

HHSS Spring & Summer Reading Guide 2026

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welcome, readers!

what an amazing school year we are just finishing!! How did we get to this point in another academic year so quickly? what a pleasure it has been to see each of you grow academically, embrace wins athletically and artistically and so much more. You may find yourself looking forward to a slower pace as we move into some warmer months.

It is my hope, as a teacher librarian, that you will be able to have some time to catch up on some reading that was set aside over the last school year. This is a time of year that I find to be refreshing - new crops are being

cared for by our farming communities, an opportunity for us to slow our own pace down and a reminder that those colder months provide us with an opportunity to find growth in ourselves.

Your reading life should bring you joy, happiness and an eagerness to share your love of reading. There are so many amazing books which have been published in recent years that it is truly a daunting task to make reading choices. Hopefully, this spring and summer reading guide will offer you ideas to return to a vibrant and enjoyable life with reading taking centre stage.

As a teacher-librarian it is always enjoyable to see what books are being requested in person, as well as trends that are occurring on platforms such as #BookTok and #Bookstagram.

Hopefully, the categories highlighted in this guide will have selections that will pique your interest while highlighting genres that perhaps you would not ordinarily select. Follow what you feel about a book - follow your innate instincts.

Reading Philosophy

Reading is a very personal activity. In many cases the timing of reading is everything. A plethora of good books exist and are being published regularly. Hopefully selections throughout this guide will offer you encouragement in your reading life.

The best advice to you - the reader - is to know what you need as a reader. Stay with your own tastes with a selection or two outside of your comfort zone to determine what you need right now. You are encouraged to "play" with genres that you would not normally gravitate to. Not sure about what you prefer as a reader? Track what you read noting the genre of the books you have been reading as you go.

As the spring and summer months progress, tag the HHSS library on social media (Instagram @hhsslbrary; X @HHSS_Library) to share your selections.

New Books at HHSS 2025-2026 School Year

The Prison Healer by Lynette Noni
Clarion Books - May 10, 2022
Available Formats: Print; eBook; Audio



The Gilded Age by Lynette Noni
Clarion Books - October 18, 2022
Available formats: Print; eBook; Audio



The Blood Traitor by Lynette Noni
Clarion Books - July 18, 2023
Available formats: Print; eBook; Audio



Pillow Talk by Stephanie Cooke
Harper Alley - April 30, 2024
Available formats: Print; eBook; Audio



Once Upon a Broken Heart by Stephanie Garber
Flatiron Books - March 28, 2023
Available formats: Print; eBook; Audio



The Ballad of Never After by Stephanie Garber
Flatiron Books - April 2, 2024
Available formats: Print; eBook; Audio



A Curse For True Love by Stephanie Garber
Flatiron Books - April 1, 2025
Available formats: Print; eBook; Audio



Where Wolves Don't Die by Anton Treuer
Levine Querido - August 5, 2025
Available formats: Print; eBook; Audio



Lockjaw by Matteo L Cerilli
Tundra Books - June 4, 2024
Available formats: Print; eBook; Audio



Where the Dark Stands Still by A B Poranek
McElderry Books - February 27, 2024
Available formats: Print; eBook; Audio



Takedown by Ali Bryan
DCB Young Readers - May 11, 2024
Available formats: Print; eBook; Audio



The Space Between Here and Now by Sarah Suk
Quill Tree Books - October 31, 2023
Available formats: Print; eBook; Audio



Little Moons by Jen Storm et al
HighWater Press - September 3, 2024
Available formats: Print; eBook



Most Circulated Books

Concrete Rose by Angie Thomas
Clarion Books - January 12, 2021
Available formats: Print, eBook, Audio



The Inheritance Games by Jennifer Lynn Barnes
Little, Brown Books - September 1, 2020
Available formats: Print; eBook; Audio



Scythe by Neal Shusterman
Simon and Schuster - November 28, 2017
Available formats: Print; eBook; Audio



One Of Us Is Lying by Karen M McManus
Delacorte Press - February 28, 2023
Available formats: Print; eBook; Audio



