

## 2025 Suggested Reading for Students Entering Grades 11 & 12

Don't worry — this is not a homework assignment! This list was created by the youth librarians at Beebe Library to help you find a book you will enjoy. For information about your school's summer reading assignments, please contact your school.

Starting on **Monday, June 23**, you can stop by the Youth Desk at Beebe Library to **sign up for Summer at the Library 2025**. It's FREE to sign up and to participate in all of the summer programs and activities at the library. Learn more at [wakefieldlibrary.org/summer](http://wakefieldlibrary.org/summer)

Want more recommendations? Please ask us! Happy reading!

*Kat, Annie, Ariel, Heidi, & Holly, Youth Services Librarians*

### ***Ace of Spades* by Faridah Àbíké-Íyímídé**

Aces (whoever they might be) begins sending school-wide anonymous text messages, threatening to reveal student secrets and Devon and Chiamaka are Aces' primary targets. What seemed like a sick prank quickly turns into a dangerous game, with all the cards stacked against them in this heart-pounding thriller.

*Teen Fiction Àbíké-Íyímídé*

### ***This Book Won't Burn* by Samira Ahmed**

Noor discovers that hundreds of books are being removed from her school's library, but challenging the status quo just might put a target on her back. Can she effect change by speaking up? Or will small-town politics—and small-town love—be her downfall? A timely and gripping social-suspense novel about book banning, activism, and standing up for what you believe.

*Teen Fiction Ahmed*

### ***Love in English* by Maria E. Andreu**

Since Ana moved to New Jersey from Argentina, she can barely find the words to express how she feels. Ana discovers a new culture and languages as she finds herself, falls a bit in love, and explores what it means to become "American" in this witty and effervescent story.

*Teen Fiction Andreu*

### ***Me, Earl, and the Dying Girl* by Jesse Andrews**

High school senior Greg Gaines' mom guilt-trips him into becoming friends with a girl who has cancer, ushering in the destruction of Greg's entire life. Honest and heart-breaking, this is the funniest book you'll ever read about death.

*Teen Fiction Andrews*

### ***Wren Martin Ruins It All* by Amanda DeWitt**

Wren Martin's ambitious scheme to abolish a dance goes awry. On top of that, Wren is developing capital F feelings, which he did NOT plan to have. A quippy and endearingly chaotic explorations of the complexities of falling in love while asexual.

*Teen Fiction DeWitt*



***Hot Dog Girl by Jennifer Dugan***

A teen girl attempts to gain her crushes attention while tragically dressed as a dancing hot dog. Set in an amusement park in the summer, this fizzy, funny romantic comedy follows the teen employees who are dressed as princess, pirates, and (yes!) hot dogs as they flirt, gossip, fall in love, and try to stop the amusement park from closing.

*Teen Fiction Dugan*

***The Great American Whatever by Tim Federle***

An aspiring screenwriter copes with his sister's death while his best friend forces him back out into the world to face his reality. Screenwriting is infused into the narrative with a unique juxtaposition of scripted versions of events with what actually occurs. A moving tale about grief that's also laugh-out-loud funny.

*Teen Fiction Federle*

***All of Us Villains by Amanda Foody & C. L. Herman***

At the coming of the Blood Moon, seven families each name a champion to compete in a tournament to the death. But this year a scandalous tell-all book has exposed the tournament and thrust the seven new champions into the worldwide spotlight. A dark tale of ambition and magick you won't be able to put down.

*Teen Fiction Foody*

***Banned Book Club by Kim Hyun Sook***

In 1983, a Korean college student finds herself hiding in a basement as the youngest member of an underground banned book club. A dramatic true story of political division, fear-mongering, anti-intellectualism, the death of democratic institutions, and the relentless rebellion of reading in this graphic memoir.

*Teen Comics Kim (Nonfiction)*

***The Gentleman's Guide to Vice and Virtue by Mackenzi Lee***

A young British lord embarks on an unforgettable Grand Tour of Europe with his best friend/secret crush. This 18<sup>th</sup> century romantic adventure is witty, dazzling, and intriguing at every turn. An irresistible romp that explores the undeniably fine lines between friendship and love.

*Teen Fiction Mackenzi*

***Fault Lines in the Constitution: The Graphic Novel by Cynthia Levinson***

In 1787, after 116 days of heated debates and bitter arguments, the United States Constitution was created. This engaging and compelling read sheds light on how today's political struggles have their origins in the decisions of our Founding Fathers.

*Teen Comics Levinson (Nonfiction)*

***Yaqui Delgado Wants to Kick Your Ass: The Graphic Novel by Meg Medina***

Piedad "Piddy" Sanchez is having a hard time adjusting to her new high school. Things don't get any easier when Piddy learns that Yaqui Delgado hates her and wants to kick her ass. Piddy doesn't even know who Yaqui is, never mind what she's done to piss her off. A nuanced, heart-wrenching, and ultimately empowering page-turner.

