

Summer Reading at ASA is centered around choice. This year’s Summer Reading theme is “A Passport to Pages” with the intent that even if you cannot travel this year, you can still explore the world through books!

The 9th grade summer reading project is designed to have you “Visit an Old Friend” by choosing a childhood favorite and re-reading the text. This can be a stand alone novel, or part of a series (maybe a whole series if you’re ambitious). It can be any lexile/grade level, pending it is a chapter book. Not much of a reader? No favorite book? See if a favorite movie or TV series once began as a book, and read that instead. Read something that you can now analyze as someone with experience, acceptance, varying family dynamics, physical growth, fear of the unknown, and so forth. This is your summer reading so please come prepared to school with having the book already read.

We highly encourage you to read through the “Bellian’s Books” List attached to this document to get a feel for what you will be exploring throughout the course. There is an overall theme, a list of texts we will read as a class, and ideas for your BOOK CHOICE UNITS. These are the types of stories we will explore this year, but NOT your summer reading.

Please purchase your books from Changing Hands if you are able and mention that you are a student at ASA. Not only will you get a discount, but they will donate 10% back to the Book Bistro Club! If you have any questions please contact the co-department chair, [Ginette Rossi](mailto:rossi@goasa.org) , at rossi@goasa.org.

Grade	Teacher	Theme & Examples of Books
9	Dianna Bellian	<p>Course Theme: The Purpose of Stories: Explorations of World Literature</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will be exploring myths, legends, folklore, and fairy tales and their various incarnations in poetry, prose, and visual mediums (comics, movies, television, etc.). The curriculum ties into the Social Studies focus on Ancient Civilizations and ideas about intangible/tangible aspects of culture. <p>Summer Reading: Visit an Old Friend</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open book choice requesting students reread a favorite book, or read a book a favorite movie/show is based on. <p>Other Course Texts: Bellian’s Books</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> These are other books that you will either be reading as a class, or choose from throughout the course, <u>NOT your summer reading</u>. There is no need to purchase books early for the school year. We will give at least 2 weeks’ notice before we need a book for class use.