

Summer Reading Recommendations 2025

Here are some reading suggestions from the Upper School Faculty. Have a great time reading this summer!

Mr. Porter:

1. *Unbroken : An Olympian's Journey from Airman to Castaway to Captive*. There is both a Young Adult Version and an original version of this title for older students. By Laura Hillenbrand

2. *Hamilton and Peggy! : A Revolutionary Friendship*. For younger students. By L.M. Elliott

Ms. Stubbins:

1. *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen

2. *Girl with a Pearl Earring* by Tracy Chevalier (recommend for upper classmen only)

3. *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens

4. *The Blessing Way* by Tony Hillerman

Mr. Gaul:

1. *Foundation* (1951) by Isaac Asimov

2. *Foundation and Empire* (1952) by Isaac Asimov

3. *Second Foundation* (1953) by Isaac Asimov

These three do contain mild adult themes and complex vocabulary, so are best suited to high school students. Asimov was one of Mr. Gaul's favorite science Fiction writers growing up.

Mrs. Price, Reader's Club Sponsor

For High School Students:

The House in the Cerulean Sea by TJ Klune

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

The Women by Kristin Hannah — (recommended for upperclassmen only)

The Giver of Stars by Jojo Moyes

The Book Women of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson

Mudbound by Hilary Jordan

For 7th and 8th Graders:

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

Brian's Winter by Gary Paulsen

Holes by Louis Sachar

Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt

Shane by Jack Schaefer

The Wild Robot by Peter Brown

The Wild Robot Escapes by Peter Brown

Mr. Custis:

Calico Joe by John Grisham

The Innocent by David Baldacci (appropriate for grades 9-12)

Mrs. Schilling:

Among the Beasts and Briars by Ashley Poston (appropriate for grades 7-8)

Three Dark Crowns series by Kendare Blake

Dread Nation Duology by Justina Ireland