Here's What You Need to Know:

- This year’s summer reading assignment requires students to read at least one (1) of the five (5) titles listed below. During the first week of the 2018-19 school year, students will take an assessment on the selected text. This assessment will be worth a test grade for the first quarter.
- Parents/Guardians: Please note that not all books are suitable for every reader, so we encourage you to help your child select the most appropriate title from the choices below.
- Students: Want Extra Credit? Keep a hand-written, reflective journal of dated entries as you read. These entries should illustrate your active reading and interactions with the text, but they should NOT be a summary of each chapter (summaries will not be awarded credit).
- Use the descriptions below to help you select a summer reading book. Please note that all descriptions are quoted from Amazon. Reviews and recommendations may be found there and other online sources to assist students in selecting the text that is best suited for their interests.
- These titles should be available in local bookstores, libraries, and online retailers. Digital copies of these titles may also be obtained via the LHS Library’s Overdrive collection, which can be accessed at http://guides.rilinkschools.org/lincolnlions.

**Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury**

“Ray Bradbury’s internationally acclaimed novel Fahrenheit 451 is a masterwork of twentieth-century literature set in a bleak, dystopian future. Guy Montag is a fireman. In his world, where television rules and literature is on the brink of extinction, firemen start fires rather than put them out. His job is to destroy the most illegal of commodities, the printed book, along with the houses in which they are hidden. Montag never questions the destruction and ruin his actions produce, returning each day to his bland life and wife, Mildred, who spends all day with her television “family.” But then he meets an eccentric young neighbor, Clarisse, who introduces him to a past where people didn’t live in fear and to a present where one sees the world through the ideas in books instead of the mindless chatter of television.”

**Unaccustomed Earth by Jhumpa Lahiri**

“These eight stories by beloved and bestselling author Jhumpa Lahiri take us from Cambridge and Seattle to India and Thailand, as they explore the secrets at the heart of family life. Here they enter the worlds of sisters and brothers, fathers and mothers, daughters and sons, friends and lovers. Rich with the signature gifts that have established Jhumpa Lahiri as one of our most essential writers, Unaccustomed Earth exquisitely renders the most intricate workings of the heart and mind.”

Flip the page for three more great reading options!
The Boy in the Black Suit by Jason Reynolds

“Just when seventeen-year-old Matt thinks he can’t handle one more piece of terrible news, he meets a girl who’s dealt with a lot more—and who just might be able to clue him in on how to rise up when life keeps knocking him down—in this “vivid, satisfying, and ultimately upbeat tale of grief, redemption, and grace” (Kirkus Reviews) from the Coretta Scott King – John Steptoe Award–winning author of When I Was the Greatest.

We Should Hang Out Sometime by Josh Sundquist

“Why was Josh still single? To find out, he tracked down each of the girls he had tried to date since middle school and asked them straight up: What went wrong?

The results of Josh’s semiscientific investigation are in your hands. From a disastrous Putt-Putt date involving a backward prosthetic foot, to his introduction to CFD (Close Fast Dancing), and a misguided “grand gesture” at a Miss America pageant, this story is about looking for love—or at least a girlfriend—in all the wrong places.

Poignant, relatable, and totally hilarious, this memoir is for anyone who has ever wondered, “Is there something wrong with me?”

(Spoiler Alert: the answer is no.)”

The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas

“Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter moves between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and the fancy suburban prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer. Khalil was unarmed.

Soon afterward, his death is a national headline. Some are calling him a thug, maybe even a drug dealer and a gangbanger. Protesters are taking to the streets in Khalil’s name. Some cops and the local drug lord try to intimidate Starr and her family. What everyone wants to know is: what really went down that night? And the only person alive who can answer that is Starr.

But what Starr does—or does not—say could upend her community. It could also endanger her life.”

We hope you enjoy whichever text you choose for your summer reading. If you can’t decide on one, why not read them all?

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