



SUMMER READING 2009 HIGH SCHOOL

Upper Merion Area School District

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Read these books from the Upper Merion Township Library Summer Reading Program 2009

TOWNSHIP LIBRARY CALL NUMBER

TITLE, AUTHOR, DESCRIPTION

Activate an Artist

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| YOUNG ADULT FIC PAP | <u>The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay: a Novel</u> by Michael Chabon
In 1939, Joe Kavalier, a refugee from Hitler's Prague, joins forces with his Brooklyn-born cousin, Sammy Clay, to create comic-book super-heroes inspired by their own fantasies, fears, and dreams. |
| B SEUSS | <u>Dr. Seuss & Mr. Geisel: a Biography</u> by Judith Morgan
This biography describes the life and literary career of children's author and illustrator Theodore Geisel, known as Dr. Seuss. |
| YOUNG ADULT FIC | <u>Girl in Hyacinth Blue</u> by Susan Vreeland
This book tells the story of how a priceless Vermeer painting came to be hanging in the home of lowly college professor Cornelius Engel Brecht. |
| F CHE | <u>Girl with a Pearl Earring</u> by Tracy Chevalier
The life of sixteen-year-old Griet is transformed forever when she goes to work as a maid in the home of Dutch painter Johannes Vermeer, and catches the eye of the famous artist. |

Create Cooking Concoctions

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| YOUNG ADULT FIC | <u>Flavor of the Week</u> by Tucker Shaw
Cyril, an overweight boy who is good friends with Rose but wishes he could be more, helps his best friend Nick woo her with culinary masterpieces which Cyril himself creates. The book includes recipes from the story. |
| YA 641.5 PAR | <u>How to Read a French Fry: and other Stories of Intriguing Kitchen Science</u> by Russ Parsons
This book includes more than one hundred recipes along with scientific facts about cooking and foods. |

Design Drama Differently

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| J TINGLE | <u>Far Traveler</u> by Rebecca Tingle
After the death of her mother, Aethelflaed of Mercia, seventeen-year-old Aelfwyn flees imprisonment by her uncle, King Edward, and, in the guise of a youthful bard, plays her part in the resolution of the tangled political enmities of tenth century Britain. |
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Initiating Ingenious Innovations

- J FANTASY PRATCHETT 1 The Amazing Maurice and his Educated Rodents by Terry Pratchett
A talking cat, intelligent rats, and a strange boy cooperate in a Pied Piper scam until they try to con the wrong town and are confronted by a deadly evil rat king.
- J VERNE 1 Around the World in Eighty Days by Jules Verne
In 1872 Phileas Fogg wagers that he can circle the earth in eighty days; and traveling by steamer, railway, carriage, sledge, and elephant he wins his bet in seventy-nine days, twenty-three hours, and fifty-seven minutes.
- YA FIC MARTEL YAN Life of Pi: a Novel by Yann Martel
Pi Patel, having spent an idyllic childhood in Pondicherry, India, as the son of a zookeeper, sets off with his family at the age of sixteen to start a new life in Canada. His life takes a marvelous turn when their ship sinks in the Pacific, leaving him adrift on a raft with a 450-pound Bengal tiger for company.
- YA 629.4 HIC October Sky by Homer Hickam
Homer Hickam, the introspective son of a mine superintendent and a mother determined to get him out of Coalwood, West Virginia forever, nurtures a dream to send rockets into outer space—an ambition that changes his life and the lives of everyone living in Coalwood in 1957.
- YA 917.40 BRY A Walk in the Woods: Rediscovering America on the Appalachian Trail by Bill Bryson
Bryson shares his experiences hiking the Appalachian Trail with a childhood friend. Along the way, the two encounter eccentric characters, a blizzard, getting lost, and rude yuppies.

Jump, Jive and Jazzercise

- J 792.8 JON Dancing: the Pleasure, Power and Art of Movement by Gerald Jonas
This companion volume to an eight-part television series explores the world of dance—its traditions, language and history from cultures around the world.

