Northside ISD Curriculum & Instruction
On Level English III and IV Class Summer Reading

Welcome to English III & IV,

Reading is one of the best things you can do to prepare yourself for the challenges of the upcoming school year. Enjoying a good book will help expand your vocabulary, deepen critical thinking, and enhance focus and imagination. Equally important, reading is the very best way to strengthen your writing skills!

As a Northside English student, we ask that you read at least one novel of **your choice** this summer. There is no other assignment than to read and be ready to discuss your book when school starts.

Remember, you can choose whichever book you wish to read - it does not have to be on the list below. The following titles are included just to give you some ideas. They are books that are popular in the library, award winners, or recommended by teachers. **Some titles may contain adult themes and content, so we encourage you to do some research before selecting a title.**

You can check out digital books on Sora, Libby, and Overdrive through your school library.

Happy Reading!

There Might Be Kissing: Romance

1. *American Royals* by Katherin McGee
2. *Crazy Rich Asians* by Kevin Kwan
3. *Emergency Contact* by Mary Choi
4. *Fangirl* by Rainbow Rowell
5. *The Great Gatsby** by F. Scott Fitzgerald
6. *Hearts Unbroken* by Cynthia Leitich Smith
7. *Love, Hate and Other Filters* by Samira Ahmed
8. *The Truth About Forever* by Sarah Dessen

Nice Place to Visit, But I Wouldn't Want to Live There: Sci Fi, Dystopian, Post Apocalyptic

1. *The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes* by Suzanne Collins
2. *Brave New World** by Aldous Huxley
3. *Feed* by M.T. Anderson
4. *Little Brother* by Cory Doctorow
5. *The Martian* by Andy Weir
6. *Midnight At The Electric* by Jodi Lynn Anderson
7. *Proxy* by Alex London

Everybody Has Secrets: Mystery

1. *Burn Baby Burn* by Meg Medina
2. *The Death of Mrs. Westaway* by Ruth Ware
3. *My Sister Rosa* by Justine Larbalstier

Creepy and We Like it: Horror/Thriller

1. *Frankenstein** by Mary Shelly
2. *The Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins
3. *A Madness So Discreet* by Mindy McGinnis

Remembering Wars and Other Larger-Than-Life Events: Historical Fiction

1. *Audacity* by Melanie Crowder
2. *The Downstairs Girl* by Stacey Lee
3. *The Fixer** by Bernard Malamud
4. *Salt to the Sea* by Ruta Sepetys
5. *The Watch That Endotas The Night* by Allan Wolf
6. *What I Saw and How I Lied* by Judy Blundell

What? You Thought only Boys could be Tough?: Books with Strong Female Protagonists

1. *Circe* by Madeline Miller
2. *The Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbury
3. *Out of The Easy* by Ruta Sepetys
4. *Red at the Bone* by Jacqueline Woodson
5. *We Are Not From Here* by Jenny Torres Sanchez
6. *With Fire on High* by Elizabeth Acevedo

So, You Think You're a Tough Guy?: Books with Strong Male Protagonists

1. *All American Boys* by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely
2. *Darius The Great is Not Ok* by Adib Khorran
3. *Fahrenheit 451** by Ray Bradbury
4. *I Am Alfonso Jones* by Tony Medina

5. *Knights of The Hill Country* by Tim Tharp
6. *Purple Heart* by Patrica McCormick

Teen Angst: Relatable Stories of High School Drama

1. *Every Exquisite Thing* by Matthew Quick
2. *Goodbye Days* by Jeff Zentner
3. *Holding Up The Universe* by Jennifer Niven
4. *I'm Not Dying with You Tonight* by Kimberly Jones
5. *Traditions* by Brendon Kiely

This Is My Life: Coming of Age

1. *Darius The Great is Not Okay* by Adib Khorram
2. *Forward Me Back to You* by Mitali Perkins
3. *How It Went Down* by Kekla Magoon
4. *Life of Pi** by Yan Martel
5. *Purple Hibiscus* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
6. *You Bring The Distant Near* by Mitali Perkins

Incredibly Real Life: Nonfiction

1. *The Faraway Brothers* by Lauren Markham
2. *Friday Night Lights: A Town, a Team, and a Dream* by H.G. Bissinger
3. *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot
4. *Know My Name* by Chanel Miller
5. *Outliers** by Malcolm Gladwell
6. *Shout* by Laurie Halse Anderson

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* Indicates vetted, approved titles from the NISD English I-IV Approved Reading List