

Troy School District 9LC Summer Reading Program – 2020

“Summer reading is about holding a book in your hands. . . . Summer reading is about kicking off shoes, staying up much too late, reading all day with no one caring that’s what you’re doing. It’s about rushing through one to get to the next or lingering as long as you want. It’s about vicarious experiences that let us become a girl in an attic, a boy in the wilderness, a kite runner in a far-away land.” -Kyleen Beers

Reading Assignment for 9LC Students: This is required for EACH student entering 9th grade. Even students attending the Summer Success program are responsible for completing this assignment. Please **Note:** there is a separate reading list and assignment for 9LC Honors.

Our goal is for students to continue reading over the summer to prevent the summer slide, be better prepared for standardized tests, and - more importantly - to foster a love of reading. Rather than requiring a certain book to read, it is our hope that students will select books that meet their individual interests. Please assist them in this process as you know their reading and maturity level. This program is intended to increase students’ enjoyment of reading and to develop a habit of reading that takes students far beyond the English classroom.

Please adhere to the following guidelines:

- ❖ Students will select and read **two** texts from the attached list. *It is **recommended**, but not required, that each student read from two different genres to practice different forms of reading.*
- ❖ Students will complete a 9LC Summer Reading Graphic Organizer for each book that they read.
- ❖ This work will be due by the end of the second week of school.

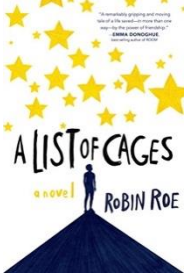
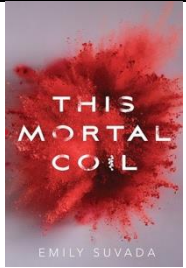

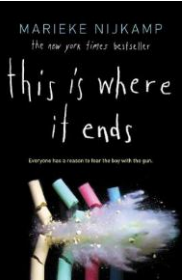
Where do I get the books?

- ❖ New and used books can be purchased through amazon.com, barnesandnoble.com, half.com, and thriftbooks.com.
- ❖ Ebooks can be accessed for free through the Sora Student Reading app. Click here for instructions: https://troycoltsmediacenter.weebly.com/uploads/1/3/5/4/13549136/gettingstudentsstartedwith_sora.pdf
- ❖ Ebooks can also be purchased through many online stores, including the Amazon bookstore, iTunes, or via the iBooks app.
- ❖ Please note: while you may borrow the book from the Troy Public Library, the supply is limited.


We look forward to beginning the school year with students who have read and enjoyed two good pieces of literature.

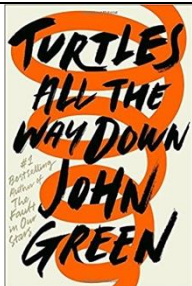
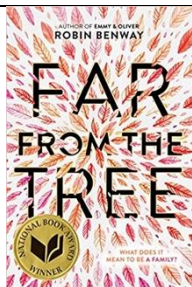
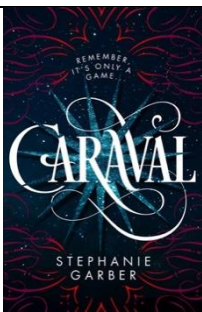
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The 9LC Teaching Team

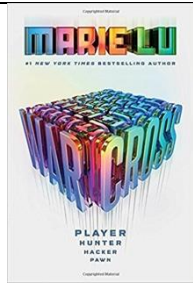

Book Cover	Book Title & Genre	Author	Summary
	A List of Cages (Realistic Fiction)	Robin Roe	When Adam Blake lands the best elective ever in his senior year, serving as an aide to the school psychologist, he thinks he's got it made. Sure, it means a lot of sitting around, which isn't easy for a guy with ADHD, but he can't complain, since he gets to spend the period texting all his friends. Then the doctor asks him to track down the troubled freshman who keeps dodging her, and Adam discovers that the boy is Julian--the foster brother he hasn't seen in five years.
	This Mortal Coil (Science Fiction/ Dystopian)	Emily Suvada	Catarina Agatta is a hacker. She can cripple mainframes and crash through firewalls, but that's not what makes her special. In Cat's world, people are implanted with technology to recode their DNA, allowing them to change their bodies in any way they want. And Cat happens to be a gene-hacking genius.
	Red Queen (Fantasy)	Victoria Aveyard	In a world divided by blood--those with common, Red blood serve the Silver-blooded elite, who are gifted with superhuman abilities--seventeen-year-old Mare, a Red, discovers she has an ability of her own. To cover up this impossibility, the king forces her to play the role of a lost Silver princess and betroths her to one of his own sons. But Mare risks everything and uses her new position to help a growing Red rebellion.
	This is Where it Ends (Realistic Fiction)	Marieke Nijkamp	Minutes after the principal of Opportunity High School in Alabama finishes her speech welcoming the student body to a new semester, they discover that the auditorium doors will not open and someone starts shooting as four teens, each with a personal reason to fear the shooter, tell the tale from separate perspectives.

