

2019 GWCS SUMMER READING & LISTENING



Summer is a great time to keep your brain active and engaged and step up your critical thinking skills. In the summer you can slow down and really process what you're reading. That's the type of reading you need to cultivate for success in college. GWCS teachers and staff recommend that the following books be considered for your summer reading!

RECOMMENDER	BOOK TITLE	AUTHOR/LINK
Mr. Connelly	<i>Angela's Ashes</i>	Frank McCort (Amazon)
Dr. Cox	<i>Drawdown: The Most Comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed to Reverse Global Warming</i>	Paul Hawken (Amazon)
Dr. Garon	<i>A Natural History of the Senses</i>	Diane Ackerman (Amazon)
Mr. Goldie	<i>Slaughterhouse-Five</i>	Kurt Vonnegut, Jr. (Amazon)
Ms. Kohler	<i>Moxie</i>	Jennifer Mathieu (Amazon)
Mr. Lindner	<i>Chains</i>	Laurie Halse Anderson (Amazon)
Mr. Mallonee	<i>The Outsiders</i>	S.E. Hinton (Amazon)
Ms. Mauney	<i>Flowers of Algernon</i>	Daniel Keyes (Amazon)
Mr. Robbins	<i>Dracula</i>	Bram Stoker (Amazon)
Ms. Sinichko	<i>Educated: A Memoir</i>	Tara Westover (Amazon)
Mr. Torres	<i>Into the Wild</i>	Jon Krakauer (Amazon)
Mr. Wallace	<i>A Visit from the Goon Squad</i>	Jennifer Egan (Amazon)
Ms. Warden	<i>Brain Rules</i>	John Medina (Amazon)

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Many of the books on our recommended reading list are also available in audio format. Audio books are a great way to share the experience while driving to the beach or wherever your adventures may take you this summer. We have also compiled the following list of podcast recommendations! Research has shown that listening to audio books and podcasts increases listener's comprehension and allows students to absorb material that is up to three grade levels higher than their reading comprehension.



OUR TOP-TWENTY PODCAST RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. [411 Teen](#)
2. [Bon Appétit](#)
3. [Climate Change \(BBC Documentary\)](#)
4. [Hardcore History](#)
5. [Hidden Brain: NPR](#)
6. [How Stuff Works](#)
7. [Math Mutation](#)
8. [Philosophize This](#)
9. [Nerdette](#)
10. [Night Vale](#)
11. [Radiolab](#)
12. [Sawbones](#)
13. [Stuff You Missed in History Class](#)
14. [The Sporkful](#)
15. [TED Talks](#)
16. [Teens of American Radio](#)
17. [The Hidden Brain](#)
18. [The Moth](#)
19. [This American Life](#)
20. [Youth Radio](#)