

READ ALONG WITH SCARBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL

Summer Reading 2025 — Community Edition

Suggestions on back!

COURSE OVERVIEW

Scarborough Public Library invites YOU—students, parents, neighbors—to read alongside local high schoolers this summer. Whether you're revisiting classics or discovering new voices, we've got great recommendations based on SHS assignments. Reading is more fun when we do it together. Happy summer reading, Scarborough!

VISIT THE LIBRARY TO:

- 1 Sign up for Summer Reading (options for adults, teens, and children!)
- 2 Ask the librarians for personalized picks
- 3 Borrow books in print, on audio, or with your favorite e-reader
- 4 Attend our awesome programming!

GRADING POLICY

Total Points Possible: Unlimited.

Final Grade: You're crushing it.

This summer, there are no tests, no essays, and absolutely no pressure—just you, a stack of books, and a good story waiting to be discovered. Read what you love. Love what you read. We'll call that an A+.

LATE WORK POLICY

There are no deadlines, no essays, and definitely no grades. Start a book, quit a book, read the same page ten times—it still counts! Whether you finish five novels or just browse the shelves, you get full credit for showing up. **At Scarborough Public Library, summer reading is 100% fun, 0% pressure.** Come for the AC, stay for the stories. No homework, no tests—just good books and vibes.

WHOA!

PROMPTS

Whether you're reading *Hamlet* or *Heartstopper*, try answering one or more of these after each chapter or book:

- What's one sentence or scene that stuck with you? Why?
- Who changes the most in the book—and how?
- How does this book connect to your own life or experiences?
- Did the author's tone or style affect how you read it?
- If you could give the book a different title, what would it be and why?

WHAT ARE SHS STUDENTS READING?

Here's a simplified look at what Scarborough High School students will be tackling by grade level:

9th Grade

- One novel recommended by an adult
- One children's book recommended by a young child
- One poem and one podcast recommended by a friend or adult

GT Advanced 9th

- Around 1000 pages of books of your choice—include at least one that challenges you!

10th Grade (10-3 and 10-2)

- One novel or graphic novel suitable for thoughtful class discussion

10th Grade Honors (10-4)

- Required: *The Namesake* by Jhumpa Lahiri
- Study literary terms like theme, symbolism, and irony

11th Grade

- Choose a dystopian novel

11th Grade AP Literature

- Five annotated poems
- Two books: one pre-1980 and one post-1980 from a curated list
- (Examples: *Jane Eyre*, *Slaughterhouse-Five*, *Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow*)

12th Grade

- Read any memoir or autobiography

12th Grade Honors

- Choose one of these memoirs:
- *Born a Crime*, *The Glass Castle*, *Educated*, *Call Me American*

12th Grade AP Language

- One nonfiction book of your choice
- Three required essays to annotate:
 - *The Bird and the Machine* by Loren Eiseley
 - *Living Like Weasels* by Annie Dillard
 - *Once More to the Lake* by E.B. White

More Recommendations

Want to read along or just need a great summer book? Here are more picks from SHS reading lists:

Fiction Titles (Novels, Plays, and Dystopian Fiction)

- *The Namesake* by Jhumpa Lahiri
- *Slaughterhouse-Five* by Kurt Vonnegut
- *Fences* by August Wilson
- *Never Let Me Go* by Kazuo Ishiguro
- *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* by Ken Kesey
- *Parable of the Sower* by Octavia Butler
- *Snow Falling on Cedars* by David Guterson
- *The Awakening* by Kate Chopin
- *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood
- *The Picture of Dorian Gray* by Oscar Wilde
- *The Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver
- *Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow* by Gabrielle Zevin
- *The Bell Jar* by Sylvia Plath
- *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng
- *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Brontë
- *The Secret History* by Donna Tartt
- *Invisible Man* by Ralph Ellison
- *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding
- *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston
- *Ceremony* by Leslie Marmon Silko
- *Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley
- *Hamlet* by William Shakespeare

Nonfiction & Memoir Titles

- *Call Me American* by Abdi Nor Iftin
- *Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah
- *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls
- *Educated* by Tara Westover



This guide was created by the Scarborough Public Library to support SHS readers and welcome the entire community to read along this summer.