

Summer Reading Program



We are in our **eighteenth** year of a required summer reading program at North Newton Junior-Senior High School. **Why do we have required summer reading for NN students?**

Reading is a skill that every student needs, not just for school tasks, but for employment, civic duties, and enjoyment. Reading opens the world through literature so students may learn about people, times, regions, and ideas that enhance their lives.

Research strongly suggests that reading, like most skills, improves when practiced and decreases when neglected. North Newton is committed to taking the steps necessary to prepare students for success. Since we believe that reading is a vital skill for that success in reading, thinking, and writing beyond the halls of high school, students entering grades 7-10 will read, review, and prepare for assessments that will be given the first week of the 2024-2025 school year.

Students have the freedom in this program to select an interesting title from their grade-level list. **Students enrolled in two levels of English are required to read for the higher grade only.**

When students return to NN in the fall, they will be expected to take a test over the book(s). The test will count for no more than 5% of the first nine weeks' grade.

Each student is responsible for acquiring his/her summer reading book(s). To obtain the book(s),

- borrow from the public library, but don't wait until the last minute!
- borrow from a friend, neighbor or relative.
- purchase on Alibris Books, Ebay, Amazon, Barnes & Noble, or even Good Will!
- purchase new from a bookstore of your choice.
- purchase the e-book and read on a Nook or Kindle.

Students and/or parents with questions, concerns, or comments should contact Audrey Combs-Long at acombs@nn.k12.in.us or contact a member of the school's office staff at 285-2252. This packet will be posted on the school web page at www.nn.k12.in.us. The public library staff is willing to help secure additional books, if necessary. Please contact them at these numbers: LV (992-3490), Morocco (285-2664), Roselawn (345-2010).

Books are listed from easiest to hardest reading level.

Incoming 7th graders will be provided with book summaries.

All other students are encouraged to research the titles and contents online.

Students entering **English 7** are to read **ONE** of these books:

- *One for the Murphys*
- *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*
- *When Zachary Beaver Came to Town*
- *It Wasn't Me*
- *Among the Hidden*

Lynda Mullaly Hunt
Sherman Alexie
Kimberly Willis Holt
Dana Alison Levy
Margaret Peterson Haddix

Students entering **English 8** are to read **ONE** of these books:

- *Stolen: A Letter to My Captor*
- *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*
- *The Maze Runner*
- *Matched*
- *The Hunger Games*
- *The Girl in the Blue Coat*

Christopher, Lucy
Rowling, J.K.
Dashner, James
Condie, Ally
Collins, Suzanne
Hesse, Monica

Students entering **English 9CP / 9H** are to choose **ONE BIOGRAPHY or AUTOBIOGRAPHY to read (at/above Lexile level)**. Students will be required to provide the book title, the author, and the number of pages prior to the assessment.

Students entering **English 10CP/10 H** are to read **ONE** book. **English 9CP / 9H** are to choose **ONE BIOGRAPHY or AUTOBIOGRAPHY to read (at/above Lexile level)**. Students will be required to provide the book title, the author, and the number of pages prior to the assessment.

ENGLISH STUDENTS IN GRADES 11 AND 12 DO NOT HAVE SUMMER READING SINCE JUNIOR AND SENIOR ENGLISH CLASSES ARE MIXED GRADE LEVELS AS WELL AS SEMESTER CLASSES.

HOWEVER, IF ANY JUNIORS AND SENIORS WANT SOME GREAT READS FOR SUMMER TO SHARPEN READING SKILLS FOR THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR, ASK ANY NN ENGLISH TEACHER FOR SOME AWESOME READS!