

Tuscaloosa Academy 7th Grade Summer Reading 2026-2027

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 4th; except for July 2nd. The last day offered is July 30th.

BOOK 1→ **Required Summer Reading:** *The Giver* by Lois Lowry. Each student 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.

- Tuck Everlasting by N. Babbitt
- New Kid by J. Craft
- Leaving Gee's Bend by I. Latham
- Hatchet by G. Paulsen
- The Maze Runner by J. Dashner
- Refugee by Gatz
- Hidden Figures by Shetterly
- Ghost by Jason Reynolds
- Fablehaven by Mull
- Pax by Pennypacker
- Prairie Lotus by Park
- We Dream of Space by Kelly
- Icefall by Kirby
- The Inquisitor's Tale by Gidwitz
- Bomb by Sheinkin
- Merci Suarez Changes Gears by Medina
- The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Barnhill
- The Thing About Jellyfish by Benjamin
- Fish in a Tree by L. M. Hun

BOOK 3→ Free choice of a *Young Adult* novel. Students 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
Lauren Oliver

Meg Cabot
Sabaa Tahir
Rick Riordan
Erin Hunter
JK Rowling
E. Lockhart

Nicola Yoon
Rainbow Rowell
Telgemeier
Lisa Moore Ramée
Jack Cheng
David Leviathan
Marissa Meyer

In-Class Novel Reads for Grade 7: 2026-2027

*The Hunger Games, The Westing Game,
Becoming Muhammed Ali, and The Outsiders*