

Royal West Academy - Grade 8

2026 Summer Reading List & Instructions

Anchor Novel: *Feed* by M.T. Anderson

Then **choose 1 book** among:

King and the Dragonflies by Kacen Callender

Other Words for Home by Jasmine Warga

The Knife of Never Letting Go by Patrick Ness

The Night Gardener by Jonathan Auxier

The Story of Owen by E.K. Johnston

You may read as many books from the list as you wish, but you must read *Feed* (the anchor novel) and one more. You are expected to read the books carefully to prepare for summer reading projects which will take place over the course of September.

IMPORTANT information: All students will be required to complete the **RWA Summer Reading Reflection** upon their return to classes. This activity will take a full period, and students will be individually asked questions intended on allowing them to think critically about both novels and be creative. Detailed instructions will be provided in class at the start of the year.

We encourage students to take notes as they read their Summer Reading novels. Students are invited to consult the **Note Taking Guide**, published alongside our Summer Reading lists, on our school website. Finally, audiobooks can only be used as a support, and are not a replacement for the actual act of reading.

Please note that some of these books have mature themes; we encourage students to consult reviews to make sure the books they choose to read are a good fit.

Have a great summer and happy reading!