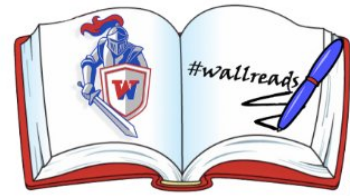


Wall High School Summer Reading 2023



Parents and Sophomore Students, Class of 2026:

Wall High School is excited to announce our summer reading program for students entering tenth grade. It's time to seize the opportunity to relax on the beach and discover new worlds through the joy of reading. While **all students must read at least one book**, it's our hope that parents will encourage students to read more than one novel and discover the love of reading. Summer reading is designed to support an appreciation of reading, while also providing an opportunity for students to reinforce their reading skills throughout the summer months.

The Wall High School administrative team encourages parents and guardians to be actively involved in the summer reading selection process. Please review the grade level recommended readings with your child to best support their choices, interests, and reading ability. If you have any questions regarding the summer reading selections, please contact Dr. Tracy Skinner at tskinner@wallpublicschools.org.

ELA 10 CP

Students entering English 10 College Prep, may read **any** book of their choice this summer. Please choose your book prior to the end of the school year and provide the title to your current English teacher.

*Teachers are not approving selections, simply recording the title for next year's English teacher.

ELA 10 Honors

Students entering ELA 10 Honors, must read at least one book from the attached reading list.

All ELA 10 Students - Upon the return to school, students will take a **quiz** on the summer reading. Students should be prepared to answer questions and/or write a short constructed response on their summer reading book.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

Tracy Skinner

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Supervisor of ELA & Social Studies 6-12

Wall Township High School Summer Reading Assignment 2023

Assignment:

- All students will read a minimum of **one** book this summer.
- Honors students are required to read at least one book from the attached list.
- The class assignment will be a **QUIZ** grade due the week of **September 6, 2023**.

Reading Tips:

Some students find it helpful to take notes as they read. Other readers prefer talking about their books with a friend or a family member to consolidate their thoughts after finishing a book. Please consider the following reading tips as suggestions, not requirements for summer reading.

- **Post-it Notes:**

Use a post-it as both a bookmark and a place to record pages you want to return to and a word to label why that page is noteworthy.

- **Annotate the Text:**

Few reading tips are as powerful as writing in the margins. You may find it helpful to use the 'white spaces' to write while you read so that you can recall your thinking.

HONORS students entering 10th Grade MUST select one book from the following list:



***With the Fire on High*, by Elizabeth Acevedo**

Genre: Young Adult Fiction

Awards: YALSA 2020 Best Fiction

Summary: Ever since she got pregnant freshman year, Emoni Santiago's life has been about making the tough decisions - doing what has to be done for her daughter and her *abuela*. The one place she can let all that go is in the kitchen, where she adds a little something magical to everything she cooks, turning her food into straight-up goodness. Even though she dreams of working as a chef after she graduates, Emoni knows that it's not worth her time to pursue the impossible. Yet despite the rules she thinks she has to play by, once Emoni starts cooking, her only choice is to let her talent break free. - Amazon



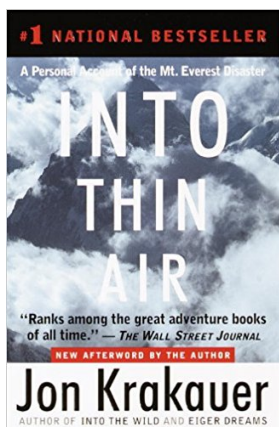
***American Panda*, by Gloria Chao**

Genre: Young Adult Fiction

Awards: YALSA 2019 Best Fiction

Summary: Four starred reviews for this incisive, laugh-out-loud contemporary debut about a Taiwanese-American teen whose parents want her to be a doctor and marry a Taiwanese Ivy Leaguer despite her squeamishness with germs and crush on a Japanese classmate. At seventeen, Mei should be in high school, but skipping fourth grade was part of her parents' master plan. Now a freshman at MIT, she is on track to fulfill the rest of this predetermined future: become a doctor, marry a preapproved Taiwanese Ivy Leaguer, produce a litter of babies. With everything her parents have sacrificed to make her cushy life a reality, Mei can't bring herself to tell them the truth—that she (1) hates germs, (2) falls asleep in biology lectures, and (3) has a crush on her classmate Darren Takahashi, who is decidedly *not* Taiwanese. But when Mei reconnects with her brother, Xing, who is estranged from the family for dating the wrong woman, Mei starts to wonder if all the secrets are truly worth it. Can she find a way to be herself, whoever

that is, before her web of lies unravels? From debut author Gloria Chao comes a hilarious, heartfelt tale of how, unlike the panda, life isn't always so black and white.- Amazon



***Into Thin Air*, by Jon Krakauer**

Genre: Nonfiction

Awards: National Bestseller, Kirkus Reviewed, New York Times reviewed, Newsweek reviewed, Library Journal reviewed.