Staff Reads

Catch Her If You Can by Tessa Bailey
Avon - January 20, 2026
Available formats: Print; eBook; Audio



A Spy In the Family by Paul Henderson et al
Harper Collins - June 17, 2025
Available formats: Print; eBook; Audio



A Rip Through Time by Kelley Armstrong
St Martin's - January 31, 2023
Available formats: Print; eBook; Audio



Bonded By Thorns by Elizabeth Helen
Bloom Books - November 4, 2025
Available formats: Print; eBook; Audio



Rings of Fire by Melissa De La Cruz
Entangled Red Tower Books - January 6, 2026
Available formats: Print; eBook; Audio



Ready Player Two by Ernest Cline
Ballantine Books - November 9, 2021
Available formats: Print; eBook; Audio



Role Model by Rachel Reid
Carina Press - November 26, 2024
Available formats: Print; eBook; Audio




Hopeless by Elsie Silver
Sourcebooks - October 13, 2023
Available formats: Print; eBook; Audio



A Guide to Becoming a Reader

1. Find a book you will actually enjoy reading
2. Don't finish every book you start
3. Track what you read
4. Talk about the book(s) you are reading
5. Read a different format
6. Read consistently
7. Carry a book with you
8. Join a book club (it could be in person or online)
9. Surround yourself with readers
10. Surround yourself with books

Reading BINGO

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A standalone book	400 (or more) pages	New to you author	A book published this year	A book you judged by the cover
One word title	Number in the title	Popular #booktok book	1st book in your TBR	Finish a book in a day
Rom com	Book recommended by a friend	Free  space	Book outside of your comfort genre	Book with a colour in the title
Book that became a movie / show	Book with a strong female character	Book with a red cover	A re - read	Read a whole series
Book by an author with the same name as you	Contains worded chapters	Read in a 'ber month (October, November, December)	2026 debut author	Cloaks and daggers (spy thriller)

Useful Book Related Links

Take a look at the links provided below for some ideas as to what you may consider reading next!!

HHSS Library: Take a moment to visit the HHSS library website at hrh.wrdsb.ca/library to see new additions to our collection. If HHSS doesn't have a book you are looking for we can make a request from other secondary schools in the WRDSB.

Goodreads: This is a great resource for finding your next read. Check out goodreads.com

Public Libraries: Visiting your local branch of a library is another fantastic spot for book browsing. Check out the following public library websites for even more bookish enjoyment:

- Cambridge Public Library (cambridgepl.ca)
- Guelph Public Library (guelphpl.ca)
- Hamilton Public Library (hpl.ca)
- Kitchener Public Library (kpl.org)
- Waterloo Public Library (wpl.ca)
- Toronto Public Library (tpl.ca)

Modern Mrs Darcy: This is truly a delightful site for many things book related. visit modernmrsdarcy.com for a variety of book type ideas and suggestions.

Book Browse: This site offers suggestions of newly released books, book club options and so much more. visit bookbrowse.com for a variety of book related themes and suggestions.

Fable: This app fits the bill for avid readers and movie lovers. It offers insight into genres that you gravitate to, allows you to set a goal for how many books you wish to read in a year and so much more. Check out fable.co/ for more information.

Story Graph: This website is another option for tracking what you read in a year. Take a look at thestorygraph.com/ to see if this is an option for you.

Nonfiction

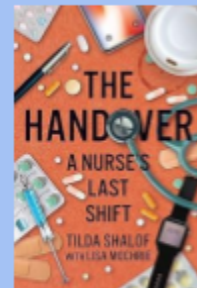
Women Among Monuments by Kasi Van Schaik
Dundurn Press - February 17, 2026
Available formats: Paperback; eBook



Dead Bees Still Sting by Susan Cormier
Greystone Books - May 19, 2026
Available formats: Paperback; eBook



The Handover by Tilda Shalof et al
Aevo UTP - January 13, 2026
Available formats: Paperback; eBook

