

Summer Reading Choices for Students Entering Grade 10

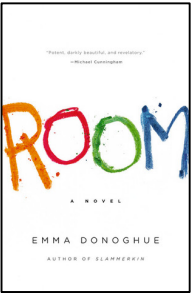
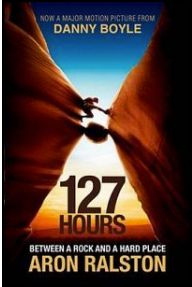
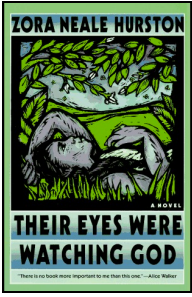
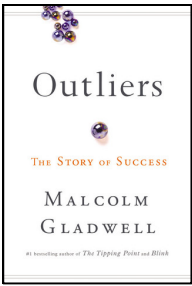
All students are required to read **TWO** of the following books. There will be graded assessments to complete at the start of the year that will require familiarity with the book.

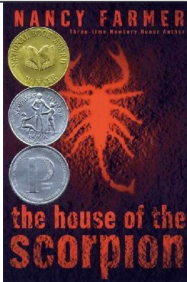
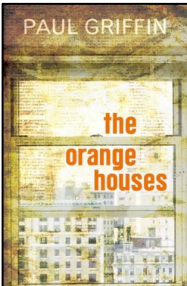
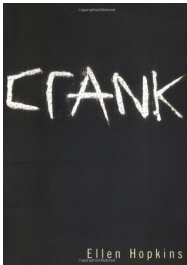

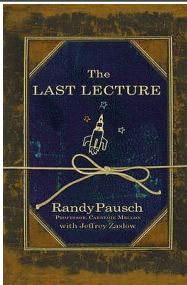
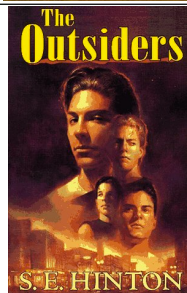
Plan in advance!

- All titles are available – new, used, and as E-books – at most online book retailers. Shop around for the cheapest price! (Used books can cost as little as \$4.00 with shipping on Amazon.)
- Before you drive to your local bookstore, call to see if it is in stock.
- The Buffalo library has limited quantities of each title.

Disclaimers:

- Some selections are focused toward mature readers. We encourage parents to read the book descriptions carefully with their children and assist them in selecting interesting, appropriate titles for their summer reading.
- Film versions exist for some of these titles. While it is okay to watch the movie versions in conjunction with the text, it is not okay to assume that watching the movie version is a substitute for reading.

Book Title and Author		Description	Difficulty Level	Availability
Room Emma Donoghue		To five-year-old Jack, Room is the entire world. It is where he was born and grew up; it's where he lives with his Ma as they learn and read and eat and sleep and play. At night, his Ma shuts him safely in the wardrobe, where he is meant to be asleep when Old Nick visits.	Straight Ahead An exciting story with easy to follow language and plot. LEXILE 730	In stores Buffalo Library: 32 copies In stock at Amazon.com
127 Hours Aron Ralston		Hiking into the remote Utah canyonlands, Aron Ralston felt perfectly at home in the beauty of the natural world. Then, at 2:41 P.M., eight miles from his truck, in a deep and narrow slot canyon, an eight-hundred-pound boulder tumbled loose, pinning Aron's right hand and wrist against the canyon wall.	Straight Ahead A suspenseful story with easy to follow language and plot. LEXILE 560	Not in stores Buffalo Library: 24 copies In stock at Amazon.com
Their Eyes Were Watching God Zora Neale Hurston		An enduring Southern love story told in the captivating voice of a woman who refuses to live in sorrow, bitterness, fear, or foolish romantic dreams, it is the story of fair-skinned, fiercely independent Janie Crawford, and her evolving selfhood through three marriages and a life marked by poverty, trials, and purpose.	Uphill An American classic, this is a moving and inspirational story. LEXILE 1080	In stores Buffalo Library: 50+ copies In stock at Amazon.com
Outliers: The Story of Success Malcolm Gladwell		Malcolm Gladwell takes us on an intellectual journey through the world of "outliers"--the best and the brightest, the most famous and the most successful. He asks the question: what makes high-achievers different?	Uphill Although this is an easy read, the text is non-fiction, which may pose a challenge. LEXILE 1080	In stores Buffalo Library: 50+ copies In stock at Amazon.com

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The House of the Scorpion Nancy Farmer		Matteo Alacran was not born; he was harvested with the DNA from El Patron, lord of a country called Opium. Can a boy who was bred to guarantee another's survival find his own purpose in life? And can he ever be free?	Straight Ahead An award-winning sci-fi novel with an exciting story line and easy to follow language. LEXILE 660	In stores Buffalo Library: 32 copies In stock at Amazon.com
The Orange Houses Paul Griffin		Meet Tamika Sykes, Mik to her friends. She's hearing impaired and way too smart for her West Bronx high school. She's a tough girl who never gets close to anyone, until she meets Fatima, a teenage refugee who sells newspapers on Mik's block. Both Mik and Fatima unite in their efforts to befriend Jimmi, a homeless vet who is shunned by the rest of the community.	Straight Ahead A character driven story with an easy to follow plot with surprising twists and turns. LEXILE 610	Not in stores Buffalo Library: 2 copies In stock at Amazon.com
Crank Ellen Hopkins		The story of the turbulent and often disturbing relationship between Kristina, a character based on her own daughter, and the "monster," the highly addictive drug crystal meth, or "crank."	Straight Ahead Written entirely in free verse, the unusual style adds to the exciting plot and is easy to follow. LEXILE 720	In stores. Buffalo Library: 26 copies In stock at Amazon.com
Call Me By My Name John Ed Bradley		Growing up in Louisiana in the late 1960s, where segregation and prejudice still thrive, two high school football players, one white, one black, become friends, but some changes are too difficult to accept.	Straight Ahead A nice story for football fans, this novel challenges difficult social issues. LEXILE 930	In stores In stock at Amazon.com
The Last Lecture Randy Pausch		When Randy Pausch, a computer science professor, was asked to give a lecture, he didn't have to imagine it as his last, since he had recently been diagnosed with terminal cancer. But the lecture he gave wasn't about dying. It was about the importance of overcoming obstacles, of enabling the dreams of others, of seizing every moment.	Uphill A non-fiction text with an inspirational and moving perspective on life. The topic may be emotionally challenging. LEXILE 850	In stores Buffalo Library: 50+ copies In stock at Amazon.com
The Outsiders S.E. Hinton		Rivalry between rich and poor gangs in 1960s Oklahoma leads to the deaths of three teenagers and intense soul-searching for one of the youths involved, a sensitive fourteen-year-old writer named Ponyboy.	Straight Ahead A New York Times bestseller and an American classic with a riveting story. LEXILE 750	In stores Buffalo Library: 29 copies In stock at Amazon.com