Summary: A bank of clouds was assembling on the not-so-distant horizon, but journalist-mountaineer Jon Krakauer, standing on the summit of Mt. Everest, saw nothing that "suggested that a murderous storm was bearing down." He was wrong. The storm, which claimed five lives and left countless more—including Krakauer's—in guilt-ridden disarray, would also provide the impetus for *Into Thin Air*, Krakauer's epic account of the May 1996 disaster. - Amazon



Goodbye Days, by Jeff Zentner

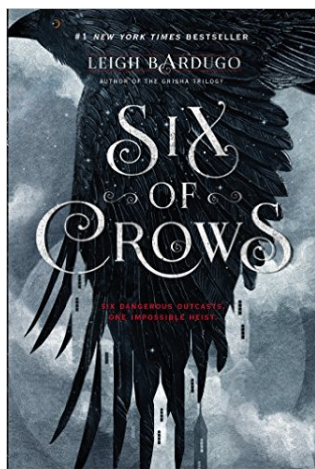
Genre: Young Adult Fiction

Awards: YALSA 2018 Best Fiction

Summary: *Where are you guys? Text me back.* That's the last message Carver Briggs will ever send his three best friends, Mars, Eli, and Blake. He never thought that it would lead to their death.

Now Carver can't stop blaming himself for the accident and even worse, a powerful judge is pressuring the district attorney to open up a criminal investigation.

Luckily, Carver has some unexpected allies: Eli's girlfriend, the only person to stand by him at school; Dr. Mendez, his new therapist; and Blake's grandmother, who asks Carver to spend a "goodbye day" together to share their memories and say a proper farewell. Soon the other families are asking for their own goodbye day with Carver—but he's unsure of their motives. Will they all be able to make peace with their losses, or will these goodbye days bring Carver one step closer to a complete breakdown or—even worse—prison? - Amazon

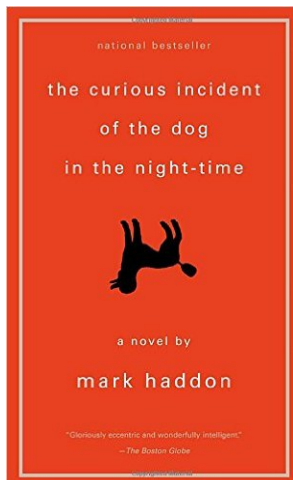


Six of Crows, by Leigh Bardugo

Genre: Fantasy

Awards: Amazon Best Book 2015, School Library Journal starred review, Publishers Weekly, starred review, Kirkus Reviews, starred review, VOYA, starred review.

Summary: "Ketterdam: a bustling hub of international trade where anything can be had for the right price--and no one knows that better than criminal prodigy Kaz Brekker. Kaz is offered a chance at a deadly heist that could make him rich beyond his wildest dreams. But he can't pull it off alone...A convict with a thirst for revenge. A sharpshooter who can't walk away from a wager. A runaway with a privileged past. A spy known as the Wraith. A Heartreder using her magic to survive the slums. A thief with a gift for unlikely escapes. Six dangerous outcasts. One impossible heist. Kaz's crew is the only thing that might stand between the world and destruction—if they don't kill each other first."-Amazon



The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time, by Mark Haddon

Genre: Fiction

Awards: Alex Award, Booklist, Kirkus Review Starred

Summary: Christopher John Francis Boone knows all the countries of the world and their capitals and every prime number up to 7,057. He relates well to animals but has no understanding of human emotions. He cannot stand to be touched. And he detests the color yellow. This improbable story of Christopher's quest to investigate the suspicious death of a neighborhood dog makes for one of the most captivating, unusual, and widely heralded novels in recent years. - Amazon

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