

**HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER LITERACY PROGRAM**  
**School District 5 of Lexington and Richland Counties**  
**Summer 2020**



**SUMMER LITERACY IS IMPORTANT...**

“Research tells us that children and teens who don’t read and write outside of school, especially during long breaks such as summer vacation, face a big loss in their literacy growth compared to those who do continue learning all year long. This means the summer months and other breaks from school offer wonderful opportunities for families, caregivers, and out-of-school educators to help improve reading and writing.” ~National Council of Teachers of English

[http://www.readwritethink.org/files/callouts/year-long-flyer\\_2.pdf](http://www.readwritethink.org/files/callouts/year-long-flyer_2.pdf)

**WHAT CAN FAMILIES DO TO HELP...**

The English Language Arts teachers of Lexington/Richland School District #5 want to ensure that all of our students reach their maximum potential in life. Literacy plays a large part in each student’s ability to find this success; therefore, in an effort to prevent any loss in literacy growth during the summer break, we strongly encourage families to continue learning into the summer months by reading and writing together. While such learning is encouraged, it is not required at any level other than Advanced Placement courses, and as such no specific titles or assignments will be given to your child during summer break. There will be nothing due upon the return to school in August.

**WHAT BOOKS SHOULD WE READ?**

<p><a href="#">Lexington County Library</a>  <a href="#">Richland County Library</a>  <a href="#">SC Association of School Libraries Book Awards Website</a></p>	<p><a href="#">YALSA (Young Adult) Book Awards Website</a></p> <p><a href="#">Young Adult Book and Media Awards and Lists</a></p> <p><a href="#">Sc Junior Book Award Nominees</a></p>	<p><a href="#">2020-2021 SC Book Award Nominees</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">20-21 Activity guide</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">20-21 Brochure</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">20-21 PowerPoint</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">20-21 Promotional Video</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Youtube playlist of book trailer videos</a></li> </ul>
<p><a href="#">The College Board: 101 Great Books Recommended for College-Bound Readers</a></p>		

For information about Lexile (reading) levels, please visit [Lexile Reading Framework](#).

There are many other such lists you can review. Also consider checking with your local public library (see links above). Please be cautious about choosing books that are appropriate thematically for your child. While the English language arts teachers of Lexington/Richland School District #5 are avid readers, we have not read all of the titles on these lists, nor would we advocate all titles for all children. Reviews of most books can be found on websites such as [www.booksamillion.com](http://www.booksamillion.com), [www.barnesandnoble.com](http://www.barnesandnoble.com) and [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).