PRONGHORN READS
WYOMING HUMANITIES

July 2026 Reading List

Theme: Read a Book about Summer or a Sunny Theme

Summer brings to mind, hot weather, slow days under an umbrella, and just maybe, some thunderstorms. In July, we are asking you to read a book that rings true for summer. Either that be the weather, joy, sadness, what is summer to you? Find a book that brings it to life.

Book Title (A-Z)	**Author**	**Reader Reflection**
		Prompt: In a sentence or two, tell us what you think about the book and/or why you chose this title.
Dandelion Wine	Ray Bradbury	The summer of 1928 is a magical time for twelve year-old Douglas and his brother Tom. *Nicholle, Clark*
Declaration: the Nine Tumultuous Weeks When America Became Independent: May 1-July 4, 1776	William Hogeland	Close timeline of summer events leading up to July 4th. Education! Didn't know dissolving Pennsylvania's form of government was key to getting other colonies to come on board. Didn't know New York was the last to vote for independence. Hogeland "dramatizes a conflict between upscale American Whigs and radical American democrats- *RoseMarie, Laramie*

Instructions for a Heatwave	Maggie O'Farrell	In the midst of a London heatwave in 1976, a husband inexplicably disappears on his way to the news agent. His wife calls in her three adult children for help, all of whom have their own problems. Family secrets are revealed. The heatwave didn't play as big a part as I expected. This is one of O'Farrell's earlier books--she is best known for "Hamnet." *-Mary, Sheridan*
Nearly Departed in Deadwood	Ann Charles	We read this as a Book Club pick. While not specifically about summer, the hot days of summer figure prominently in this book.- *Sharyl, Douglas*
Purgatory Ridge	William Kent Krueger	Third in the series about Cork O'Connor, events in this book take place during a hot summer fire season in northern Minnesota. *-Molly, West Yellowstone, MT*