



NEWARK BOARD OF EDUCATION SUMMER READING LIST

Turn the page...Travel the world!



PRE-K

Hello, World! Ocean Life by Jill McDonald

How many arms does an octopus have? What shape is a seashell? Discover these answers and everything that you ever wanted to know about ocean life. Just open your book and dive in!



KINDERGARTEN

The Three Little Pigs Los Tres Cerditos by Pat Sibert

This is a story about three little pigs who are curious about the world and decide to leave home. When fall comes, they realize they need to build shelters. Open this book to find out what happens when the wolf shows up!



GRADE 1

Just Ask!: Be Different, Be Brave, Be You by Sonia Sotomayor

Being different can sometimes be scary for a child. Open this book to learn why being different is good.



GRADE 2

My Papi Has a Motorcycle by Isabel Quintero

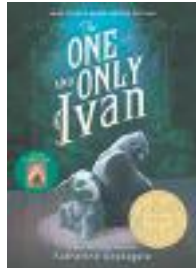
Open this book to take a journey with Daisy Ramora. Read this story to see what is beautiful in this girl's neighborhood, and what just might be beautiful in your own.



GRADE 3

Book Uncle and Me by Uma Krishnaswami

Can a nine-year-old girl make a difference? Can she change the way her community thinks about books? Open this novel to stage a protest with Yasmin who is fighting for her community to keep a small book lending library that the mayor thinks is ugly and needs to go. Can a child help adults see what is best for a community and will anyone join her fight? Open this book to see if one young person can truly change the world!



GRADE 4

The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate

Having spent 27 years behind the glass walls of his enclosure in a shopping mall, Ivan has grown accustomed to humans watching him. That changes when he meets Ruby. Open this book to learn about the transformative power of unexpected friendship.



GRADE 5

Finding Langston by Lesa Cline-Ransome

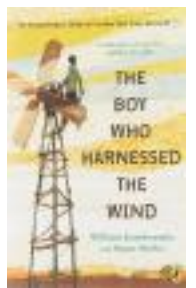
Open this book to travel with a young boy who is leaving his home in Alabama to start a new life in Chicago. How will young Langston handle leaving his grandmother, his friends and all of the memories of his mother who has just passed away? Will he survive the bullying and the loneliness? And with everything that Langston is leaving behind, will he come to find something that he can truly keep forever?



GRADE 6

Full Cicada Moon by Marilyn Hinton

Open this book to travel with Mimi and her family who are moving to a small town in Vermont that is not diverse. Mimi, who is half Black and half Japanese and loves science, feels like an outsider in a place that is supposed to be her new home. Now, Mimi's appearance is all anyone notices as she struggles to fit in with her classmates and not stand out by joining a science competition. Will Mimi hold on to her dreams of becoming an astronaut or allow the shallow views of the people in her town kill her dreams and her feelings of self-worth?



GRADE 7

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind by William Kamkwamba

Open this book to travel to Malawi, Africa where young William's village has been devastated by a terrible drought. William explores science books and scrap heaps for a solution to this unimaginable problem. Will he come up with a solution to save his family and his village? Turn the page to find out.



GRADE 8

New Kid by Jerry Craft

Open this book to take a short trip to New York City to meet Jordan, a middle school boy who loves nothing more than drawing cartoons about his life. But instead of sending him to the art school of his dreams, his parents send him to a prestigious private school where he sticks out like a sore thumb. Can Jordan learn to navigate his new school culture while keeping his neighborhood friends and staying true to himself? Turn the page to find out.



GRADE 9

The Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo

Xiomara refuses to silence her voice for a world that wants her to be a compliant teenager. She has much to say and pours all of her frustrations, anger and passions into her poetry filling the pages of her notebook. As Xiomara navigates her world full of expectations and norms, she desperately clings to her beliefs through her words. Will Xiomara obey her mother and the ideals of society or amplify her voice and speak her truth through her poetry? Open this book and travel to Harlem to find out.



GRADE 10

Dear Martin by Nic Stone

Open this book to travel to Atlanta with Justyce, an African American young man, who feels displaced as he is rejected by his peers in his rough, inner-city neighborhood and scorned in his new, predominantly white, prep high school. Through a mixture of script-style dialogues, third-person narrative and letters to Dr. Martin Luther King, we see Justyce try to confront racism and the ugly, persistent violence of social injustice. Will the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King help Justyce find his identity in a world that does not seem to have a place for him? Open this powerful novel to find out.



GRADE 11

Solo by Kwame Alexander

Open this book to travel to a Ghanaian village with Blade Morrison, a 17-year-old musician who is seeking answers to a family secret that has left him stunned and alienated from his family. Turn the page of this impassioned ode to identity, family and music to see if Blade discovers the answers he is longing for and even some that he never knew he needed to find.



GRADE 12

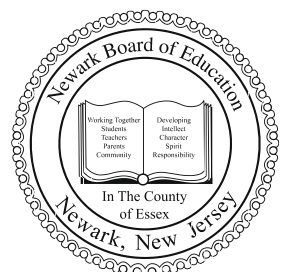
Internment by Samira Ahmed

Open this book to travel to a horrifying near-future United States where seventeen-year-old Layla Amin and her parents are forced into an internment camp for Muslim American citizens. On her journey, Layla and her friends begin a fight against compliance and for freedom. Will Layla's rebellion lead to something bigger or cause the downfall of the community for which she is fighting? Turn the page to find out.



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This summer, you have the amazing opportunity to dive into books! And not just any books. You have the opportunity to step into stories from all over the world with books that are funny, informative, mysterious, enlightening and powerful. In short, these are books with your name on them! They will broaden your world and maybe even change the way you see others and yourself. So don't hesitate or procrastinate. **Turn the page and travel the world!**



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