Surefire Summer Reading

Books that will hold your attention!

**FICTION**

**Hate U Give by Angie Thomas**
After witnessing her friend's death at the hands of a police officer, Starr Carter's life is complicated when the police and a local drug lord try to intimidate her in an effort to learn what happened the night Kahlil died.

**The Diviners by Libba Bray**
Seventeen-year-old Evie O’Neill is thrilled when she is exiled from small-town Ohio to New York City in 1926, even when a rash of occult-based murders thrusts Evie and her uncle, curator of The Museum of American Folklore, Superstition, and the Occult, into the thick of the investigation.

**Girl in the Blue Coat by Monica Hesse**
In 1943 Nazi-occupied Amsterdam, teenage Hanneke—a ‘finder’ of black market goods—is tasked with finding a Jewish girl a customer had been hiding, who has seemingly vanished into thin air, and is pulled into a web of resistance activities and secrets as she attempts to solve the mystery and save the missing girl.

**Turtles All the Way Down by John Green**
Sixteen-year-old Aza never intended to pursue the mystery of fugitive billionaire Russell Pickett, but there’s a hundred-thousand-dollar reward at stake and her best and most fearless friend, Daisy, is eager to investigate.

**The Sun is Also a Star by Nicola Yoon**
Natasha is a girl who believes in science and facts. Daniel has always been a good son and good student. But when he sees Natasha he forgets all that and believes there is something extraordinary in store for both of them.

**Scythe by Neal Shusterman**
In a world where disease has been eliminated, the only way to die is to be randomly killed (‘gleaned’) by professional reapers (‘scythes’). Two teens must compete with each other to become a scythe—a position neither of them wants. The one who becomes a scythe must kill the one who doesn’t.

**Don’t Get Caught by Kurt Dinan**
To his great surprise, uncool eleventh-grader Max Cobb is invited to join the Chaos Club, an exclusive group of students responsible for some of the biggest pranks at his high school.

**Genius: The Game by Leopoldo Gout**
Three underprivileged young prodigies from across the world with incredible skills in technology and engineering team up to become the heroes the world never knew they could be.
**GRAPHIC**

**Black Panther by Ta-Nehisi Coates**

When a superhuman terrorist group called “The People” sparks a violent uprising, the land of Wakanda, famed for its incredible technology and proud warrior traditions, will be thrown into turmoil; but can its king, the Black Panther, save it from this fate? Written by a MacArthur Genius and National Book Award-winning writer.

**Honor Girl (a graphic memoir) by Maggie Thrash**

Maggie has been going to Camp Bellflower for years. But this summer, everything changes when Maggie realizes she’s crushing hard on Erin - a counselor - and that Erin might have feelings for her, too.

**Monstress: Awakening by Marjorie Liu**

Set in an alternate world of art deco beauty and steampunk horror, Monstress tells the epic story of Maika Halfwolf, a teenage survivor of a cataclysmic war between humans and their hated enemies, the Arcanics. In the face of oppression and terrible danger, Maika is both hunter and hunted, searching for answers about her mysterious past as those who seek to use her remain just one step behind... and all the while, the monster within begins to awaken.

**NONFICTION**

**The Family Romanov by Candace Fleming**

Here is the tumultuous, heartrending, true story of the Romanovs—at once an intimate portrait of Russia’s last royal family and a gripping account of its undoing. Using captivating photos and compelling first person accounts, award-winning author Candace Fleming (Amelia Lost; The Lincolns) deftly maneuvers between the imperial family’s extravagant lives and the plight of Russia’s poor masses, making this an utterly mesmerizing read as well as a perfect resource for meeting Common Core standards.

**The Borden Murders by Sarah Miller**

In a compelling, linear narrative, Miller takes readers along as she investigates a brutal crime: the August 4, 1892, murders of wealthy and prominent Andrew and Abby Borden. The accused? Mild-mannered and highly respected Lizzie Borden, daughter of Andrew and stepdaughter of Abby. Most of what is known about Lizzie’s arrest and subsequent trial (and acquittal) comes from sensationalized newspaper reports; as Miller sorts fact from fiction, and as a legal battle gets under way, a gripping portrait of a woman and a town emerges.

**We Should Hang Out Sometime by Josh Sundquist**

Josh Sundquist wondered why “no one ever wanted to be my girlfriend.” This math-and-science inclined, Paralympic ski racer analyzed each of his failed relationships to get an answer. Black-and-white charts and graphs.