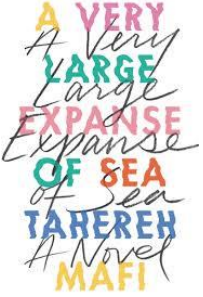
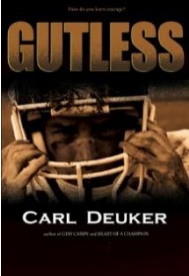
	Dry (Sci-Fi / Suspense)	Neal Shusterman & Jarrod Shusterman	<p>The drought—or the Tap-Out, as everyone calls it—has been going on for a while now.</p> <p>Until the taps run dry.</p> <p>Suddenly, Alyssa’s quiet suburban street spirals into a warzone of desperation; neighbors and families turned against each other on the hunt for water. And when her parents don’t return and her life—and the life of her brother—is threatened, Alyssa has to make impossible choices if she’s going to survive.</p>
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	The Selection (Dystopian)	Kiera Cass	Sixteen-year-old America Singer is living in the caste-divided nation of Illea, which formed after the war that destroyed the United States. America is chosen to compete in the Selection—a contest to see which girl can win the heart of Illea's prince—but all she really wants is a chance for a future with her secret love, Aspen, who is a caste below her.
	Girls Like Us (Realistic Fiction)	Gail Giles	Graduating from their school's special education program, Quincy and Biddy are placed together in their first independent apartment and discover unexpected things they have in common in the face of past challenges and a harrowing trauma.
	Unearthed (Science Fiction)	Amie Kaufman	Scholar Jules Addison and scavenger Amelia Radcliffe join forces to unravel secrets of a long-extinct civilization, only to discover something that could spell the end of the human race.
	I Am Number Four (Science Fiction)	Pittacus Lore	In rural Ohio, friendships and a beautiful girl prove distracting to a fifteen-year-old who has hidden on Earth for ten years waiting to develop the Legacies, or powers, he will need to rejoin the other six surviving Garde members and fight the Mogadorians who destroyed their planet, Lorien.


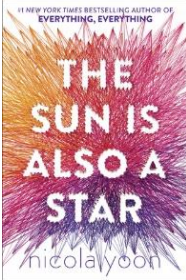
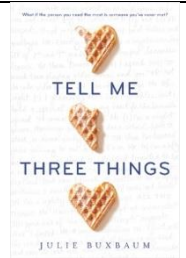
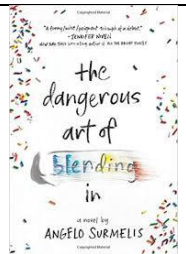
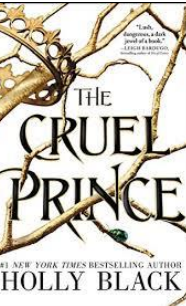
	The Hate U Give (Realistic Fiction)	Angie Thomas	Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter moves between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and the fancy suburban prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer. Khalil was unarmed.
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	Turtles All the Way Down (Fiction)	John Green	Sixteen-year-old Aza never intended to pursue the mystery of fugitive billionaire Russell Pickett, but there's a hundred-thousand-dollar reward at stake and her Best and Most Fearless Friend, Daisy, is eager to investigate. So together, they navigate the short distance and broad divides that separate them from Russell Pickett's son, Davis.
	Far From the Tree (Realistic Fiction)	Robin Benway	Being the middle child has its ups and downs. But for Grace, an only child who was adopted at birth, discovering that she is a middle child is a different ride altogether. After putting her own baby up for adoption, she goes looking for her biological family.
	Caraval (Fantasy)	Stephanie Garber	Two sisters, Scarlett and Tella, leave their cruel father to attend Caraval, the yearly performance where the audience participates in the show. Along the way, Tella is kidnapped and Scarlett aided by a mysterious sailor, finding herself in a game of love and heartbreak.

	The Testing (Science Fiction /Dystopian)	Joelle Charbonneau	Sixteen-year-old Malencia (Cia) Vale is chosen to participate in The Testing to attend the University; however, Cia is fearful when she figures out her friends who do not pass The Testing are disappearing.
	Refugee (Historical Fiction)	Alan Grantz	Separated by continents and decades, Josef, a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany, Isabel, a Cuban girl trying to escape the riots and unrest plaguing her country in 1994, and Mahmoud, a Syrian boy in 2015 whose homeland is torn apart by violence and destruction, go on journeys in search of refuge, discovering shocking connections tying their stories together.

