

## Summer Booklist for Upper School Students

These books are recommended to supplement the education of an ILS student in the home. Not all of them will be appropriate for every age of students in the Upper School, yet younger students may benefit from turning challenging selections into opportunities to read out loud as a family. The best independent reading your child can do will fuel his or her curiosity and sense of wonder. The faculty recommends that students read daily, not just fiction, but also poetry, non-fiction, and biography.

### Fiction

*Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott  
*Souder* by William Howard Armstrong  
*Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen  
*The Moral Compass* by William J. Bennett  
*The Book of Virtues* by William J. Bennett  
*A Gathering of Days* by Joan W. Blos  
*The Big Wave* by Pearl S. Buck  
*The Secret Garden* by Frances Burnett  
*The Incredible Journey* by Sheila Burnford  
*Oh, Pioneers!* by Willa Cather  
*The Last of the Mohicans* by James Fenimore Cooper  
*Daniel Boone* and other biographies by James Daughtry  
*Book of Greek Myths* and others by Ingrid and Edgar D'Aulaire  
*The Door in the Wall* by DeAngeli  
*Robinson Crusoe* by Daniel Defoe  
*The House of Sixty Fathers* by Meindert DeJong  
*Oliver Twist* by Charles Dickens  
*A Tale of Two Cities* by Charles Dickens  
*Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle  
*Half Magic* by Edward Eager  
*Gone-away Lake* by Elizabeth Enright  
*Johnny Tremain* by Esther Forbes  
*My Side of the Mountain* by Jean Craighead George  
*The Power and the Glory* by Graham Greene  
*Black Gold* by Marguerite Henry

*King of the Wind* by Marguerite Henry  
*Born to Trot* by Marguerite Henry  
*The Young Carthaginian* and others by G.A. Henty  
*Across Five Aprils* by Irene Hunt  
*A Wrinkle in Time* trilogy by Madeleine L'Engle  
*The Chronicles of Narnia* series by C. S. Lewis  
*The Space Trilogy* series by C. S. Lewis  
*White Fang: Call of the Wild* by Jack London  
*Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry  
*The Princess and the Goblin* and others by George MacDonald  
*Anne of Green Gables* series by Lucy Maud Montgomery  
*Mara, Daughter of the Nile* by Eloise Jarvis McGraw  
*Master Cornhill* by Eloise Jarvis McGraw  
*The Golden Goblet* by Eloise Jarvis McGraw  
*Phoenix and the Carpet* by Edith Nesbit  
*Sing Down the Moon* by Scott O'Dell  
*The King's Fifth* by Scott O'Dell  
*My Friend Flicka* by Mary O'Hara  
*Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen  
*Scottish Chiefs* by Jane Porter  
*Girl of the Limberlost* by Gene Statton Porter  
*Men of Iron* by Howard Pyle  
*Otto of the Silver Hand* by Howard Pyle  
*Howard Pyle's Book of Pirates* by Howard Pyle  
*The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin  
*Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls  
*The Ides of April* by Mary Ray  
*Escape from Warsaw* by Ian Serrailier  
*Sign of the Beaver* and others by Elizabeth George Speare  
*The Red Pony* by John Steinbeck  
*Gulliver's Travels* by Jonathan Swift  
*Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* by Mildren D. Taylor  
*Adventures of Tom Bombadil* by J. R. R. Tolkein  
*Lord of the Rings* trilogy by J. R. R. Tolkein  
*Adventures of Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain  
*The Prince and the Pauper* by Mark Twain  
*Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea* by Jules Verne

*The Swiss Family Robinson* by Johann David Wyss

### **Myth and Legend**

*The Adventures of Ulysses* by Gerald Gottlieb

*Mythology* by Edith Hamilton

*Tales of Troy and Greece* by Andrew Lang

*The Story of King Arthur and His Knights* by Howard Pyle

*The Light Beyond the Forest* by Rosemary Sutcliff

*Stories of Charlemagne* by Jennifer Westwood

### **Poetry**

*A Treasury of Poetry for Young People* edited by Brod Bagert

*The Oxford Book of American Poetry* by David Lehman and John Brehm

*One Hundred and One Famous Poems* by Roy Cook

*Favorite Poems Old and New* edited by Helen Ferris

*The Poetry of Robert Frost* by Robert Frost

*Come Hither: A Family Treasure* by Walter de la Mare

*Mater Anserina: Poems in Latin for Children* by Milena Minkova and Terence Tunberg

*Poetry for Young People: Henry Wadsworth Longfellow* by Frances Schoonmaker and Chad Wallace