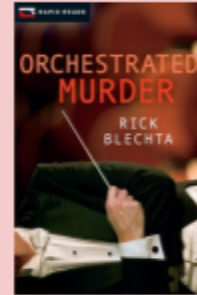


The Astronaut Children of Dunbar Street by Wiley
Wei-Chiun Ho
Douglas & McIntyre - April 1, 2026
Available formats: Paperback; eBook



Quick Reads

Orchestrated Murder by Rick Blechta
Rapid Reads - October 1, 2011
Available formats: Print; eBook



Battle of the Bands by K L Denman
Orca Soundings - September 1, 2006
Available formats: Print; eBook; Audio



The Goddaughter's Revenge by Melodie Campbell
Rapid Reads - October 1, 2013
Available formats: Print; eBook



The Goddaughter Does Vegas by Melodie Campbell
Rapid Reads - January 29, 2019
Available formats: Print; eBook



Literary Festivals to Look For

Check out the list of festivals below with the possibility that you could attend one (or multiple) of these events in the upcoming year. Many authors will attend these festivals with their most recent releases - maybe you would enjoy curating your own collection of autographed books!!

[Eden Mills Writers Festival \(edenmillswritersfestival.ca\)](http://edenmillswritersfestival.ca)

This wonderful festival is taking place in Eden Mills just outside of Guelph. Keep an eye on their website as the organizers will post information for the 2026 festival. The format is very informal and multiple authors will be providing insight into their writing process, reading from their most recent publication and so much more.

[GritLit \(gritlit.ca\)](http://gritlit.ca)

GritLit is a four day event held in downtown Hamilton. Participants can attend writing master classes, author readings and so much more. Keep an eye on their website for 2026 dates and author events!!

Toronto International Festival of Authors (festivalofauthors.ca)

This multi day event is held in the Harbourfront area of Toronto with various events taking place in September and usually early June. Many author events take place with the opportunity to obtain an autographed copy of the author's most recent work.

Toronto Comic Arts Festival (torontocomics.com)

If manga, comics and / or graphic novels are of interest to you, check out this festival taking place June 2026. The event in 2025 was held at Toronto Metropolitan University's Mattamy Athletic Centre. A plethora of vendors will be available if you are looking to expand your personal library.

Burlington Literary Festival (bpl.on.ca/BurLitFest)

BurLITFest is a month-long event with various workshops available to participants along with author talks. Take a look at their site for updates for announcements for this year's lineup.

Useful Links For You

There are a number of useful links for the library at Huron Heights Secondary School. These can be useful for doing research, finding that next fantastic read and so much more!!



Catalogue for the WRDSB



HHSS Library website



HHSS Library X Account



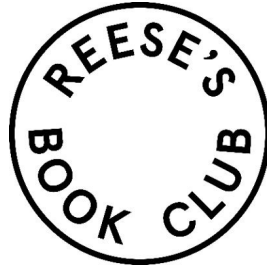
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Celebrity Book Club Selections

Take an opportunity to find out what books various celebrities are choosing for their book clubs from the list below!!



Month	Title	Author
January	The First Time I Saw Him	Laura Dave
February	In Her Defence	Philippa Malicka
March	Lady Tremaine	Rachel Hochhauser
April	All That Life Can Afford	Emily Everett
May		
June		
July		
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September		



Month	Title	Author
January	Skylark	Paula McLain
February	The Exes	Leodora Darlington
March	The Secret Lives of Murderers' wives	Elizabeth Arnott
April	Yesteryear	Caro Claire Burke
May		
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July		
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September		



Month	Title	Author
January	Homeschooled: A Memoir	Stefan Merrill Block
February	one and only	Maurene Goo
March	wait for Me	Amy Jo Burns
April	Upward Bound	woody Brown
May	Caller Unknown	Gillian McAllister
June		
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Month	Title	Author
January	Night People: How To Be a DJ in 90s New York City	Mark Ronson
February	The Son of a Man	Jean-Baptiste Del Amo
March	Bad Feminist	Roxane Gay
April	Jerusalem	Jez Butterworth
May	So Late In The Day	Claire Keegan
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