



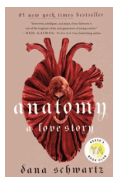
# Suggested Summer Reading List 2023

## High School Grades 9-12

### BCSD Librarians' Disclaimer

These titles are grade level suggestions for recreational reading. We know that not every book is a fit for every student. Parents know their students best, and we encourage you to review these titles to ensure they are the appropriate fit for your student.

## Fiction



### **Anatomy** by Dana Schwartz

Hazel Sinnett is a medical student in 19th century Scotland who, after being kicked out because of her gender, works with Jack Curren to procure dead bodies to study, but

they soon discover secrets buried in the heart of Edinburgh society. (Historical Fiction)



### **Bluebird** by Sharon Cameron

In 1946 Eva arrives in NYC, from the rubble of Berlin, seeking justice against the Nazis that "escaped" with the help of the CIA. (Historical Fiction)



### **\*Dogchild** by Kevin Brooks

A boy raised by wild dogs fights for survival in this post-apocalyptic story. (Fantasy/Science Fiction)



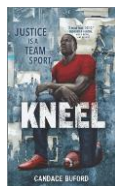
### **\*Firekeepers Daughter** by Angeline Boulley

Daunis, part Ojibwe, who defers attending college to care for her mother, becomes involved in a drug related mystery. Printz Award Winner. (Thriller)



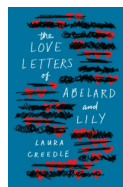
### **\*Internment** by Samira Ahmen

Futuristic United States where Muslim-Americans are forced into internment camps, and seventeen-year-old Layla Amin must lead a revolution against complicit silence. (Realistic Fiction)



### **Kneel** by Candace Buford

When his best friend is unfairly arrested and kicked off the team, Russell kneels during the national anthem in an effort to fight for justice. (Realistic Fiction)



### **\*The Love Letters of Abelard and Lily** by Laura Creedle

Lily who has ADHD, and Abelard, who has Asperger's, meet in detention and discover a mutual affinity for love letters--and, despite their differences, each other. (Realistic Fiction)



### **On a Clear Day** by Walter Dean Myers

In 2035, 16 year old math whiz, Dahlia, joins with 6 other American teens to fight all-powerful corporations. (Science Fiction)



### **\*Rebound** by Kwame Alexander

In the summer of 1988, Chuck Bell is sent to stay with his grandparents, where he discovers jazz and basketball and learns more about his family's past. (Realistic Fiction)



### **\*Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda** by Becky Albertalli

Simon Spier is blackmailed into playing wingman for his classmate or else his sexual identity will be revealed. (Realistic Fiction)



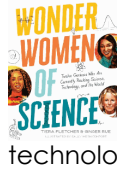
### **This is Our Place** by Vitor Martins

The house at Number 8 Sunflower St. tells the stories of 3 teenagers who have lived within its walls in the 21st century--Ana, forced to leave her home, Greg sent to live with his aunt when his parents divorce, and Beto, a would-be photographer living during the COVID pandemic. (Realistic Fiction)



**\*We Didn't Ask for This by Adi Alsaid.**

High school students protest climate change by locking themselves in their school. (Realistic Fiction)



**\*Wonder Women of Science by Tiera Fletcher & Ginger Rue**

The story of 12 geniuses who are currently rocking science, technology and the world.

## Non-Fiction



**\*American Murderer by Gail Jarrow**

A gripping true story that delves into the history of a deadly parasite and its impact on the Southern United States.



**\*Yes No Maybe So by Becky Albertalli and Aisha Saeed.**

Shy Jamie, who is Jewish, grows close to Maya, who is Muslim, as they campaign in Atlanta. (Romance)



**As Cooked on TikTok with Emily Stephenson**

Fan favorites and recipe exclusives from more than 40 TikTok creators!



**\*Ain't Burned All the Bright by Jason Reynolds and Jason Griffin**

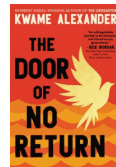
A smash up of art and text that viscerally captures what it is to be Black in America. (Realistic Fiction)

## Biographies/Memoirs



**Button Pusher by Tyler Page**

A graphic memoir that reflects on the author's personal journey of self-discovery, navigating mental health challenges, and finding resilience through the power of art.



**\*The Door of No Return by Kwame Alexander**

First in an anticipated series. A novel in verse about a boy being captured for slavery (Historical Fiction)



**Braiding Sweetgrass for Young Adults by Robin Wall Kimmerer**

Explores indigenous wisdom, nature's interconnectedness, and the importance of sustainability.



**\*A Face for Picasso by Ariel Henley**

A compelling memoir that explores a journey of self-acceptance and resilience while navigating life with a facial difference.



**Game Changer by Neal Shusterman.**

One hit on the football field and Ash's life is never the same. Explores the consequences of choices and the interconnectedness of multiple realities. (Science Fiction)



**A Perfectionist's Guide to Not Being Perfect by We Rise by Bonnie Zucker**

Encourages teens to maintain their desire to achieve without striving to always be perfect and to appreciate and love who they are, not for what they accomplish.



**\*Messy Roots by Laura Bao.**

This graphic memoir follows a Chinese American's immigration to Texas where she just wants to make the basketball team, escape Chinese school, and figure out why she is attracted to girls.



**Hollow Fires by Samira Ahmed**

After discovering the body of 14-year-old Jawad Ali in Jackson Park, Safiya begins investigating his murder and ends up confronting white supremacy in her high school. (Mystery/Thriller)



**We Rise by Xiuhtezcatl Martinez**

Explores many aspects of effective activism and provides step-by-step information on how to start and join solution oriented movements.



**\*Solito by Javier Zamora**

Recounting of Zamora's journey as an undocumented immigrant, highlighting the challenges, resilience, and hope experienced by countless individuals seeking a better life.



**\*I Must Betray You by Ruta Sepetys**

17-year-old Cristian is blackmailed by the secret police to become an informer, but he decides to try to outwit his handler, undermine the regime, give voice to fellow Romanians, and expose to the world what is happening in his country. (Historical Fiction)

\*Indicates the book is available in SORA as either an audio or ebook.