*Classical Poetry: an Illustrated Collection* edited by Michael Rosen

*The Collected Poems of William Wordsworth* by William Wordsworth

### **Biographies**

*God's Smuggler* by Brother Andrew

*Here I Stand: A Life of Martin Luther* by Roland H. Bainton

*Archimedes and the Door of Science* by Jeanne Bendick

*Gladys Aylward: The Adventure of a Lifetime* by Janet and Geoff Benge

*Mary Slessor: Forward into Calabar* by Janet and Geoff Benge

*America's Robert E. Lee* by Henry S. Commager

*The Story of Thomas Alva Edison* by Margaret Cousins

*Boy* by Roald Dahl

*The World of William Penn* and others by Genevieve Foster

*The Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank

*Traitor: The Case of Benedict Arnold* by Jean Fritz

*Leonard of Pisa and the New Mathematics of the Middle Ages* by Joseph and Frances Gies

*An American Bard: The Story of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow* by Ruth Langland Holberg

*Soldier Doctor* by Clara Ingram Judson

*The Slave Who Bought His Freedom* by Karen Kennerly

*A Proud Taste for Scarlet and Miniver: A biography of Eleanor of Aquitaine* by E. L. Konigsburg

*Conqueror and Hero: The Search for Alexander* by Stephen Krensky

*Anchors Aweigh: The Story of David Glasgow Farragut* by Jean Lee Latham

*Carry On, Mr. Bowditch* by Jean Lee Latham

*Invincible Louisa* by Cornelia Meigs

*The Man Who Freed the Slaves: The Story of William Wilberforce* by Audrey and Herbert Lawson

*Martin Luther: Hero of the Faith* by Frederick Nohl

*Winston Churchill: Soldier, Statesman, Artist* by John B. Severance

*Robert Boyle: Founder of Modern Chemistry* by Harry Sootin

*Magellan: First Around the World* by Ronald Syme

*The Hiding Place* by Corrie Ten Boom

*Up From Slavery* by Booker T. Washington

*Amazing Grace: An Adventure at Sea* by Stephanie Owen Reeder

*Light in the Dark Belt* by Rosa Young

### **Non-fiction**

*Amazing Leonardo da Vinci Inventions You Can Build Yourself* by Maxine Anderson

*Fairy Tales in Latin: Fabulae Mirabiles* by Victor Barocas

*The Thinking Toolbox* by Nathaniel and Hans Bluedorn

*The Fallacy Detective* by Nathaniel and Hans Bluedorn, Rob Corley, and Tim Hodge

*Classic Mathemagic* by Raymond Blum, Adam Hart-Davis, Bob Lounge, and Derrick Niederman

*The Book of Potentially Catastrophic Science* by Sean Connolly

*The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens* by Sean Covey

*Do Not Open: An Encyclopedia of the World's Best-Kept Secrets* by John Farndon

*Foxe's Book of Martyrs* by John Foxe

*You Can Draw Anything* by Kim Gamble

*Mathemagic: Magic, Puzzles, and Games with Numbers* by Royal V. Heath

*The Dangerous Book for Boys* by Conn and Hal Iggulden  
*History of Art for Young People* by Anthony F. Janson  
*Emeril's There's a Chef in my World! Recipes that Take You Places* by Emeril Lagasse  
*This Is Your Brain on Music* by Daniel J. Levitin  
*The Way Things Work* by David Macaulay  
*The Way We Work: Getting to Know the Amazing Human Body* by David Macaulay  
*Mythbusters Science Fair Book* by Samantha Margles  
*Who Was Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart* by Yona Zeldis McDonough  
*1001 Unbelievable Facts* by Helen Otway  
*The Joy of Mathematics: Discovering Mathematics All Around You* by Theoni Pappas  
*Math Talk: Mathematical Ideas in Poems for Two Voices* by Theoni Pappas  
*The Daring Book for Girls* by Miriam Peskowitz  
*Why I am a Lutheran: Jesus at the Center* by Daniel Preus  
*Name that Style: All About Isms in Art* by Bob Raczka  
*Into the Unknown* by Stuart Ross  
*Ask a Science Teacher: 250 Answers to Questions You've Always Had About How  
Everyday Stuff Really Works* by Larry Scheckel  
*Inside The Reformation: The Times That Change the World* by Mark Sengele and  
Concordia Publishing House  
*Naked Eggs and Flying Potatoes* by Steve Spangler  
*Philosophy for Kids* by David A. White

## **Summer Activity Suggestions**

### **Watch and Listen:**

"The Civil War" documentary by Ken Burns  
Classical music radio, 90.9  
The Air Force Band every Tuesday and Wednesday evening  
National Symphony Orchestra concerts at Wolf Trap  
Free weekly concerts at the Kennedy Center

### **Visit and Do**

Attend church every week  
Dumbarton Oaks  
Koshland Science Museum  
Burgundy Farm Country Day School summer program  
National Arboretum educational programs  
The Flying Circus Airshow in Bealeton, VA

National Air and Space Museum

The International Spy Museum

Sailing Camp at Washington Sailing Marina

Island Safari at Theodore Roosevelt Island

Family Programs at the National Gallery of Art

Take music lessons: violin, cello, trumpet, flute, clarinet, or percussion