

The Oxford Academy Summer Read 2017

Oxford Academy has developed a collection of titles related to the theme of “Building a Better World”. This collection spans media types such as online videos, graphic novels, historical fiction, videos and art. This collection is categorized by length and type.

For summer reading we recommend that each student select at least one work from “longer” and one work from “shorter or AV” (for a minimum of two selections). In addition, students may choose their own titles that relate to the theme. Upon Oxford’s opening in September, we will dedicate part of the first week to gathering in groups to discuss our reading.

Building a Better World		
L Longer (novels, longer non-fiction, series)	S Shorter (short stories, articles, graphic novels, etc...)	AV Audio-visuals (documentaries, art, photography, videos, music, etc...)
Be a Changemaker: How to Start Something that Matters by Laurie Ann Thompson	March by John Lewis	60 minutes on Landfill Harmonic in Cateura Paraguay https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YxUuKthY1dQ Landfill Harmonic https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mq0D5kq9ePE
Real Kids, Real Stories, Real Change: Courageous Actions Around the World by Garth Sundem	Ted talk: Vernā Myers: How to overcome our biases? Walk boldly toward them	‘Making a Difference’ segment at the end of NBC nightly news here
“Plastic Ocean” by Charles Moore	Ted Talk: What can Save the Rainforest? Your used cell phones.	National Geographic transforming ocean trash into art https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wDrKIByGESA

<p>The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer</p>	<p>George Saunders commencement address at Syracuse- 2013 by Joel Lovell</p>	<p>Onearth.org in San Francisco Artist in residence at the dump https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jRxjEHwuzal</p>
<p>The Zookeeper's Wife by Diane Ackerman</p>	<p>Beatrice's Goat by Page McBrier</p>	<p>The Zookeeper's Wife movie</p>
<p>Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly</p>	<p>The True Story of 'Hidden Figures' and the Women Who Crunched the Numbers for NASA by Matt Blitz</p>	<p>Hidden Figures video</p>
<p>The Boys Who Challenged Hitler by Phillip Hoose</p>	<p>The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind Picture Book by William Kamkwamba</p>	<p><i>Theo Jansen is a Dutch artist who builds walking kinetic sculptures that he calls a new form of life. His "Strandbeests" walk the coastline of Holland, feeding on wind and fleeing from water.</i> https://www.ted.com/speakers/theo_jansen</p>
<p>Pay it Forward by Catherine Ryan Hyde</p>	<p>TedTalk: My Daughter Malala</p>	<p>Pay it Forward video</p>
<p>I am Malala by Malala Yousafzai and Christina Lamb</p>	<p>Articles on Malala: New York Times</p>	<p>Class Dismissed: Malala's Story / New York Times Documentary</p>
<p>A Step Towards Falling by Cammie McGovern</p>		<p>A Better World Card Game</p>
<p>Becoming Ms. Burton: From Prison to Recovery to Leading the Fight for Incarcerated Women</p>		<p>North Korean immigrants try American BBQ for the first time. This is a great short video on how different life can be and how grateful they are to have escaped. Can broaden our understanding of North Korea and the people who live there. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T0TYCEXmi90</p>

Three Cups of Tea		
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