



Keep Reading This Summer! 2018 Summer Reading



Grade 9 Honors
Walter Panas High School

Summer is a great time to enjoy a book! All Grade 9 Honors students are **required** to read **2 assigned books**. Each book has been selected by your teacher to prepare you for the rigor of the year ahead.

Goals for Summer Reading

At Home

- Read for pleasure
- Advance literacy by engaging in reading activities
- Increase reading experiences through self-selected, voluntary reading

In School

- Foster a love of reading
- Provide a common reading experience
- Enhance a sense of community
- Stimulate discussion and critical thinking

9th Grade Honors

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith

Young Francie Nolan experiences the problems of growing up in a Brooklyn, New York slum.

Snow in August by Pete Hamill

Amidst the tenements of Brooklyn in 1947, an eleven-year-old Irish-American boy forges an extraordinary friendship with a rabbi, an escaped refugee from Prague.



Back-to-School Activity

When you get back to school in September, you will discuss the books with your teacher. You will be required to answer questions and/or write essays about all of the books. The responses to each book will count as a test. To do well, you will need to know the major events of the book, the characters, the setting, and other literary terms. You will also need to be able to discuss the themes and symbols of the book and be able to state and substantiate an opinion of the book.

Please Note: Lakeland School District has multiple copies of these books available through the John C. Hart Memorial Library in Shrub Oak and The Field Library in Peekskill.