Make Melodious Music

- YOUNG ADULT FIC Fat Kid Rules the World by Kelly Going
Seventeen-year-old Troy, depressed, suicidal, and weighing nearly three hundred pounds, gets a new perspective on life when Curt, a semi-homeless teen who is a genius on guitar, asks Troy to be the drummer in a rock band.
- 781.11 SAC Musicophilia: Tales of Music and the Brain by Oliver W. Sacks
Oliver Sacks explores the power of music in the lives of ordinary people, as well as in the lives of individuals with neurological and other conditions.
- 787.2092 LOP The Soloist: a Lost Dream, an Unlikely Friendship, and the Redemptive Power of Music by Steve Lopez
This portrait of gifted violinist Nathaniel Ayers traces his education at Julliard, his struggles with schizophrenia, the factors that led to his homelessness in Los Angeles, his friendship with the author, and the author's efforts to improve the musician's life.

Pennsylvania Young Readers Choice 2009-10

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YA FIC ALEXIE	The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie
YA FIC	Adoration of Jenna Fox by Mary E. Pearson
YA FIC PAP	Adventures of Johnny Bunko by Daniel H. Pink
	They Came From Below by Nelson Blake
J 973.7092 SWA	Chasing Lincoln's Killer by James Swanson
YA FIC PAP	Deadline by Chris Crutcher
J LOCKHART/YOUNG ADULT FICTION	The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks by E. Lockart
B WALLS	The Glass Castle: a Memoir by Jeannette Walls
F KYLE	The God of Animals by Aryn Kyle
J SCIENCE FICTION COLLINS	The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins
J KORMAN	The Juvie Three by Gordon Korman
YOUNG ADULT FICTION	Paper Towns by John Green
YOUNG ADULT FICTION	Sunrise over Fallujah by Walter Dan Myers
J PAP 1	Uglies by Scott Westerfield
YA FIC PAP	Unwind by Neal Shusterman



OUTSTANDING BOOKS FOR THE COLLEGE BOUND AND LIFELONG LEARNERS

<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/booklists/obcb/>

YOUNG ADULT LIBRARY SERVICES ASSOCIATION (YALSA) BOOKLISTS

<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/booklists/>

TEEN READS

<http://www.teenreads.com>

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YA FIC	Adoration of Jenna Fox by Mary E. Pearson
YA FIC PAP	Adventures of Johnny Bunko by Daniel Pink
NF BROWSING/941.9 MCC	Angela's Ashes by Frank McCourt
YOUNG ADULT FIC PAP	Bad Boy: A Memoir by Walter Dean Myers
YOUNG ADULT FIC	Beast by Donna Jo Napoli
305.896 GRI	Black Like Me by John Griffin
979.4 MAH YA	Chinese Cinderella by Adeline Yen Mah
YOUNG ADULT FIC PAP 1	A Cry in the Night by Mary Higgins Clark
J OSA	Cuba 15 by Nancy Osa
YA FIC PAP	Dawn by Elie Wiesel
J FANTASY	Dragonsong by Anne McCaffrey
YOUNG ADULT FIC	Fat Kid Rules the World by Kelly Going
YA FIC PAP	Geeks by Jon Katz
F/YOUNG ADULT FIC PAP	Girl in Hyacinth Blue by Susan Vreeland
F/YOUNG ADULT FIC PAP	Grendel by John Gardner
YOUNG ADULT FIC PAP 2	The Haunting of Hill House by Shirley Jackson
J SCIENCE FIC COLLINS	Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins
YOUNG ADULT FIC PAP	If You Come Softly by Jacqueline Woodson
YOUNG ADULT FIC PAP 1	Inherit the Wind by Jerome Lawrence
YOUNG ADULT FIC PAP	Invasion by Robin Cook
YOUNG ADULT FIC PAP	Ironman by Chris Crutcher
796.62092 ARM	It's Not About the Bike by Lance Armstrong
J 940.53 REI	Journey Back by Johanna Reiss
J ALDER	The King's Shadow by Elizabeth Alder
YOUNG ADULT FIC PAP	The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini
YOUNG ADULT FIC	Luna by Julie Ann Peters
YOUNG ADULT FANTASY	Magic Kingdom for Sale-Sold by Terry Brooks
YA FIC PAP	Mister Pip by Lloyd Jones
F2	My Sister's Keeper by Jodi Picoult
YOUNG ADULT FIC	Paper Towns by John Green
YA FIC PAP	Pastwatch by Orson Scott Card
741.5944 SAT YA	Persepolis by Marjane Satrapi
YOUNG ADULT FIC	Prom by Laurie Halse Anderson
306.8754 SIM YA	Riding the Bus with My Sister by Rachel Simon
YOUNG ADULT FIC PAP	Samurai's Garden by Gail Tsukiyama
YOUNG ADULT FIC	So Yesterday by Scott Westerfield
F	Stardust by Neil Gaiman
611 ROA YA	Stiff: The Curious Lives of Human Cadavers by Mary Roach
YOUNG ADULT FIC	Sunrise Over Fallujah by Walter Dean Myers
	They Came From Below by Nelson Blake
F	Timeline by Michael Crichton
YA FIC PAP	Unwind by Neal Shusterman
F	The Wedding by Dorothy West
YOUNG ADULT SF/FAN PAP	Wyrd Sisters by Terry Pratchett
F 1/YOUNG ADULT FIC PAP	Year of Wonders by Geraldine Brooks

