

Read 3!
WE PICK 1 ~ YOU PICK 2

1. **Requirement:** Students should read one book from the list for their grade in the 2016-17 school year. Books are available at Batavia Public and other area libraries. Audiobooks are also available for some of the selections. The books are high-interest titles and were selected with input from staff and students.
2. **Incentives:** Students are also encouraged to read two more books of their choice and to earn incentive prizes through Teen Summer Reading at Batavia Public Library or the student's public library.
3. **School year follow-up:** Teachers in the following courses will involve the books in at least one classroom activity:

9th grade—English I
10th grade—English II
11th grade—American History
12th grade--Government

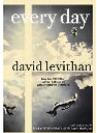
4. **Why read during the summer?** Like athletes, musicians, and artists, readers need to practice to maintain and improve their skills. Also, summer is a great time to discover new books, perhaps the book behind a movie blockbuster or the book that everyone is discussing. Participation in a public library's Teen Summer Reading program helps students develop lifelong learning skills!

Freshman List



Awaken, Katie Kacivinsky

In the year 2060, when people hardly ever leave the security of their houses and instead do everything online, Madeline Freeman, daughter of the man who created the national digital school, is wooed by a group of radicals who are trying to get people to "unplug."



Every Day, David Levithan

Every day a different body. Every day a different life. Every day in love with the same girl.



Positive, Paige Rawl

A teenager's memoir of the experiences of bullying, being HIV positive and surviving the experiences to become a force for positive change in this world.



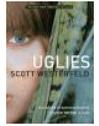
Lockdown, Alexander Gordon Smith

Furnace Penitentiary: the world's most secure prison for young offenders, buried a mile beneath the earth's surface. Convicted of a murder he didn't commit, Alex Sawyer must find a way out, or resign himself to a death behind bars.

Sophomore List

Uglies, Scott Westerfeld

Everybody gets to be supermodel gorgeous. What could be wrong with that? Tally is about to turn sixteen, and she can't wait. Not for her license—for turning “pretty.”



Between Shades of Gray, Ruta Sepetys

Lina is just like any other fifteen-year-old Lithuanian girl in 1941. She paints, she draws, and she gets crushes on boys. Until one night when Soviet officers barge into her home, tearing her family from the comfortable life they've known.



The President Has Been Shot, James L. Swanson

Swanson's **nonfiction** book reads like a thriller, with intense pacing and an engaging narrative. The event is not depicted as dry, textbook history, but rather as a horrifying and shocking crime. *SLJ*, 2013.

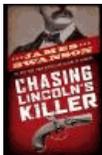


Unwind, Neal Schusterman

Three teens embark upon a cross-country journey in order to escape from a society that salvages body parts from children ages thirteen to eighteen.



Junior List



Chasing Lincoln's Killer, James L. Swanson

What happened in the 12 days after Lincoln was shot? Did the assassin act alone? How was he caught? This thrilling nonfiction story is based on extensive research.



Mr. Lincoln's High-Tech War, Thomas B. Allen & Roger MacBride Allen

Lincoln knew that winning the war would require using technology to create new ways of waging war. His soldiers and sailors had the best and latest hardware. By combining new tools with time-tested tactics, he helped revolutionize warfare.



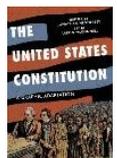
Photo by Brady, Jennifer Armstrong

Presents an account of the Civil War using photographs taken under the direction of Mathew B. Brady, a famous New York photographer of the day, and provides information on the life and times of Brady as well as the Civil War.

Senior Title

The United States Constitution: A Graphic Adaptation, Jonathan Hennessey

The United States Constitution: A Graphic Adaptation uses the art of illustrated storytelling to breathe life into our nation's cornerstone principles.



Questions? Contact BHS-LRC@bps101.net

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Why does BHS have a Summer Reading program?

Reading during the summer helps students prevent the “summer slide” of skills, and it encourages the habit of reading. According to the American Library Association, summer reading programs began in the 1890s. Summer is a great time to explore subjects of personal interest. And if you’re taking a road trip, consider listening to an audiobook on the journey.

2. What principles guide the program?

A group of teachers with input from students designed the program based on 5 ideas:

- Select books according to themes in particular classes
- Connect the readings to the curriculum
- Create a positive tone for the program
- Give students choices
- Encourage students to use the public library

3. How were the Summer Reading books chosen?

Suggestions are taken from both students and teachers, and potential titles are evaluated by a committee according to the following criteria: appeal, length, reading level, awards, genre, multicultural elements, and availability of recorded book versions. The list was most recently updated in 2016.

4. Where can we borrow the Summer Reading books?

Multiple copies of every title are available at Batavia Public Library, which accepts any public library card. If a particular book is not available, the reference librarians can order the book from another library.

5. Can students also participate in the Summer Reading programs offered at the public library?

Yes! We encourage students and adults to join the Summer Reading program offered by their public library. Programs and prizes provide incentives to keep people reading throughout the summer months. Libraries have information about their programs online.