serve basis or you may order from Amazon.
English - Honors II	10	Tubbs	Lord of the Flies	William Golding	ISBN: 978-0399501487	A few of these are available for loan at the CA Library on a first come first serve basis or you may order from Amazon.
English - Grade Level	11	Berry	The Old Man and the Sea	Ernest Hemingway	ISBN: 978-0684801223	A few of these are available for loan at the CA Library on a first come first serve basis or you may order from Amazon.
English - Honors III	11	Berry	The Old Man and the Sea & Night	Hemingway & Weisel	ISBN: 978-0684801223 ISBN: 978-0374500016	A few of these are available for loan at the CA Library on a first come first serve basis or you may order from Amazon.
American History	11		The United States Constitution for Everyone	Agel, Jerome B. & Gerberg, M	ISBN: 978-0399513053	Summer Reading Log assignment for this text is available on Google Classroom
American History	11		Noah Webster's Advice to the Young and Moral Catechism	Noah Webster	ISBN-10: 092527934X	Summer Reading Log assignment for this text is available on Google Classroom
English	12	Tubbs	Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde	Robert Louis Stevenson	ISBN: 978-1954839373	A few of these are available for loan at the CA Library on a first come first serve basis or you may order from Amazon.
English - Honors IV	12	Tubbs	A Tale of Two Cities	Charles Dickens	ISBN:978-0486406510	A few of these are available for loan at the CA Library on a first come first serve basis or you may order from Amazon.
American Government and Honors American Government	12	Smith	Founders Speech to a Nation in Crisis	Steven Rabb	ISBN: 978-1735816401	Can be purchased from Amazon.