UMASD RECOMMENDED READING FROM VARIOUS “BEST” LISTS

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796.522 KRA	Into Thin Air: A Personal Account of the Mount Everest Disaster by Jon Krakauer Jon Krakauer's expedition to climb Mt. Everest was as much a commercial venture as a personal adventure for him and his guide, Rob Hall.
YOUNG ADULT FIC PAP	Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini Amir, haunted by his betrayal of Hassan, the son of his father's servant and a childhood friend, returns to Kabul as an adult after he learns Hassan has been killed, in an attempt to redeem himself by rescuing Hassan's son from a life of slavery to a Taliban official.
FIC	A Lesson Before Dying by Ernest Gaines Poor, young and black, Jefferson is in the wrong place at the wrong time and is charged with murder.
YA FIC	Monster by Walter Dean Myers While on trial as an accomplice to a murder, sixteen-year-old Steve Harmon records his experiences in prison and in the courtroom in the form of a film script as he tries to come to terms with the course his life has taken.
FIC	Montana 1948 by Larry Watson In Montana 1948, a grown man recounts the tragic events of his 12 th year. During that summer David learns the difference between loyalty to family and doing what is right.
FIC	Native Son by Richard Wright For Bigger Thomas, an African American man accused of a crime in the white man's world, there could be no extenuating circumstances, no explanations, just death.
974.45 JUN	Perfect Storm: A True Story of Men Against the Sea by Sebastian Junger This book chronicles the impact of a storm that ravaged the eastern section of the United States in 1991. It focuses on the cities hardest hit and the ensuing brave rescue attempts, as well as on six men who were lost at sea during the disaster.
NF BROWSING	Reading Lolita in Tehran by Azar Nafisi The author presents a memoir of her life in post-revolutionary Iran, focusing on her organization of a group of young women in 1997 who met secretly once a week to read and discuss forbidden works of Western literature.
822.9ST73	Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead by Tom Stoppard William Shakespeare's play "Hamlet" contains two minor characters, Rosencrantz and Guildenstern. Tom Stoppard rewrites Shakespeare's play from the point of view of these two characters. This approach reveals what the duo are doing while not on stage, how vague their understanding of the actions and motivations of the major characters is, and provides thoughts and feelings of two characters who were not provided with any by Shakespeare.
632.7C23	Silent Spring by Rachel Carson "What has already silenced the voices of spring in countless towns in America?" writes biologist Rachel Carson. Her endeavor to answer that question led to his landmark 1962 book that first alerted America to the long-term dangers of pollution.
YOUNG ADULT FICION	Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson A traumatic event near the end of the summer has a devastating effect on Melinda's freshman year in high school.
FIC	Stardust by Neil Gaiman Seventeen-year-old Tristran Thorn pledges to fetch for his beloved a star that has fallen on the far side of the wall that marks the edge of the village where he lives. His quest takes him into the land of Fairie.
FIC	The Things They Carried by Tim O'Brien In these twenty-two recollections based on the author's platoon experience, the Vietnam War is replayed with horrifying reality. Every man who fights in Vietnam carries military items. But they also carry revealing personal items. Each man is different, each story is different, but together they add up to one hell of a war.
378.12 ALB	Tuesday's with Morrie by Mitch Albom This touching work details the reunion of award-winning sports columnist Albom and his college professor Morrie Schwartz while the mentor was fighting lateral sclerosis.
B KINGSTON	Woman Warrior: Memoirs of a Girlhood Among Ghosts by Maxine Hong Kingston The Chinese American experience is passionately portrayed by a young woman who grows up torn between American life in modern San Francisco and the ancient legends, traditions, and folk beliefs of her Chinese heritage.
F	Bean Trees by Barbara Kingsolver Taylor, a poor Kentuckian, makes her way west with an abandoned baby girl and stops in Tuscon. There she finds friends and discovers resources in apparently empty places.
FIC PAP	The Beekeeper's Apprentice: Or, On the Segregation of the Queen by Laurie R. King In 1914, an aging Sherlock Holmes meets 15 year-old Mary Russell. She becomes Holmes' apprentice and then his partner.
FIC	The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison Pecola yearns to have beautiful blue eyes like the little white girls she sees.

