

English 4
Summer Reading 2026-2027

If you are interested in any of the following titles but are unable to obtain a copy, or if you have questions regarding summer reading, please email Dr. Basumatary at mbasumatary@bhpsnj.org.

Frankenstein by Mary Shelley

"Few creatures of horror have seized readers' imaginations and held them for so long as the anguished monster of Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*. The story of Victor Frankenstein's terrible creation and the havoc it caused has enthralled generations of readers and inspired countless writers of horror and suspense" (<https://www.amazon.com/Frankenstein-Mary-Shelley/dp/1548379808>).

Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte

"Orphaned as a child, Jane has felt an outcast her whole young life. Her courage is tested once again when she arrives at Thornfield Hall, where she has been hired by the brooding, proud Edward Rochester to care for his ward Adèle. Jane finds herself drawn to his troubled yet kind spirit. She falls in love. Hard. But there is a terrifying secret inside the gloomy, forbidding Thornfield Hall. Is Rochester hiding from Jane? Will Jane be left heartbroken and exiled once again"

(https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/10210.Jane_Eyre?ac=1&from_search=true&qid=CJ4VLrs8p&rank=1).

The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini

"The unforgettable, heartbreaking story of the unlikely friendship between a wealthy boy and the son of his father's servant, *The Kite Runner* is a beautifully crafted novel set in a country that is in the process of being destroyed. It is about the power of reading, the price of betrayal, and the possibility of redemption; and an exploration of the power of fathers over sons—their love, their sacrifices, their lies"

(https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/77203.The_Kite_Runner?from_search=true&from_srp=true&qid=CKSbmZKXgc&rank=1).

Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen

"Since its immediate success in 1813, *Pride and Prejudice* has remained one of the most popular novels in the English language. Jane Austen called this brilliant work "her own darling child" and its vivacious heroine, Elizabeth Bennet, "as delightful a creature as ever appeared in print." The romantic clash between the opinionated Elizabeth and her proud beau, Mr. Darcy, is a splendid performance of civilized sparring. And Jane Austen's radiant wit sparkles as her characters dance a delicate quadrille of flirtation and intrigue, making this book the most superb comedy of manners of Regency England"

(https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/1885.Pride_and_Prejudice?from_search=true&from_srp=true&qid=95doWKMSKW&rank=1).

Robinson Crusoe by Daniel DeFoe

“Daniel Defoe relates the tale of an English sailor marooned on a desert island for nearly three decades. An ordinary man struggling to survive in extraordinary circumstances, Robinson Crusoe wrestles with fate and the nature of God”

(https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/2932.Robinson_Crusoe?ac=1&from_search=true&qid=ekv47tKY9s&rank=1).

The Vanishing Half by Britt Bennett

“The Vignes twin sisters will always be identical. But after growing up together in a small, southern black community and running away at age sixteen, it's not just the shape of their daily lives that is different as adults, it's everything: their families, their communities, their racial identities. Many years later, one sister lives with her black daughter in the same southern town she once tried to escape. The other passes for white, and her white husband knows nothing of her past. Still, even separated by so many miles and just as many lies, the fates of the twins remain intertwined. What will happen to the next generation, when their own daughters' storylines intersect”

(https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/51791252-the-vanishing-half?ac=1&from_search=true&qid=nYBrpinkVpP&rank=1)?

Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte

“Perhaps the most haunting and tormented love story ever written, **Wuthering Heights** is the tale of the troubled orphan Heathcliff and his doomed love for Catherine Earnshaw”

(<https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/18836/wuthering-heights-by-emily-bronte/>).