

**Cartersville High
School
Library Media Center's**

**Suggested Summer
Reading list
2017-18**



Cartersville High School places great importance on reading as a part of each student's life. It is a skill that will affect every aspect of a student's education as well as leading to lifelong pleasure. The relaxed atmosphere of summer is a perfect time for students to be able to choose the reading material that they interact with.

We have provided a list of books that you may enjoy reading over the summer. These titles are from the 2017 – 18 Georgia Peach Book Award list*. These are just “SUGGESTIONS” and are NOT REQUIRED. A variety of books are included on the summer reading list, so there is bound to be something that is interesting to you!! Enjoy!!!

All American Boys -- Reynolds, Jason



When sixteen-year-old Rashad is mistakenly accused of stealing, classmate Quinn witnesses his brutal beating at the hands of a police officer who happens to be the older brother of his best friend. Told through both boys alternating viewpoints.

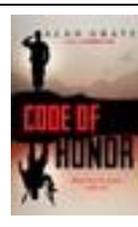
The Anatomical Shape of a Heart -Bennett, Jenn



Beatrix Adams knows exactly how she's spending the summer before her senior year. Determined to follow in Da Vinci's footsteps, she's ready to tackle the one thing that will give her an advantage in a museum sponsored scholarship contest: drawing actual cadavers. But things go awry when she misses her train home and meets a boy who turns her plans upside down.

Code of Honor -- Gratz, Alan

Kamran Smith is the All-American high school football player. In the steps of his brother Darius, he plans to attend Westpoint and become a U.S. soldier. Half-Iranian, Kamran has always felt accepted—until now. Darius has been accused of being a terrorist, and it is up to Kamran to clear his brother's name.



Dan Versus Nature -- Calame, Don

Shy and scrawny Dan Weekes spends his time creating graphic novels inspired by his dream girl and looking out for his mom as she dates every man in the state of California. Then his mom drops a bomb: she and her latest beau, Hank, are engaged, and she's sending her "two favorite men" on a survivalist camping trip to "bond."



The Darkest Corners -- Thomas, Kara



There are ghosts around every corner in Fayette, Pennsylvania. Tessa left when she was nine and has been trying ever since not to think about it after what happened there that last summer. Memories of things so dark, they will burn themselves into your mind if you let them.

The First Time She Drowned -- Kletter, Kerry

Cassie has spent her whole life trying to keep her head above water. It's been two-and-a-half years since her mother dumped Cassie in a mental institution against her will for something Cassie claims she didn't do. Now, at eighteen, Cassie enrolls in college, ready to reclaim her life and enter the world on her own.



Dumplin' -- Murphy, Julie

Self-proclaimed fat girl Willowdean Dickson (dubbed "Dumplin'" by her mom) is at home in her own skin. Her thoughts on having the ultimate bikini body? Wear a bikini! With her best friend, Ellen, by her side, things have always worked...until Will takes a job at the local fast-food joint. She meets Bo, a hot former jock. Will finds herself attracted to Bo. But she is surprised when he seems to like her back.



Girl in Pieces-- Glasgow, Kathleen



Charlotte Davis is in pieces. At seventeen she's already lost more than most people lose in a lifetime. But she's learned how to forget. The broken glass washes away the sorrow until there is nothing but calm. You don't have to think about your father and the river. Your best friend, who is gone forever. Or your mother, who has nothing left to give you.

Girl Mans Up -- Girard, M-E



All Pen wants is to be the kind of girl she's always been. Why does everyone have a problem with it? Her old-world parents want respect, her friends demand loyalty. But respect and loyalty, Pen discovers, are empty words. Pen sees the truth--that in order to be who she truly wants to be, she'll have to man up.