F	China Boy by Gus Lee Kai Ting enters the boxing program at the YMCA and learns how to survive in the tough Tenderloin section of San Francisco.
FIC	Cold Mountain by Charles Frazier Frazier tells the story of Confederate army deserter Inman's three-hundred-mile-long journey home to the woman and the mountain he loves.
BOOK CASSETTE	Cold Sassy Tree by Olive Ann Burns Will Tweedy survives family scandal, his first kiss, and being run over by a train.
YA FIC	Dancing on the Edge by Han Nolan A young girl from a dysfunctional family creates an alternative world for herself which nearly results in her death, but which ultimately leads her to reality.
YOUNG ADULT SF/ FAN PAP	Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card Ender, who is the result of genetic experimentation, may be the military genius Earth needs in its war against an alien enemy.
FIC	Ellen Foster by Kaye Gibbons Ellen Foster spends much of her childhood thinking of ways to kill her father, an act that proves unnecessary when he eventually drinks himself to death.
YA FIC	The First Part Last by Angela Johnson Sixteen-year-old Bobby struggles to raise his infant daughter and balance school and friends and the demands of his new life.
FANTASY	Golden Compass by Scott Pullman Accompanied by her daemon, Lyra Belacqua sets out to prevent her best friend and other kidnapped children from becoming the subject of gruesome experiments in the Far North.
YOUNG ADULT FIC PAP	Go Tell It on the Mountain by James Baldwin Fourteen-year old John struggles against the sins of his forefathers and the sensuous evils of Harlem to attain a religious conversion.
BOOK CASSETTE	The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood Offred is separated from her husband, her child, and her independence and forced into the role of "breeder" or "handmaid" in a future America.
YA FIC PAP	Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Scott Adams Chronicles the off-beat and occasionally extraterrestrial journeys, notions, and acquaintances of galactic traveler Arthur Dent.
F BROWSING	In Country by Bobbie Anne Mason Sam Hughes, whose father was killed in the Vietnam War, lives with an uncle she suspects suffers from the effects of Agent Orange. She comes to grips with the impact the war has on her life when she visits the Vietnam War Memorial.
F OR F 2	Interpreter of Maladies by Jhumpa Lahiri This book contains nine short stories which chart the emotional journeys of characters seeking love beyond the borders of nations and generations.
YA FICTION	In the Time of the Butterflies: a Novel by Julia Alvarez This is the story of four sisters living through the dictatorship of General Raphael Leonidas Trujillo in the Dominican Republic.



