

Seneca Valley High School

Summer Reading

THREE EASY STEPS TO FOLLOW...

STEP 1

PICK THE BOOK

Click this [LINK](#) for some general recommendations for books we have read and liked, OR browse those MCPL recommends on the main page of the online catalog.

STEP 2

GET THE BOOK

There are a multitude of ways you can obtain your book. Try the local public library, used book stores, or find it online if you would like to own it.

STEP 3

READ THE BOOK

Start early so you can actually enjoy what you are reading. Remember, we will assess your reading when you return. Check out the assessment details!

MCPL Recommended Reading Lists found at
<http://webcat.montgomerylibrary.org/>

ASSESSMENT

When you return to school in August, you will be asked to respond to one of the following prompts in class;

FICTION: Compare and contrast the events, setting, or characters in the book you read with your personal experience, or the experience of someone you know.

NON-FICTION: Identify information in the text that is new to you or has changed your thinking in some way.

READ A BOOK! (It's good for you.)

Summer reading loss refers to the decline in student's reading development that can occur during summer vacation times when children are away from the classroom and not participating in formal literacy programs (Allington & McGill-Franzen, 2003).

Far from being only a perception in the minds of teachers, the reality of summer reading loss is well documented – and it is more persistent among students from lower socioeconomic backgrounds who are already at risk for academic failure. Researchers have uncovered evidence to suggest that the impact of summer reading loss on students in general, and on at-risk students in particular, is significant.

*Access to reading materials has been consistently identified as a vital element in enhancing the reading development of children. Of all the activities in which children engage outside of school, time spent actually reading is the **best** predictor of reading achievement – the more students read, the better readers they become (Allington, 2006; Anderson, Wilson, & Fielding, 1988).*

The bottom line is, if you read a book or two over the summer, you will start the upcoming school year better equipped for success.