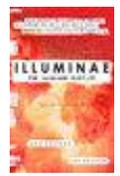
Holding Smoke -- Cosimano, Elle

John "Smoke" Conlan is serving time for two murders. He wasn't the one who murdered his English teacher, and he never intended to kill the only other witness to the crime. A dangerous juvenile rehabilitation center in Denver, known as the Y, is Smoke's new home and the only one he believes he deserves. But "Smoke" has ways of escaping the Y, where he finds the truth about the murders and his fellow inmates

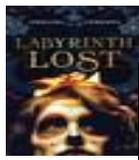


Illuminae -- Kaufman, Amie

This morning, Kady thought breaking up with Ezra was the hardest thing she'd have to do. This afternoon, her planet was invaded. The year is 2575, and two rival corporations are at war over a planet that's little more than an ice-covered speck at the edge of the universe. Too bad nobody thought to want those living there.



Labyrinth Lost -- Cordova, Zoraida



Alex is a bruja, the most powerful witch in a generation...and she hates magic. At her Deathday celebration, Alex performs a spell to rid herself of her power. But it backfires. Her whole family vanishes into thin air, leaving her alone with Nova, a brujo boy she can't trust. A boy whose intentions are as dark as the strange markings on his skin.

My Lady Jane -- Hand, Cynthia



At sixteen, Lady Jane Grey is about to be married off to a stranger and caught up in a conspiracy to rob her cousin, King Edward, of his throne. But those trifling problems aren't for Jane to worry about. Jane gets to be Queen of England.

Scarlett Epstein hates it here -- Breslaw, Anna

"Scarlett Epstein is a BNF (Big Name Fan) in the world of fanfiction writers, world-class nobody at Melville High. Her best (read: only) IRL friends are Avery, a shy and annoyingly attractive bookworm, and Ruth, her weed-smoking, possibly insane 73-year-old neighbor. When Scarlett's favorite television show, Lycanthrope High, is cancelled, she worries she will lose the online fan community that sustains her.

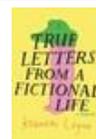


Six of crows -- Bardugo, Leigh

"Ketterdam: a bustling hub of international trade where anything can be had for the right price--and no one knows that better than criminal prodigy Kaz Brekker. Kaz is offered a chance at a deadly heist that could make him rich beyond his wildest dreams. But he can't pull it off alone..."



True Letters from a Fictional Life -- Logan, Kenneth



A popular high school athlete hides his sexual orientation from his small Vermont town and writes unsent secret letters about his inner struggles to the people in his life, confessions that when discovered are broadcast to his entire school.

This savage Song-- Schwab, Victoria



Kate Harker and August Flynn are the heirs to a divided city—a city where the violence has begun to breed actual monsters. There's no such thing as safe in a city at war, a city overrun with monsters. Kate and August must choose whether to become heroes or villains—and friends or enemies—with the future of their home at stake.

We Are the Ants -- Hutchison, Shaun David

Abducted by aliens periodically throughout his youth, Henry Denton is informed by his captors that they will end the world in 144 days. However he can save humanity by pushing a big red button. That is, if they are worth saving. But before Henry can save the world, he's got to figure out how to save himself, and the aliens haven't given him a button for that.

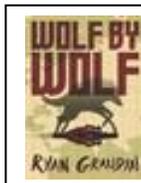


When We Collided -- Lord, Emery

Vivi craves all the joy and beauty that life can offer. Jonah has been burdened by responsibility for his family since his father died. Their love seems to be the answer to everything. But Vivi's zest for life falters, and becomes true danger-seeking. Jonah tries to keep her safe, but there's something important Vivi hasn't told him.



Wolf by Wolf -- Graudin, Ryan



The year is 1956, and the Axis powers of the Third Reich and Imperial Japan rule. To commemorate their Great Victory, Hitler and Emperor Hirohito host the Axis Tour: an annual motorcycle race across their conjoined continents. The victor is awarded an audience with the highly reclusive Adolf Hitler at the Victor's Ball in Tokyo.

**The purpose of the Georgia Peach Award is to highlight and promote the best current young adult literature for Georgia high school age students. Teens will vote for their favorite books out of the year's top 20 nominees in March 2016 at the high schools and the public library.*