

Summer Theme Experiences

Guiding Resources

The goal of the summer theme experiences is to provide you with the opportunity to make your own learning choices and to continue to develop yourself as a lifelong learner.

Knowing what book, podcast, blog, or documentary that you would like to engage with may come very easy for you. You might already have some things in mind, like that favorite book series that you are looking forward to finally having the time to finish. You might know some friends or family members that you can go to for some good suggestions!

Or, it might take some time to identify what areas you would like to explore and connect to this summer. Sometimes making your own choices can feel harder than being given a specific task.

In either case, here are some resources that can help you along the way!

[Shrewsbury Public Library](#): You might want to make The Shrewsbury Public Library your first stop in your Summer Theme Experiences journey. The librarians will be ready to help you find something that you are interested in and is appropriate for your grade-level and theme. There are also trained student volunteers who can help you find some good fits also! Keep a lookout for their Summer Reading Programs and events. There are also an amazing amount of [e-content](#) resources that you can access, including video streaming, podcasts, and audiobook resources.

[Goodreads](#): Goodreads is searchable resource that provides readers with all kinds of lists and reader recommendations for all kinds of books.

[Common Sense Media](#) is a resource that provides students, families, and educators with objective reviews about books, movies, apps, and games. Reviewed content provides information about prevalent themes, topics, and age-appropriateness as determined by the organization as well as students and parents. You can search by entertainment type, themes, or titles, as well as suggested lists that have been compiled, including a list of [age-appropriate Podcasts](#).

[American Library Association 2019 Book Awards](#) - The American Library Association (ALA) sponsors a wide range of book, print, and media awards each year, and are a fantastic place to find content that is high quality, new, and upcoming. Awards are given for book, print, and media for children to teens.

[A Favorite Bookstore](#) - You might not go to buy something, but bookstores this time of year have fantastic displays of great age-appropriate suggestions for summer reading, and you have time to browse and try some books out.

[NoveList](#)- Check out this resource Mrs. Bredberg put together to help you search by theme on NoveList:
<https://shrewsburymediacenter.weebly.com/finding-a-book-for-summer-experiences.html>