*Teen Comics Medina*



***Game Change* by Joseph Monniger**

Can one game really change everything? Fate and football collide in this moving sports novel. A powerful story about football and a boy on the brink of adulthood.

*Teen Fiction Monniger*

***Imposter Syndrome and Other Confessions of Alejandra Kim* by Patricia Park**

A Manhattan private school senior navigates college applications, friendships, and family while grieving the death of her father. An incisive, laugh-out-loud, provocative read about feeling like a misfit caught between very different worlds and what it means to belong.

*Teen Fiction Park*

***Snowglobe* by Soyoung Park**

In a world of constant winter, only the citizens of the climate-controlled city of Snowglobe can escape the bitter cold—but this perfect society is hiding dark and dangerous secrets within its frozen heart. An immersive and utterly addictive dark dystopian thriller.

*Teen Fiction Park*

***Daniel, Deconstructed* by James Ramos**

A nerdy high schooler learns to embrace his main-character energy in this witty and heart-healing ode to movie tropes, meet-cutes, and the mystifying and illogical world of love. A realistic and relatable romp, filled with raw emotion, affirming introspection, and romance.

*Teen Fiction Ramos*

***The Art Thieves* by Andrea L. Rogers**

It's 2052 and Stevie's world is a cycle of drought, superstorms, ice, and fire. When a mysterious boy shows up and claims he's from the future—and tells Stevie what's to come—she refuses to believe him. But soon, she'll have no choice... Adrenaline-pumping and emotionally moving, this story pushes back hard against the ills of our own world and embraces hope for the next, one built on cooperation and connection.

*Teen Fiction Rogers*

***Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly**

The powerful story of four African-American female mathematicians at NASA who helped achieve some of the greatest moments in our space program. An uplifting true story.

*Children's Nonfiction 510.95 Shetterly*

***All Better Now* by Neal Shusterman**

A virus that kills some but leaves those who recover utterly happy and filled with empathy is at the center of this dystopian thriller. In his trademark darkly witty, wonderfully over-the-top style, Neal Shusterman meanders through interesting ethical questions as the action plays out globally.

*Teen Fiction Shusterman*



***They Both Die at the End* by Adam Silvera**

There's no life without death and no love without loss. On September 5, a little after midnight, Death-Cast calls Mateo Torrez and Rufus Emeterio to give them some bad news: They're going to die today. A devastating yet uplifting story about two people whose lives change over the course of one unforgettable day.

*Teen Fiction Silvera*

***Victory. Stand! Raising My Fist for Justice* by Tommie Smith**

After raising his fist in protest of injustices done to Black Americans at the 1968 Olympics, gold medalist Tommie Smith and bronze-medalist John Carlos saw their careers torpedoed. Discover Tommie Smith's life and what led to his courageous protest in this stirring portrait of an iconic moment in Olympic history that still resonates today.

*Teen Comics Smith (Nonfiction)*

***All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team* by Christina Soontornvat**

Follow the 18 days that elapsed in the summer of 2018 as 12 boys and their coach were trapped inside a flooded cave in northern Thailand. This true account is told in a heart-racing, you-are-there style that blends suspense, science, and cultural insight.

*Children's Nonfiction 796.525 Soontornvat*

***Side Quest: A Visual History of Roleplaying Games* by Steenz & Samuel Sattin**

For fans of dungeon crawls and dice rolls—and anyone wanting to know more about them—*Side Quest* is a stand-alone graphic novel history of roleplaying games (RPGs), from ancient games to those played today, with personal stories from creators throughout!

*Teen Comics Steenz (Nonfiction)*

***The Sticky Note Manifesto of Aisha Agarwal* by Ambika Vohra**

One girl tackles a question that changes the trajectory of her senior year: "How have you gotten out of your comfort zone?" Teaming up with a new friend, Aisha creates a sticky note manifesto to *finally* try new things in this heartfelt and hilarious read.

*Teen Fiction Vohra*

***The Second Change of Darius Logan* by David F. Walker**

Darius Logan is far from a hero. But when he gets the chance to get away from his tumultuous life of survival by joining the Second Chance program of the Super Justice Force, he takes it. Enter a post-apocalyptic world where heroes loom large and what seems ordinary is anything but in this remarkable story about justice and second chances.

*Teen Fiction Walker*

***The Art of Insanity* by Christine Webb**

Natalie has just been diagnosed with Bipolar disorder and her mom insists she keep it secret. This heartfelt and candid novel explores the stigma surrounding mental illness and offers an uplifting narrative of resilience with humor and insight.

*Teen Fiction Webb*

***Heiress Takes All* by Emily Wibberley & Austin Siegemund-Broka**

A teen who went from riches to rags when her parents divorced masterminds a scheme to get even with her father. Twists, obstacles, and double-crossing abound in this totally fun, over-the-top heist novel featuring smart, witty characters.

*Teen Fiction Wibberley*

