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"Any book that helps a child to form a habit of reading, to make reading one of his deep and continuing needs, is good for him." - Maya Angelou

NHA Literature Dept. requires students to read at least two books during the summer. You may read (or listen to) any books of your choice. The following are suggestions from current YA best seller and recommended reading lists. Literature teachers have a form for reporting summer reading. You can access that document here: <http://goo.gl/nXkXmP>

YALSA 10 QUICK PICKS

All the Blues in the Sky by Renée Watson – After her best friend's death, Sage is lost—until a grief group, her family, and a tight circle of friends help her pull through.

The Story of My Anger by Jasmine Mendez - Passed over for a lead role, in favor, her favorite books are banned, Yuli Lopez is done staying quiet. Channeling her rage, she and her friends launch an activist guerrilla theater troupe.

Twenty-four Seconds from Now... by Jason Reynolds - In just 24 seconds, Neon is about to take the ultimate leap and have sex with his girlfriend, Aria. As the clock ticks down, he flashes back through moments that brought them to this exact life-changing milestone.

When We Ride by Rex Ogle - Diego works relentlessly for a better future, but his ultimate test comes down to loyalty. As his best friend Lawson spirals deeper into dealing drugs, Diego is forced to choose between saving the guy or saving himself from the fallout.

The Assassin's Guide to Babysitting by Natalie C. Parker - Tru hides a talent that keeps her physically unharmed. She tries to live a completely normal life, but things go horribly wrong.

Blood in the Water by Tiffany D. Jackson - Kaylani expects a relaxing summer with family friends. Instead, she gets pulled into the suspicious death of a local boy.

The Factory by Catherine Egan - Asher Doyle is desperate to save his mother and agrees to join a top-secret experiment for teenagers.

Out of Air by Rachel Reiss - A dream scuba diving trip to Australia turns into a living nightmare when Phoebe and Gabe, discover a mysterious underwater cave.

Best of All Worlds by Kenneth Oppel - Xavier Oaks wakes up trapped under a massive dome on a strange planet with no modern technology and survival becomes a guessing game.

Family Force V: Book One by Matt Braly - Maise looks like an ordinary teenager, but she's secretly a Moon Trooper fighting deadly alien kaiju alongside her family.

Websites to help you find your Perfect Book

[New Haven Free Public Library Teen Book List](#)

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[College Board: 101 Great Books for College Bound Readers](#)

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SUGGESTED READING

The 2027 Nutmeg Book Award High School Nominees (Grades 9–12)

1. **ARIEL CRASHES A TRAIN** by Olivia A. Cole

Ariel's OCD is giving her bad thoughts. She worries she is a danger to those around her. She wants to make friends but first she must get better.

2. **THE COLOR OF A LIE** by Kim Johnson

Calvin does not want to leave his community in Chicago to move to Pennsylvania. It's 1955 and he is worried his family won't fit into the new situation.

3. **DUNGEONS AND DRAMA** by Kristy Boyce

Riley will be working at her father's store and finds herself in a fake dating scheme with her coworker Nathan.

4. **FITTING INDIAN** by Jyoti Chand, art by Tara Anand

Torn between two worlds, South Asian teen Nitasha is never "Indian enough" for her family or "American enough" for her friends. This dramatic, page-turning graphic novel follows her race against the crushing pressure of perfection to find where she truly belongs.

5. **LOOKING FOR SMOKE** by K. A. Cobell

This gripping, page-turning mystery weaves identity and tradition together in a heart-pounding race to uncover the truth behind the murdered indigenous women crisis (MMIW.)

6. **REZ BALL** by Byron Graves

A high-stakes sports drama, this book follows Tre's intense journey to make history as the first Ojibwe team to claim the Minnesota State Championship.

7. **SKY'S END** by Marc J. Gregson

When a deadly contest offers a ticket to freedom, Conrad risks a terrifying plunge into betrayal and family secrets where survival means being willing to fall.

8. **SWARM** by Jennifer D. Lyle

Killer butterflies trigger a bizarre apocalypse, and Shur's severe anxiety disorder becomes her ultimate survival tool as she locks her siblings and best friends inside a makeshift basement bunker surrounded by monsters.

9. **UNDER THIS RED ROCK** by Mindy McGinnis

Haunted by terrifying hallucinations, Neely faces a suffocating race against time to discover if she committed a crime herself—or if a sinister killer is stalking her from the shadows.

10. **YOUTH GROUP** by Jordan Morris, art by Bowen McCurdy

When Kay discovers an Underground Youth Group desperately need her unique skills to fight the forces of hell, her forced exile transforms into a high-stakes battle for survival.