Fairfax High School students and staff are invited to select one of the following titles as a summer read.

**The Boys in the Boat**: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics by Daniel James Brown

The inspiring story of nine working-class rowers who shocked the world at the 1936 Olympics.

Written for an adult reader, this choice will appeal to sports fans, history buffs and anyone who enjoys a heartwarming tale of triumph over long odds. Also a great pick for an Olympic summer.

*(Students can also choose to read the adaptation for younger readers entitled* The Boys in the Boat: The True Story of an American Team’s Epic Journey to Win Gold at the 1936 Olympics.*

**Every Day** by David Levithan

Every morning, “A” wakes in a different person's body, to live a different person’s life for one day. He has learned over the years never to get too attached, until he wakes up in the body of Justin and falls in love with Justin's girlfriend.

This unique, imaginative book explores the human experience with an emphasis on identity and empathy.

**What Happened to Goodbye** by Sarah Dessen

Every few months, Mclean Sweet moves to a new town, starts a new school and re-invents herself: new nickname, new personality, new life. What happens when her latest move forces her to confront some of the painful truths from her past?

A poignant and uplifting look at a teen’s struggle with identity and the aftermath of her parents’ divorce.

**The Martian** by Andy Weir

Stranded on Mars by a dust storm that damaged his space suit and forced his crew to leave him behind, astronaut Mark Watney struggles to survive in spite of minimal supplies and harsh environmental challenges that test his ingenuity in unique ways.

The choice for science buffs, survivalists and fans of suspense (and anyone who’s seen the movie).

**Stargirl** by Jerry Spinelli

When a quirky, homeschooled girl shows up at his high school, Leo (and nearly everyone else) is enchanted. But when the popular crowd turns on her, he must choose between social pressure and his love for Stargirl.

A wonderful and emotional tale celebrating nonconformity. A great choice for a developing reader.

In the fall, students will have the opportunity to participate in a teacher-led discussion about their chosen book.

Students can also participate in the FCPS “Book Your Summer” program and compete for prizes -- $50 in free books or even a laptop!

Check the “Book Your Summer” web site for more information.