

# PWCS Summer Reading

Grades 9-12

## 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.

<p><b>A book that explores how people are valued or exploited.</b></p> <p>How does the story help you examine ethical dilemmas in history or today?</p>	<p><b>A book that challenges traditional ideas of "education."</b></p> <p>When does learning happen best – inside systems or outside them?</p>	<p><b>A book that deals with memory or truth.</b></p> <p>Whose version of events do you trust? And, what does that reveal about how stories are constructed?</p>	<p><b>A story where someone's good intentions go wrong.</b></p> <p>What does the text suggest about the difference between intent and impact?</p>	<p><b>A story connected to the history or people of Virginia.</b></p> <p>How does the narrative deepen your understanding of how Virginians shaped America's story?</p>
<p><b>A book about someone from a culture different from yours.</b></p> <p>How did the story expand your understanding of someone else's lived experience?</p>	<p><b>A story that confronts stereotypes.</b></p> <p>What stereotypes appear, and how does the text complicate or challenge them?</p>	<p><b>A text that helps you explore a skill you want to develop.</b></p> <p>How does the book change your thinking about what it takes to build that skill?</p>	<p><b>A book about a historical event or an alternate-history book.</b></p> <p>How does the way the past is written shape how you imagine the future?</p>	<p><b>A book about wealth, poverty, or class.</b></p> <p>What does the story suggest about whether money solves problems, or creates them?</p>
<p><b>A book that explores how relationships influence identity, values, or decision-making.</b></p> <p>How do relationships shape who characters become, the choices they make, or the conflicts they face?</p>	<p><b>A survival story.</b></p> <p>What had a bigger impact on survival in the story – will or skill?</p>		<p><b>A book that examines who has power in a situation, and how that power is maintained, questioned, or challenged.</b></p> <p>What types of power are present (social, political, economic, cultural)? How do characters resist, reinforce, or redefine that power?</p>	<p><b>A book centered on friendship.</b></p> <p>What elements in the story make friendships endure or fall apart?</p>
<p><b>A book that explores how language or communication shapes understanding, relationships, or outcomes.</b></p> <p>How do words influence people's actions, beliefs, or the way events unfold?</p>	<p><b>A book about a second chance.</b></p> <p>What does the character's "redo" reveal about the choices that matter most?</p>	<p><b>A book that explores how ideals, values, or rights are understood or challenged in a society.</b></p> <p>How do the experiences of characters or real people reveal gaps between ideals and reality? What perspectives shaped the outcome?</p>	<p><b>A story about improving a community.</b></p> <p>What change in the book inspires ideas for improving your own neighborhood?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p>	<p><b>A book about innovation or technology.</b></p> <p>How does the story portray the ways technology is transforming our lives now, or will transform our lives in the future?</p>
<p><b>A book from a different era.</b></p> <p>What surprised you most about living in that time period?</p>	<p><b>A book in an unusual format (novel in verse, graphic novel, audio).</b></p> <p>How does the unique format shape your understanding of the story?</p>	<p><b>A story centered on the culture or identity of a character.</b></p> <p>How does the character's culture shape who they become?</p>	<p><b>A biography or memoir of an influential American.</b></p> <p>How does the person's life story connect to your own interests or values?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p>	