

**Newburgh Enlarged City School District  
Summer Reading List  
Grade 11 and 12**

AUTHOR	TITLE
Almond, Steve	<b><i>Candyfreak: A Journey Through the Chocolate Underbelly of America.</i></b> A self-proclaimed candy fanatic traces the history of some of the much-loved candies from his youth.
Anderson, Sherwood	<b><i>Winesburgh, Ohio.</i></b> Profiles the people of a small Midwestern town during the early 1900s, revealing the potential consequences of human misunderstanding.
Asimov, Issac	<b><i>Machines that Think: The Best Science Fiction Stories About Robots and Computers.</i></b> A massive, eclectic compilation of 29 science fiction stories probing the scientific, spiritual, and moral facets of computers and robots and speculating on their future.
Bunyan, John	<b><i>The Pilgrim's Progress.</i></b> An allegorical account of Christian's journey toward heaven or hell.
Coelho, Paulo	<b><i>The Alchemist.</i></b> Harper Torch (English translation), 1988. When you want something, the whole Universe conspires to help you realize your dream. Santiago, the hero of the novel, already forms part of a select gallery of illustrious characters and leads us through his story to experience a remarkable adventure.
Dickey, James	<b><i>Deliverance.</i></b> A mildly adventurous three-day canoe trip becomes a nightmare struggle for survival.
Gaines, Ernest	<b><i>The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman.</i></b> Miss Jane Pittman is 110 when she recalls her childhood and the arrival of both Union and Confederate troops on the plantation where she lived.
Garcia Marquez, Gabriel	<b><i>Love in the time of Cholera.</i></b> Knopf, 1988. In a tale of unrequited love lasting over fifty years, Florentino Ariza has the bad grace to declare his undying love for Fermina Daza at the funeral of her husband, the illustrious physician and leader in the fight against cholera in their South American country.
Greenblatt, Stephen	<b><i>Will in the World: How Shakespeare Became Shakespeare.</i></b> Norton, 2004. A noted scholar describes the influences on Shakespeare and the steps in his becoming the great poet and playwright of the English language.
Gruen, Sara	<b><i>Water for Elephants: A Novel.</i></b> Algonquin, 2006. Jacob Jankowski, a penniless orphan forced to drop out of veterinary school during the Great Depression, joins a traveling circus. He forges a bond with Rosie the elephant and Marlena, the beautiful star of an equestrian act, whose husband is a handsome circus boss with a violent temper. Alex Awards 2007
Isaacson, Walter	<b><i>Einstein: His Life and Universe.</i></b> Simon & Schuster, 2007. The life of Einstein the man and celebrated scientist is explored, including some of the contradictions inherent in Einstein's personal beliefs.
Jewett, Sarah Orne	<b><i>The Country of Pointed Firs and Other Stories.</i></b> A wandering writer, who boards at an herbalist's house in Maine, finds herself becoming more and more involved in the lives of villagers.
Kincaid, Jamaica	<b><i>Annie John.</i></b> Annie John comes of age on the small island of Antigua.
Larson, Erik	<b><i>Devil in the White City: Murder, Magic, and Madness at the Fair that Changed America.</i></b> Crown, 2003. The fates of an architect and a serial killer were linked by the greatest fair in American history: the Chicago World's Exposition of 1893, nicknamed "The White City." Edgar Award for Best Fact Crime 2004.
Lewis, Michael	<b><i>The Blind Side: Evolution of a Game.</i></b> Norton, 2006. The development of the offensive left tackle position to protect a quarterback in the National Football League is presented in combination with the story of Michael Oher, who lived in Memphis ghetto until he was taken under protection by a wealthy, loving family. Alex Awards 2007.
Momaday, N. Scott	<b><i>House Made of Dawn.</i></b> After Abel returns from the World War II to San Ysidro, he has difficulty re-adapting to the reservation or accepting the white ways.
Morrison, Toni	<b><i>Sula.</i></b> Sula and Nel are both, black, smart and poor. Through their girlhood years, they share everything. All this changes when Sula gets out of the Bottom, the hilltop neighborhood where there hides a fierce resentment at the invisible line that cannot be overstepped.

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Naylor, Gloria	<b><i>The Women of Brewster Place.</i></b> The stories of seven black women living in an urban ghetto evoke the energy, brutality, compassion, and desolation of modern black America.
O'Brien, Tim	<b><i>In the Lake of the Woods.</i></b> When long-hidden secrets about the atrocities he committed in Vietnam come to light, a candidate for the U.S. Senate retreats with his wife to a lakeside cabin in northern Minnesota. Within days of their arrival, his wife mysteriously vanishes into the watery wilderness.
Plath, Sylvia	<b><i>The Bell Jar.</i></b> First published 1963. This autobiographical novel describes an ambitious and brilliant young woman's search for values and her eventual breakdown. The 2004 edition included additional poems.
See, Lisa	<b><i>Snow Flower and the Secret Fan: A Novel.</i></b> Random House, 2005. Snow Flower and Lily find solace in their bond of friendship as they face isolation, arranged marriage, motherhood, and loss in nineteenth-century China.
Solzhenitsyn, Alexander	<b><i>One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich.</i></b> Knopf, 1995. Although innocent of any crime, Ivan Denisovich Shukhov is convicted of treason and sentenced to serve ten years in a Soviet work camp in Siberia.
Walls, Jeannette	<b><i>The Glass Castle.</i></b> Scribner's, 2005. The successful gossip columnist, who "made it" against all odds, shares her astonishing memoir of a childhood lived in a seriously dysfunctional, but uniquely vibrant, family. Alex Awards 2006