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Overview of South Elgin HS Summer Reading



Students at SEHS participate in a comprehensive reading program in their English courses in which they select their own novels to read during the year. Research suggests that consistent reading develops critical thinking and strengthens writing skills in students. Incidentally, when developing readers do not read over the summer months, they can lose up to an entire grade level of reading ability. Furthermore, reading a book that interests you can be fun! For this summer, South Elgin would like to highlight the psychological and educational benefits of reading, but we would also like to emphasize the joy that reading a book can bring. Below, you will find a list of summer reading suggestions. You are also welcome to choose your own book that is at an appropriate reading level for you. Books on these lists have been selected from recommendations made by staff, students, and librarians. Student interests and reading levels vary widely, therefore titles chosen may be found in both Young Adult and Adult sections of libraries and bookstores. Parents who have specific concerns about the content of selected titles are encouraged to read independent reviews. Most library catalogs provide links to professional review sources. Additionally, students and parents might consider reading a book together and discussing the characters, plot, and themes.

Reading Participation Activities



1. Please fill out this [Google form](#).
2. During the summer, choose a book and read it. Consider joining a virtual Teen Book Hangout with the librarians from Gail Borden to discuss what you're reading (on 6/16, 7/14, and 8/4 @ 3 pm).
3. Select one of these three options to share your thinking about what you've read:
 - Create a quick audio recording about your response to the book: why you liked the book, why you would recommend it to another student, what the book made you think about, etc. This is **not** a book summary, just your reaction to the book. Please include your first name and the book title.
 - Create a quick video about your response to the book: why you liked the book, why you would recommend it to another student, what the book made you think about, etc. This is **not** a book summary, just your reaction to the book. Please include your first name and the book title.
 - Write about your response to the book: why you liked the book, why you would recommend it to another student, what the book made you think about, etc. This is **not** a book summary, just your reaction to the book. Your written response could be in the form of a journal entry, slide show, etc.

Please share the option you chose to complete within the first week of school with your English teacher. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Lori Lopez, Assistant Principal, at (847) 289-3760 ext. 3663 or lorilopez@u-46.org.

Suggested Book Titles (click on each theme for book titles and summaries)



- [Ensemble Casts: You Can't Fight Alone, Better Take Some Friends](#)
- [Different Definitions of Strength: How to Endure Tragedy and Fight Discrimination](#)
- [Contemporary Romance: Falling in Love Isn't Always Easy](#)
- [Rebellious Heroes: Confronting Issues That Matter](#)
- [Mysterious Happenings: Time to Investigate](#)
- [What's Your Story: Step Into Someone Else's Shoes](#)

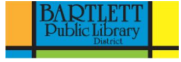
These are only suggested titles. You can select a different title but make sure it is at your appropriate reading level.

Library Information on eBooks, Audiobooks, and Other Resources



South Elgin HS - Axis360

- Use [Axis360](#) to find eBooks and eAudiobooks
 - Click [here](#) for written instructions and a screencast of how to use Axis360
 - Axis360 is also available as an app for download to your personal device
 - Still have questions? Please email the librarian at sehslibrary@u-46.org



Bartlett Public Library - Overdrive and Hoopla

- You will need a library card to use Bartlett Library's online resources. The online registration form is [here](#).
- Information on their Digital Collections, including Overdrive and Hoopla, is [here](#)
- Still have questions? Click [here](#).

Remember you can use the reading you're doing for our summer reading program to participate in BPL's summer reading program and possibly win prizes!

Dig Deeper: Read, Investigate, Discover!: Summer Reading 2020

This year's annual Summer Reading Challenge theme (taking place June 1 - July 31) from the Bartlett Public Library District is "Dig Deeper: Read, Investigate, Discover!" Logging books or activities will be done online with the Library's new platform READsquared (Find it at <http://bartlettlibrary.readsquared.com/>), and finishers will get entered to win a \$100 Amazon gift card. The Age 3 – Adult program participants will need to read 8 hours in order to enter the grand prize drawing. If there are any questions, reach out to bpldyouth@bartlettlibrary.org.



Gail Borden Public Library - cloudLibrary and Hoopla

- You will need a library card to use Gail Borden's eLibrary resources. The online registration form is [here](#).
- Information on their 24/7 eLibrary resources, including cloudLibrary and Hoopla, is [here](#)
- Tutorials and handouts on using cloudLibrary and Hoopla are [here](#)

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Reading Takes You Everywhere: Summer Reading 2020

<https://gailborden.beanstack.com/>

Read for fun all summer long!

You'll earn points by logging reading time. Earn 1,200 points to complete the summer reading challenge and earn prizes, the more points you earn the more chances you have to win! All reading matters! Make sure you track when you read books, summer reading assignments, reading with your family, articles, audiobooks, and more. Teens who complete the summer reading challenge will be entered into the Grand Prize Drawing. 1 teen will win a \$100 Amazon gift card, 2 teens will win a \$50 Target gift card, 4 teens will win a \$25 gift card, and 10 teens will win a \$10 gift card. The Grand Prize Drawing winners will be notified on August 10th.

Other great GBPL Resources

- Need a Good Read?
 - <https://gailborden.info/high-school/books/1888-need-a-good-read-teen>
 - Looking for a list of books picked out just for you? Fill out the Need a Good Read form for a customized list of books.

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