

**Tuscaloosa Academy 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading 2023-2024**

Total Number of Books: 3

*Note: The TA library will be open on Wednesdays from 9am - 1pm all summer for AR tests, starting on June 7th.*

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**BOOK 1→ Required Summer Reading:** *Hunger Games* by S. Collins or *Maze Runner* by J. Dashner. Students will take an AR Test on the novel during summer break. At the beginning of the school year, a project will be handed out to the students to complete.

**BOOK 2→ Choice of 1 of 20:** Students will choose from the list below one book. Students will need to take an AR Test during summer break. Students will complete an assignment regarding their choice book at the beginning of the school year.

*The Last Cuentista* by Donna  
Barbara Higuera

*Everything, Everything* by Nicola  
Yoon

*Piecing Me Together* by Renee  
Watson

*The Lost Hero* by Rick Riordan

*Lockwood and Co.: The Screaming  
Staircase* by Jonathan Stroud

*The Thief* by Megan Whalen Turner

*Amber and Clay* by Laura Amy  
Schiltz

*Navigating Early* by Clare  
Vanderpool

*The Unwanteds (Book 1)* by Lisa  
McMann

*The Hate You Give* by Angie Thomas

*Ophie's Ghosts* by Justina Ireland

*The Ender's Game* by Orson Scott  
Card

*Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia  
Owens

*A Monster Calls* by Patrick Ness

*Shadow Jumper* by J.M. Forster

*The Inheritance Games* by Jennifer  
Lynne Barnes

*A Few Red Drops (NF)* by Claire  
Hartfield

*Genesis Begins Again* by Alicia D.  
Williams

*Sal and Gabi Break the Universe* by  
Carlos Hernandez

*Greenglass House* by Kate Milford

*The Lost Conspiracy* by Frances  
Hardinge

*As Brave as You* by Jason Reynolds

**BOOK 3**→ Free choice of a *Young Adult* novel. Student will need to take an AR test during the summer.

**Some excellent YA authors to check out (Your book does not *have to be written by* one of these authors):**

John Green  
Sarah Dessen  
Cassandra Clare  
JRR Tolkien  
Jason Reynolds  
Marie Lu  
Angie Thomas  
Rainbow Rowell  
David Leviathan

Marissa Meyer  
Lauren Oliver  
Meg Cabot  
Sabaa Tahir  
E. Lockhart  
Neal Shusterman  
Nina Lacour  
Benjamin Saenz  
Ray Bradbury

**In-Class Novel Reads for Grade 8:**

*And Then There Were None; The Diary of Anne Frank (play); Chasing Lincoln's Killer;  
Romeo and Juliet*