

Tuscaloosa Academy 8th 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 June 4th; except for July 2nd. The last day offered is July 30th.

BOOK 1→ **Required Summer Reading:** *Scythe* by Neal Shusterman. 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 Crawdad's 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. 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

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