

Summer is a fabulous opportunity to dabble, explore, visit old worlds and travel into new ones -- all while sprawled on a couch or sitting under a tree (book in hand). To guide you down the path of summer reading, the Eckstein Library offers the following list of recommended titles.

Be open to all formats! Information and ideas can come in a brilliant variety of packages.

Choose "just right" books! You are your own best expert on the definition of a great read. Decide for yourself what sounds appealing: fantastical, realistic, sad, humorous, deadly serious or light-hearted.

Read these titles along with your family and friends (and discuss the ideas, if folks are willing). (Parents, join the crowd! You'll be *amazed* at how gripping, satisfying and memorable young adult literature can be.)

To good reads and sunny days!

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Summer Reading 09

Guys | Guts | Glory | Games

Last Days of Summer by Steve Kluger
Hilarious banter between boy and pro baseball star.

Acceleration by Graham McNamee
Toronto teen hunts serial killer -- a thriller!



Unwind by Neal Shusterman
Unwanted teens unwound, body parts recycled.

Genghis by Conn Iggulden.
Brilliant adventures of soon-to-be

Mongol Emperor.

Little Brother by Cory Doctorow.

Guys plan to overthrow the DHS.

Sunrise over Fallujah by Walter Dean Myers.
Young soldier confronts truth about war.

Girls Wanna Rock!

Flygirl by Sherri L. Smith
African-American girl "passes" to become WWII pilot.

The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks by E. Lockhart
Feisty girl challenges all-male secret society.

After Tupac and D Foster by Jacqueline Woodson
Three girls find friendship in music.
Dairy Queen by Catherine Murdock
Same job, Same boys, Same struggles.

Hope Was Here by Joan Bauer
Waitress turned politico cleans up corruption.

Lock and Key by Sarah Dessen
Abandoned teen sent to rich relatives.

Great Graphic Novels

American Born Chinese by Gene Luen Yan
Humorous connected stories about race & friendship.

The Arrival by Shaun Tan

Maus I & II: A Survivor's Tale by Art Spiegelman
Mice, cats, pigs chillingly portray Holocaust.

Pitch Black: Don't Be Skerd Youme Landowne and Anthony Horton

Rapunzel's Revenge by Shannon Hale

Pain and Triumph

Emil and Karl by Yankev Glatshteyn
Two young friends face Nazi onslaught.

La Linea by Ann Jaramillo
Siblings risk treacherous Mexico-to-California journey.

Thirteen Reasons Why by Jay Asher
Boy discovers "why" of girl's suicide.

Keesha's House
Troubled teens find their way home.

Tamar by Mal Peet
Gripping page-turner about WWII Dutch Resistance.

Jellicoe Road by Melina Marchetta
Suspenseful tale of Australian boarding-school wars.

Perks of Being a Wallflower by Stephen Chbosky
Shy, smart kid survives freshman year.

Year of Impossible Goodbyes by Sook Nyul Choi
Danger and courage in Japanese-occupied Korea.

A Gathering of Days: A New England Girl's Journal, 1830-1832 by Joan Blos
Friendship, forest phantom, farms, beautiful story.



Other Worldly Realities

The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman
18 month old raised to 18 by ghosts.

Never Trust a Dead Man -- Vivian Vande Velde
Medieval teens solve supernatural murder mystery.

How I Live Now by Meg Rosoff
No water, no food, no adults.

The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins
Suspense-filled survival saga in dystrophic North America.

The Adoration of Jenna Fox by Mary E. Pearson
Me, the Missing and the Dead by Jenny Valentine Can ashes talk and solve a mystery?

A Curse Dark as Gold by Elizabeth Bunce
Spirited English girl confronts 18th-century Rumpelstiltskin.

Nation by Terry Pratchett
Teens become sole survivors of tsunami.

Additional Online Reading Resources

Guys Read <http://www.guysread.com/>

Reader Girlz <http://www.readergirlz.com/>

New York Public Library "Stuff for the Teen Age"
<http://www.nypl.org/books/sta2009/index.cfm>

Good Reads <http://www.goodreads.com>

Seattle Public Libraries <http://www.spl.org>