

RCPS Twelfth Grade Summer Reading List

Summer 2016

TITLE	AUTHOR	SUMMARY	LEXILE	GENRE
<i>The Millionaire Next Door</i>	Thomas Stanley/ William Danko	When Authors Tom Stanley and William Danko went to investigate on how people get wealthy, they found something odd. Many of the people who live in upscale neighborhoods and drive luxurious cars do not have extreme wealth. Many people who have great wealth do not even live in upscale neighborhoods. The book gives insights on what you can do to become wealthy and how wealth is not what you spend but what you accumulate. The millionaires discussed in this book are financially independent. They can live for years without receiving one month's pay check. Are you wondering who becomes wealthy in our society?		Non-fiction
<i>King Solomon's Mines</i>	H. Rider Haggard	Touted by its 1885 publisher as "the most amazing story ever written," King Solomon's Mines was one of the bestselling novels of the nineteenth century. H. Rider Haggard's thrilling saga of elephant hunter Allan Quatermain, and his search for fabled treasure is more than just an adventure story, though: As Alexandra Fuller explains in her Introduction, in its vivid portrayal of the alliances and battles of white colonials and African tribesmen, King Solomon's Mines brings us the world of extremes, of the absurdly tall tales and of the illogical loyalty between disparate people that still informs this part of the world."	1230L	Fiction: Adventure
<i>The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy</i>	Douglas Adams	Seconds before the Earth is demolished to make way for a galactic freeway, Arthur Dent is plucked off the planet by his friend Ford Prefect, a researcher for the revised edition of The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy who, for the last fifteen years, has been posing as an out-of-work actor.	1000L	Fiction: SciFi
<i>The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time</i>	Mark Haddon	<i>The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time</i> takes place in the year 1998 in and around the town of Swindon, England. The fifteen-year-old narrator of the story, Christopher John Francis Boone, discovers the slain body of his neighbor's poodle, Wellington, on the neighbor's front lawn one evening and sets out to uncover the murderer. His investigation is at times aided, and at other times hampered, by the mild form of autism he lives with. After Christopher hits a policeman in a misunderstanding at the scene of the crime, the police take Christopher into custody. They release Christopher with only a stern warning, under the condition that he promises to them and to his father not to look into the murder any further.	1180L	Fiction: Disability
<i>LOL...OMG</i>	Matt Ivester	lol...OMG! provides a cautionary look at the many ways that today's students are experiencing the unanticipated negative consequences of their digital decisions - from lost job opportunities and denied college and graduate school admissions to full-blown national scandals. It also examines how technology is allowing students to bully one another in new and disturbing ways, and why students are often crueler online than in person. By using real-life case studies and offering actionable strategies and best practices, this book empowers students to clean up and maintain a positive online presence, and to become responsible digital citizens.	940L	Non-fiction
<i>Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story about Brain Science</i>	John Fleischman	Phineas Gage was truly a man with a hole in his head. Phineas, a railroad construction foreman, was blasting rock near Cavendish, Vermont, in 1848 when a thirteen-pound iron rod was shot through his brain. Miraculously, he survived to live another eleven years and become a textbook case in brain science. At the time, Phineas Gage seemed to completely recover from his accident. He could walk, talk, work, and travel, but he was changed. Gage "was no longer Gage," said his Vermont doctor, meaning that the old Phineas was dependable and well liked, and the new Phineas was crude and unpredictable. His case astonished doctors in his day and still fascinates doctors today. What happened and what didn't happen inside the brain of Phineas Gage will tell you a lot about how your brain works and how you act human.	1030L	Non-fiction: Informational
<i>The Scar Boys</i>	Len Vlahos	Harry Jones does not think that 250 words is adequate space to convey himself to the Faceless Admissions Professional at the other end of his college application. So he decides to make his own rules. Instead, he writes a 250-page essay. That essay is the story found in Len Vlahos's THE SCAR BOYS.	900L	Fiction: Realistic