

Reserved Reading List

Secondary School

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The books listed below will be read (or significant portions will be read) as part of the Providence curriculum. Because of this, we recommend students choose books other than these to read during the summer reading program. Please reach out to the Secondary Principal with any questions.

Seventh Grade

Wayne Grudem, *Christian Beliefs: Twenty Basics Every Christian Should Know*
Robert Louis Stevenson, *Treasure Island*
William Shakespeare, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*
J.R.R. Tolkien, *The Fellowship of the Ring*

Eighth Grade

Harper Lee, *To Kill a Mockingbird*
Mary Shelley, *Frankenstein*
Robert Louis Stevenson, *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*
Charles Dickens, *Great Expectations*
Peter Leithart, *A House for My Name*
William Shakespeare, *The Merchant of Venice*

Ninth Grade

Bulfinch's Mythology, Selections
Homer, *The Iliad*
Homer, *The Odyssey*
Virgil, *The Aeneid*
J. Gresham Machen, *The Life of Christ and the Development of the Early Church*
R.C. Sproul, *Meeting Jesus: The 'I Am' Sayings of Christ*

Tenth Grade

Beowulf, trans. Howell D. Chickering
William Shakespeare, *Hamlet*
Dante Alighieri, *The Divine Comedy*, trans. Dorothy L Sayers
Edmund Spenser, *The Faerie Queene*, Bk. I
R.C. Sproul, *Knowing Scripture*
Franz Ridenour, *So What's the Difference?*
John Jefferson David, *Evangelical Ethics*

Eleventh Grade

Jane Austen, *Pride and Prejudice*
Charles Dickens, *A Tale of Two Cities*
Fyodor Dostoevsky, *Crime and Punishment*
John Milton, *Paradise Lost*
William Shakespeare, *Macbeth*
Augustine, *Confessions*
C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*
Jerry Bridges, *Respectable Sins*
J. Gresham Machen, *Christianity and Liberalism*

Twelfth Grade

Herman Melville, *Moby-Dick*
Mark Twain, *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*
F Scott Fitzgerald, *The Great Gatsby*
Ernest Hemingway, *The Old Man and the Sea*
Frederick Douglass, *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass*
Ray Bradbury, *Fahrenheit 451*
Nancy Pearcey, *Total Truth*