



Founders Academy Summer Independent Reading 2025

1. Choose one of the books from the list provided for your grade level - this would be the grade that you are **entering** for the 2025 - 2026 school year!
2. You should make a plan for reading your book at a reasonable pace. Don't put it off until the last minute!
3. You can do any of these projects electronically or on paper - the choice is yours! You only need to choose ONE PROJECT TO COMPLETE!
4. **All projects need to include: your name, grade, title of book, and author and be ready to submit to your ELA teacher during the first week of school.**

Incoming 6th Grade Reading List Choices

Frizzy - Claribel A. Ortega

Too Bright To See - Kyle Lukoff

Holes - Louis Sachar

Midsummer's Mayhem - Rajani LaRocca

Rising 7th Grade Reading List Choices

The Girl Who Drank the Moon - Kelly Barnhill

Redwall - Brian Jacques

Borders - Thomas King and Natasha Donovan

Lotería - Karla Valenti

Rising 8th Grade Reading List Choices

Elatsoe - Darcie Little Badger

Catching Fire - Suzanne Collins

Number the Stars - Lois Lowry

Before We Were Free - Julia Alvarez

Summer Independent Reading Project Options

<p>1. Book Review Review your novel, and include the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">An image of the book cover (you can get this online!)Title and authorGenre of the story (you can look this up online or just email me for help!)Names of major charactersBrief description of conflict(s)What you liked/disliked about the bookRecommendation for a specific audience. <p>This should be done in the style of a “blog post”. An example is included here. And here is an example from a student at Founders.</p>	<p>2. Write a letter to the author of the book.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Tell them what you liked and disliked about the story and their writing style.Give them specific reasons and examples from the story to support what you say.Be sure that your letter is in the correct format. Here is a general example. Here is an example from a student at Founders.
<p>3. Make a scrapbook about one of the main characters in the book.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">This should look like a real scrapbook, complete with actual memorabilia, awards, letters, photos, mementos, ticket stubs, report cards, etc.Include the book title or the character’s name on the book.Label each item (at least 5-10) and explain its significance.It is recommended that you do this in Google Slides and find pictures to go along with your writing. Here is a shortened one for you as an example. Also included is an example from a student at Founders.	<p>4. Create a playlist/soundtrack for the book.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Design album art/cover (front and back)The back cover should list the soundtrack for the novel (title and artist) that includes at least 8 well-known songs.On the inside, write at least 2-3 sentences (per song) explaining how it relates to the story events or charactersThe look of the front cover is up to you! Here is a student example from Founders.ALTERNATIVELY IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO: You can use a program such as Prezi to complete this assignment. Here is a great example!

Good Luck and Happy Reading! We can’t wait to see you in the fall!