

Summer Reading 2025

Gifted Literacy B

The purpose of the summer reading assignment at the gifted level is to encourage the enjoyment of reading, continue to engage students in language and critical thinking, and allow students to evaluate and reflect on their reading and writing. All incoming Gifted Literacy students are asked to select and read **two** books from the following book options and complete the attached Google Doc prior to the start of the upcoming school year. Students will be given a writing assignment during the first week of classes to be submitted through turnitin.com, a plagiarism-checking program.

Project LIT is a national, grass-roots literacy movement that is now more than 1700 chapters strong in all 50 states. The founder, high school teacher Jarred Amato, started this book club with his students in order to increase students' access to high-quality, culturally sustaining books. His goal was to provide students with "books that allow all students to see themselves in the pages. Books that communicate to all students that their voices and their stories matter—that they matter. Books that encourage us to write stories of our own. Books that spark important, necessary conversations. Books that remind us that we're not alone, and books that inspire us to make a difference." The following titles were included on the 2020-2021 reading list. Please select **two** titles from this list to read.

- Clap When You Land by Elizabeth Acevedo
 - Book trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yAagecNMaBA>
- Sanctuary by Paola Mendoza
 - Book trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uqkh4vdb6Jc>
- Love from A to Z by S.K. Ali
 - Author review: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YsIc7pcrdM8>
- Not So Pure and Simple by Lamar Giles
 - Author review: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mFqrNWRXqtM>
- Let Me Hear a Rhyme by Tiffany Jackson
 - Book talk: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gVL3AebtWrU>
- The Black Kids by Christina Hammonds Reed
 - Book trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7xU1pUvkQ48>
- Slay by Brittney Morris
 - Book trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LLG82iJq-™>
- Like a Love Story by Abdi Namezian
 - Book talk: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jxE62dDxjig>
- Patron Saints of Nothing by Randy Ribay
 - Book trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F_JFoMCnne8
- We Are Not From Here by Jenny Torres Sanchez
 - Book talk: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jY94egKKW5k>
- Sadie by Courtney Summers
 - Book trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-gx82K6iO2o>
- Punching the Air by Ibi Aanu Zoboi
 - Book trailer <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cfJUv-mZ0vo>

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Directions: Read the following [article](#). As you read your selected novels, complete the graphic organizer with notes that you will use for your in-class written assignment. Be sure to cite page numbers for your reference. Include at least 3 examples for each category for each title.

Find textual evidence of...	Book title 1:	Book title 2:
Where you see yourself represented in the story and/or personal identity is explored		
Visibility of cultures different from your own		
The story builds community, unity, and inclusivity		
Openings for discussions about what's happening in current events		
Relatable experiences		