

Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School

Summer Reading Program

Student Information

“The man who does not read good books
has no advantage over the man who cannot read them.”
– Mark Twain

Who? and What?

- Every student who will be in grades nine through twelve next fall will participate in the Summer Reading Program by reading one book during the summer break. Honors and advanced placement courses may require students to do additional reading. These students will be notified in a separate memo.
- In the spring, students will sign up for one of up to forty different books, covering a range of reading levels and topics, many suggested by students, that have been selected by faculty and staff, who will act as discussion facilitators. Some of the books will be rather short, while others will be more difficult, but students will read a book of their own choosing.
- In September, students will demonstrate that they read their books by participating in book discussions. They will receive completion notations for summer reading on their first term report cards.
- A list of sponsored books is available in Advisor/Advisee and the Library. Book descriptions are also available on the web site listed on the Book Selection Form. All students must read ONE book over the summer break from the attached list (although they are certainly encouraged to read more than one!).
- For questions about the program, please contact Ms. McCauley, Mrs. Johnson, or Ms. Schaefer.

When and How?

- Copies of many books will be available in the DYRHS library for students, parents, and guardians to preview. All are invited to visit the library during regular school hours (please sign in at the main office for a visitor's pass)
- You should take a look at the reading level and subject matter before making a choice and discuss your choices with your parents or guardians. A parent or guardian needs to sign the permission slip accepting your three choices.
- **You should select a book (and two alternate choices) between Monday, April 6 and Monday, May 11 by returning the signed Student Book Selection Form to your advisor.**
- You should turn in your Student Book Selection Form ASAP because books are assigned on a first come, first-served basis (and the limit is 20 students per book)!
- You will receive confirmation of your book choice through your advisor indicating which book you should read over the summer.
- You are responsible for getting a copy of your book (borrowed or purchased – see below).
- If you own your own copy of the book, do not be afraid to mark favorite passages or jot down your thoughts in the margins as many readers do. It may also help you to list short descriptions of character, keep a chapter-by-chapter summary/response log, or list main conflicts as they occur. This way you can review your notes to refresh your memory just prior to meeting with other students and an adult who have chosen to read the same book. This will be especially helpful if you read your book early in the summer.

Where?

Borrow a copy at the library. The DYRHS library will lend our copies of summer reading books to the Dennis and Yarmouth public libraries over the summer for students to check out. If a copy is not available, ask your librarian if a copy can be borrowed from another library through Inter Library Loan (a free service).

Purchase a copy at a local bookstore. If purchasing, try to find a paperback copy whenever possible. The book list will be distributed to the following local bookstores, which will order extra copies:

- Armchair Bookstore, 619 Route 6A, Dennis, MA 385-0900
- Books by the Sea, 1196 Route 28, South Yarmouth, MA 394-8010
- Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 768 Iyanough Rd, Hyannis, MA 771-1400
- Borders Books & Music, 990 Iyanough Rd, Hyannis, MA 862-6363

You can also check online for new and used books at amazon.com and bn.com (Barnes & Noble). Purchase or borrow your book early in the summer – some books may be hard to get, so order early!

Wixon Middle School Summer Reading Program Student Book Selection Form

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Student's Name: _____

ELA Teacher: _____

Book titles, descriptions, and registration forms are also available at:
<http://www.dy-regional.k12.ma.us/dyrsd/dyh.htm>

Title of book you have chosen to read:

First choice: _____

Second choice: _____

***Third choice:** _____

*If all three choices already have 20 students, you will be asked to choose again.

Remember:

- Your selection is a commitment to read the book.
- You may not switch to a different book later.
- You may not read the same book as last year (if offered again).

Parent/Guardian Permission

I affirm that I have read and understood the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School Summer Reading Procedures and will encourage my child to obtain and read his/her book selection over the summer. **I also affirm that I have reviewed the list of sponsored books and approve of the choices my child has made (see above). I acknowledge that some books have mature content.**

Parent/guardian signature _____

Return this slip to your English teacher no later than Monday, May 11 2009.

Form will be returned to you as confirmation.

English Teacher Use Only

English Teachers: Please return these forms daily to Meaghan McCauley at D-Y High School.

Date/Time Received _____ Initials _____