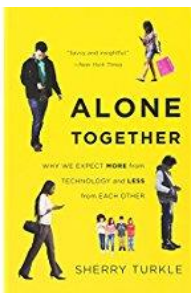


# Frederick Law Olmsted 2017 Summer Reading List Grades 11-12

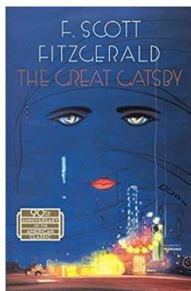
Summer reading is an essential activity for children to maintain and expand their literacy skills. Below, you will find our 2017 summer reading list, quality literature and non-fiction chosen by our staff especially for your student. **Your child is required to read one of the three grade level selections seen below.** Students and teachers will meet to discuss the text and a project will be created around each text. Please encourage your child to read many books this summer. A list of resources is included on the back of this letter.

If you choose to buy the book, we encourage you to buy locally, or to support the Olmsted School Foundation using Amazon Smile. Simply log in to Amazon Smile (smile.amazon.com), and choose the Olmsted School Foundation as your charity. A small portion of each purchase is then directed to our school based charity which supports many activities here. The QR codes below will link you to the books.



## ***Alone Together*** by Sherry Turkle

Technology has become the architect of our intimacies. Online, we fall prey to the illusion of companionship, gathering thousands of Twitter and Facebook friends, and confusing tweets and wall posts with authentic communication. But this relentless connection leads to a deep solitude. *Alone Together* describes changing, unsettling relationships between friends, lovers, and families



## ***The Great Gatsby*** by F. Scott Fitzgerald

*The Great Gatsby*, F. Scott Fitzgerald's third book, stands as the supreme achievement of his career. This exemplary novel of the Jazz Age has been acclaimed by generations of readers.



## ***The Handmaid's Tale*** by Margaret Atwood

A novel of such power that the reader will be unable to forget its images and its forecast. Set in the near future, it describes life in what was once the United States and is now called the Republic of Gilead, a monotheocracy that has reacted to social unrest and a sharply declining birthrate by reverting to, and going beyond, the repressive intolerance of the original Puritans.



Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please return this form to school by June 9, 2017**

## Summer Reading Resources

- **Notable Children's Books in the Language Arts Award books**  
(<http://www.childrensliteratureassembly.org/notables.html>)
- **NPR book lists** (<http://www.npr.org/>)
- **NCTE Charlotte Huck Award for Outstanding Fiction for Children**  
(<http://www.ncte.org/awards/charlotte-huck>)
- **The Brookline Summer Reading List** (<http://brooklinesummerreading.weebly.com/>)
- **Erie County Public Library and Mayor Brown's Summer Reading List**  
(<https://www.buffalolib.org/>)
- **YALSA Teen Book Finder App and Database**  
(<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/products/teenbookfinder>)
- **Olmsted Book List Finalists** (<http://elabuff.blogspot.com/2017/06/olmsted-book-list-finalists.html>)

**\*\*Only the three books listed on the front can be used for the project.\*\***