



# ELA Summer Reading

May 20, 2020

Dear Students and Parents,

The goal of the Summer Reading Program is to engage **ALL** students in grades 6-8 in rigorous, high interest novels (chapter books) of THEIR choice. The key to broadening our love for reading is through pleasure and interest. Maya Angelou once said, "Any book that helps a child to form a habit of reading, to make reading one of his/her deep and continuing needs, is good for him/her." **Summer Reading is required for all ELA Pre-AP students. However, ALL students are strongly encouraged to participate!**

Students – select a book of your choice on your grade level from your home, public library, online, or anywhere you find books! You may **NOT** select a picture book, a book that you have already read, or a book that was taught in your previous ELA classes. **Summer reading novels need to be read by the end of August 2020.**

**Novel Choices:** Here is a suggested authors list and popular novel websites you may use to help guide you in selecting your novel. Take the time to select books that interest you. When you have made your decision, you may check out the book from the public library, use SORA, or purchase your own copy.

- Free San Antonio Public Library Card: [bit.ly/sapubliclibrarycard](http://bit.ly/sapubliclibrarycard)
- Free ebooks using SORA: [bit.ly/nisdsora](http://bit.ly/nisdsora)

<u>Authors</u>		<u>Popular Novel Website Lists</u>
Sandra Cisneros	Ann M. Martin	International Literacy Association: Young Adult’s Choice List: <a href="http://bit.ly/youngadultslist">bit.ly/youngadultslist</a>  Lone Star Reading List: <a href="http://bit.ly/lonestarlist">bit.ly/lonestarlist</a>  Scholastic Read-A-Palooza Summer Reading Challenge List: <a href="https://bit.ly/summerreadapalooza">https://bit.ly/summerreadapalooza</a>  Email our wonderful Librarian, Mrs. Gonzales: <a href="mailto:pamela.gonzales@nisd.net">pamela.gonzales@nisd.net</a>
Suzanne Collins	Marissa Meyer	
Ally Condie	Stephanie Meyer	
Caroline Cooney	Joan Lowery Nixon	
Sarah Dessen	Lauren Oliver	
Carl Deuker	Gary Paulsen	
Sharon Draper	James Patterson	
Lois Duncan	Jason Reynolds	
Jeanne Duprau	Rick Riordan	
John Green	Veronica Roth	
Tim Green	J.K. Rowling	
Lynda Hunt	Jordan Sonnenblick	
Gordon Korman	Neal Shusterman	
Alex London	Jerry Spinelli	

There are no required assignments/projects for you to do during the summer for your novel. However, when you return to school next year, your ELA teacher will have some reading/writing connection assignments for you to complete in the first marking period that will cover the concepts of your novel. Since you will read the book in the summer, you will want to organize your thoughts. **Check out this resource you can download and complete while reading your book:** [bit.ly/booktalktemplate](http://bit.ly/booktalktemplate)

If you have any questions, please contact your current ELA teacher. Happy reading!

Sincerely,  
Michelle Bunn, ELA Department Coordinator