

PWCS Summer Reading

Grades 6-8

This summer, you get to choose what you read!

1. Review the options on the choice board.
2. Select a book that fits the chosen option. You may pick a print book, eBook, or audiobook.
3. Read actively - think about ideas, characters, themes, and perspectives as you read.

A few helpful hints:

- Choose a book that challenges you but still feels interesting.
- Try something new - summer is a great time to explore different genres, topics, or voices.
- If you need help finding a book, ask a librarian at the Prince William Public Library. They are happy to help you find a great book.

Choose a book where a character is figuring out who they are.

How does the character's identity journey help you reflect on the forces - experiences, relationships, expectations—that shape your identity?

A book that explores a mystery in science or nature.

How does the book spark your curiosity to wonder, question, or seek deeper understanding of the natural world? What new questions did it inspire?

A book in a format you rarely read: manga, novel in verse, audiobook, graphic novel, narrative nonfiction, "you choose" book.

How did the format shape your experience of the story? What did this teach you about your reading preferences—or about new ways stories can be told?

A story that explores how people see the world differently.

How did this book broaden your understanding of experiences, identities, or perspectives that are different than your own?

A book that explores fairness, justice, or standing up for something important.

What does the text reveal about when—and why—people choose to take a stand? How does this influence your thinking about courage or justice today?

A book connected to something you love – a sport, art, music, gaming, etc.

How does your passion shape your identity? How do the characters use their passions to understand themselves or navigate challenges?

A book about a skill, hobby or discipline that requires dedication.

What does the book suggest about how curiosity, sustained practice, and productive struggle help someone grow or master something new?

A book set somewhere you have never been (real or fictional).

How does the setting influence characters' choices and challenges? How might experiencing this place (even through reading) expand your world view?

A book where the characters survive something difficult or unexpected.

What does "survival" look like in this story? How does it compare with your own understanding of resilience, problem-solving, or perseverance?

A book centered on friendship.

What does the story reveal about how friendships shape who we are becoming?

A book by an author who is new to you.

What new lens or world view did this author offer? How did it shift, challenge, or expand your thinking?

A book connected to American history or civic identity.

How does the story deepen your understanding of what America has been, and what it could become?



Choose a book by the cover – pick a book that draws you in.

What expectations did the cover or title create, and how did the story surprise, complicate, or challenge those expectations?

A book about traveling or encountering new places.

How does travel (real or imagined) change how the characters see themselves or their world? How might it change you?

A book that explores courage – either a small moment or big moment.

How does the book expand your understanding of what everyday courage can look like?

A book where friendships help characters face or overcome fear.

How do the friendships in the story help characters confront their fears? What does this reveal about the power of trust, connection, and support when facing difficult moments?

A book with multiple narrators or shifting points of view.

How do the different voices complicate your understanding of the story? What does this teach you about bias and perspective?

A book where technology plays an important role.

How does the book raise questions about how technology shapes identity, relationships, or truth?

A humorous book.

Beyond making you laugh, what truths or insights is the author highlighting with humor?

A book connected to a future career interest.

What did you learn that deepened (or shifted) your understanding of that career path?

A nonfiction book using graphs, charts, maps or images.

How do the visual elements help you understand the topic more deeply?

A book (fiction or nonfiction) where music plays an important role.

How does music express culture, emotions, and stories across different places and times? What does the music in the story help you understand about the characters in their world?

A book set in a part of the world you know little about.

How does the setting shape the characters' choices, challenges, or worldview?

A book that shows connections between people and their environment or land.

How does the relationship between people and place influence survival, culture, or identity?