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	Warcross (Science Fiction)	Marie Lu	When teenage coder Emika Chen hacks her way into the opening tournament of the Warcross Championships, she glitches herself into the game as well as a sinister plot with major consequences for the entire Warcross Empire.
	Aftermath (Mystery)	Kelley Armstrong	Three years after losing her brother Luka in a school shooting, Skye Gilchrist is moving home. But there's no sympathy for Skye and her family because Luka wasn't a victim; he was a shooter. Jesse Mandal knows all too well that the scars of the past don't heal easily. The shooting cost Jesse his brother and his best friend--Skye. Ripped apart by tragedy, Jesse and Skye can't resist reopening the mysteries of their past. But old wounds hide darker secrets. And the closer Skye and Jesse get to the truth of what happened that day, the closer they get to a new killer.

	A Very Large Expanse of Sea (Realistic Fiction)	Tahereh Mafi	<p>It's 2002, a year after 9/11. It's an extremely turbulent time politically, but especially so for someone like Shirin, a sixteen-year-old Muslim girl who's tired of being stereotyped. Shirin is never surprised by how horrible people can be. She's tired of the rude stares, the degrading comments—even the physical violence—she endures as a result of her race, her religion, and the hijab she wears every day. So she's built up protective walls and refuses to let anyone close enough to hurt her. But then she meets Ocean James. He's the first person in forever who really seems to want to get to know Shirin. It terrifies her—they seem to come from two irreconcilable worlds—and Shirin has had her guard up for so long that she's not sure she'll ever be able to let it down.</p>
	Gutless (Realistic Sports Fiction)	Carl Deuker	<p>The wide receiver best able to hang on to his quarterback's passes, Brock Ripley would be a star for the varsity team – if he could just bring himself to put his body on the line. But he can't. Just like he can't bring himself to stand up for his friend Richard Fang, who has been targeted by the quarterback. Can he find the courage he needs?</p>

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	<i>This Is Our Story</i> (Mystery)	Ashley Elston	In an after-party haze of alcohol and drugs, five best friends go hunting in the River Point woods – only four return. When a hunting accident claims Grant’s life, his best friends all come under suspicion.
	<i>The Sun is Also a Star</i> (Realistic Fiction)	Nicola Yoon	Natasha is a girl who believes in science and facts. She is also an illegal immigrant facing immediate deportation to Jamaica. Daniel has always been an obedient son and good student, always following his parents’ wishes. But when he meets Natasha, he forgets all that and believes there is something extraordinary in store for both of them.
	<i>Tell Me Three Things</i> (Realistic Fiction)	Julie Buxbaum	It’s been barely two years since her mother’s death, and because her father eloped with a woman he met online, Jessie has been forced to move across the country. Just when she’s thinking that she can’t handle all of this, she gets an email from a person calling themselves Somebody/Nobody (SN for short), offering to help her get used to Wood Valley High School. Is it an elaborate hoax? Or can she rely on SN for some much-needed help?
	<i>The Dangerous Art of Blending In</i> (Fairy-Tale Retelling)	Angelo Surmelis	Seventeen-year-old Evan Panos doesn’t know where he fits in. His strict immigrant Greek mother refuses to see him as anything but a disappointment. His quiet, workaholic father is a staunch believer in avoiding any kind of conflict. And his best friend, Henry, has somehow become distractingly attractive over the summer. But as things with Henry heat up, and his mother’s abuse escalates, Evan has to decide how to find his voice in a world where he has survived so long by being silent.
	<i>The Cruel Prince</i> (Fantasy)	Holly Black	Jude was seven years old when her parents were murdered and she and her two sisters were stolen away to live in the treacherous High Court of Faerie. Ten years later, Jude wants nothing more than to belong there, despite her mortality. But many of the fey despise humans. Especially Prince Cardan, the youngest and wickedest son of the High King. To win a place at the Court, she must defy him--and face the consequences.

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9 LC Summer Reading Graphic Organizer

Directions: As you are reading your novel, fill out the graphic organizer below (one per book).

Title: Author: Published: Genre: POV: Setting/Atmosphere:	Chronologically list the important plot points of your novel: • • •	Theme: Significant quotes that help support/develop the theme: Include context, speaker, pg. #, and significance) • • • •
Major Characters (don't forget a brief description of the character): Minor Characters:	• • • •	• • • •
Significance of Title:	•	•