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*“Any book that helps a child to form a habit of reading, to
make reading one of his deep and continuing needs, is
good for him.”*

- Maya Angelou

The NHA Literature Dept. requires you to read at least two books during the summer. You may read (or listen to) any books of your choice. The following are suggestions that were selected from current best seller and YA recommended reading lists. Literature teachers have a form for reporting summer reading. You can access that document here: <http://goo.gl/nXkXmP>
Enjoy the summer!

Book Suggestions Fiction (F), Non-Fiction (NF), Audio (A), and Graphic Novels (G)

42 Is Not Just a Number: The Odyssey of Jackie Robinson, American Hero by Doreen Rappaport, 2017. Outstanding athlete, exceptional courage AND restraint in the face of violent hatred, Jackie Robinson is a hero for all ages. (NF)

Dear Martin by Nic Stone, 2017. After Justyce is handcuffed when simply trying to help his girlfriend in a parking lot, he begins keeping a journal of sorts in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. When a needless shooting takes the life of someone close to him, Justyce questions whether Martin's visions of peace are possible. (F)

Kindred: A Graphic Novel Adaptation by Damian Duffy and Octavia E. Butler, 2017. It's 1976 and Dana is trying to settle down to a comfortable life with her husband when she finds herself unexpectedly ripped from the present and sent hurtling to the slavery-era past. Here, she is tasked with saving the life of her ancestor, lest she risk never being born. (G)

Miles Morales: Spider-Man by Jason Reynolds, 2017. Meet Miles Morales, a half black, half Puerto Rican high school junior in Brooklyn, New York. Only his father and his best friend, Ganke, know the truth: Miles is Spider-Man. When his spidey-sense keeps going off during school, it may be time to suit up and take care of business. (F)

Milk and Honey by Rupi Kaur. #1 New York Times bestseller Milk and Honey is a collection of poetry and prose about survival. About the experience of violence, abuse, love, loss, and femininity. (NF)

One of Us Is Lying by Karen M McManus, 2017. Five students enter detention, but only four come out. One is dead, and one is lying...but who? (F)

Patina by Jason Reynolds, 2017. Ghost, Patina, Sunny, and Lu are back on the track. This time, Patina narrates her story. Insight into her world shows the pressure she puts upon herself to come in first and to do everything she can for her family, because Patty "ain't no junk!" (F)

Sandwiches!: More Than You've Ever Wanted to Know About Making and Eating America's Favorite Food by Alison Deering and Bob Lentz (Illus.), 2017. Easy-to-follow sandwich recipes, accompanied by fun facts will make stomachs growl! (NF)

Scooby Apocalypse Vol. 1 by Keith Giffen and Porter Howard (Illus.), 2017. In this gritty reimagining of Scooby Doo we are introduced to dark new versions of the familiar Scooby gang as they battle a variety of monsters. Scooby Doo meets Resident Evil. (G)

Scythe by Neal Shusterman, read by Greg Tremblay, 2017. Citra and Rowan reluctantly compete to become a scythe, or professional grim reaper. The one who wins must kill the other. Greg Tremblay's superbly nuanced reading imbues the concept of death with an unexpected sense of grace. (A)

Spill Zone by Scott Westerfeld and Alex Puvilland (Illus.), 2017. Addison ventures into the Spill Zone, a toxic wasteland filled with frightening creatures, to obtain an item for a mysterious benefactor. Things are not what they seem in and around the Spill Zone. (G)

American Library Association Best Fiction for Young Adults 2018 Top Ten

What Girls Are Made Of by Elana Arnold, 2017. Sixteen-year-old Nina experiences sex, betrayal, loss, and a dysfunctional home life, all while trying to understand what it means to be female in the world and whether love can ever be truly unconditional.

The Language of Thorns: Midnight Tales and Dangerous Magic by Leigh Bardugo, 2017. Traditional fairy tales are refreshingly twisted, re-created, and wrapped in gorgeous illustrations in this stand-alone collection of six short stories. The world-building will be familiar to Bardugo's fans, and readers new to her Grishaverse have the pleasure of knowing they can take further excursions into this world.

The Gentleman's Guide to Vice and Virtue by Mackenzi Lee, 2017. Montague, the son of a British nobleman, embarks on a European tour with his best friend (and secret crush) Percy and his sister Felicity. Along the way, they encounter adventure and conflict that leads them to a very different destiny than the one awaiting their return to England.

Sparrow by Sarah Moon, 2017. Sparrow has a secret: her closest friends are birds. When she feels anxious, she goes to the roof and flies. One day, this practice lands her in the hospital, facing questions from the adults in her life. Slowly, she recovers, finds her voice, and makes new friends along the way.

Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds, 2017. Will's brother has been shot. In this free-verse novel, Will steps into an elevator ready to head downstairs and to follow the rules he's been taught and avenge his brother's death, when he encounters the ghosts of victims of a chain reaction caused by a shooting.

Strange the Dreamer by Laini Taylor, 2017. Lazlo Strange is an orphan raised by monks, and he's dedicated his life to learning. His favorite story is of Weep, the lost fairytale city that was literally removed from memory. This is the story of his search for the magical city.

The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas, 2017. Starr Carter is a black girl caught between two worlds: her poor, black neighborhood, and her suburban, mostly white high school. Occupying this liminal space becomes nearly impossible when Starr witnesses, and is forced to speak out about, the fatal shooting of her unarmed friend by a white cop.

Piecing Me Together by Renee Watson, 2017. Artist Jade has big dreams, but she recognizes that coming from a rough neighborhood creates barriers. She reluctantly joins Woman to Woman, a mentoring program that promises a scholarship. Her well-intentioned mentor, also black, doesn't understand Jade has no desire to be "saved." Each has things to learn from the other.

Eliza and Her Monsters by Francesca Zappia, 2017. Fellow students don't know that, when she's not at school, reclusive senior Eliza is Lady Constellation, creator of the wildly popular Monstrous Sea. New student Wallace is a huge fan of the web comic, and he slowly breaks through her shell. However, trying to keep her two lives separate may cost Eliza everything.