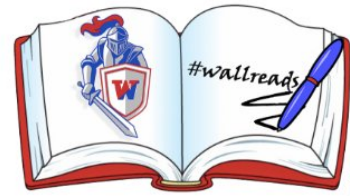


Wall High School Summer Reading 2023



Parents and Junior Students, Class of 2025:

Wall High School is excited to announce our summer reading program for students entering eleventh 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 11 CP

Students entering English 11 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 11 Honors

Students entering ELA 11 Honors, must read at least one book from the attached reading list.

AP Language & Composition

Please discuss summer assignments with your AP English teacher. You do not have to read from the list below, however students should also work on the revisions for their college essay/personal statement.

ALL ELA 11 CP & Honors 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. Students should also work on the revisions for their college essay/personal statement.

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.

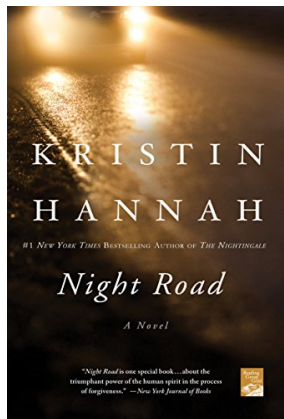
- **Post-it Notes:**

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 11th Grade MUST select one book from the following list:

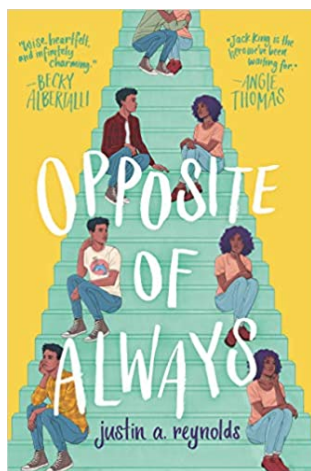


Night Road, by Kistin Hannah

Genre: Fiction

Awards: *Library Journal* Starred Review

Summary: *Which road will you take?* For eighteen years, Jude Farraday has put her children's needs above her own, and it shows—her twins, Mia and Zach, are bright and happy teenagers. When Lexi Baill moves into their small, close-knit community, no one is more welcoming than Jude. Lexi, a former foster child with a dark past, quickly becomes Mia's best friend. Then Zach falls in love with Lexi and the three become inseparable. Jude does everything to keep her kids out of harm's way. But senior year of high school tests them all. It's a dangerous, explosive season of drinking, driving, parties, and kids who want to let loose. And then on a hot summer's night, one bad decision is made. In the blink of an eye, the Farraday family will be torn apart and Lexi will lose everything. In the years that follow, each must face the consequences of that single night and find a way to forget...or the courage to forgive.. - Amazon



Opposite of Always, by Justin A. Reynolds

Genre: Young Adult Fiction

Awards: YALSA 2020 Best Fiction

Summary: When Jack and Kate meet at a party, bonding until sunrise over their mutual love of Froot Loops and their favorite flicks, Jack knows he's falling—hard. Soon she's meeting his best friends, Jillian and Franny, and Kate wins them over as easily as she did Jack. But then Kate dies. And their story should end there. Yet Kate's death sends Jack back to the beginning, the moment they first meet, and Kate's there again. Healthy, happy, and charming as ever. Jack isn't sure if he's losing his mind. Still, if he has a chance to prevent Kate's death, he'll take it. Even if that means believing in time travel. However, Jack will learn that his actions are not without consequences. And when one choice turns deadly for someone else close to him, he has to figure out what he's willing to do to save the people he loves. - Amazon



Speak, by Laurie Halse Anderson

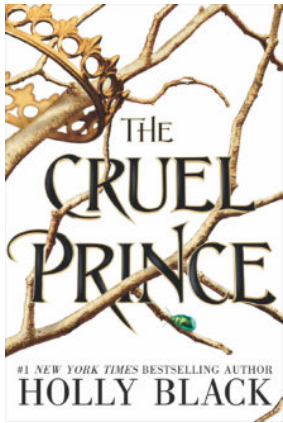
Genre: Fiction

Awards: *National Book Award* Finalist

Summary: The first ten lies they tell you in high school.

"Speak up for yourself--we want to know what you have to say." From the first moment of her freshman year at Merryweather High, Melinda knows this is a big fat lie, part of the nonsense of high school. She is friendless, outcast, because she busted an end-of-summer party by calling the cops, so now nobody will talk to her, let alone listen to her. As time passes, she becomes increasingly isolated and practically stops talking altogether. Only her art class offers any solace, and it is through her work on an art project that she is finally able to face what really happened at that terrible party: she was raped by an upperclassman, a guy who still attends Merryweather and is still a threat to her. Her healing process has just begun when she has another violent encounter

with him. But this time Melinda fights back, refuses to be silent, and thereby achieves a measure of vindication. - Amazon

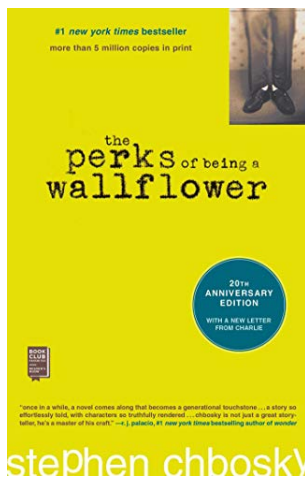


The Cruel Prince, by Holly Black

Genre: Young Adult Fiction

Awards: YALSA 2019 Best Fiction Nominee

Summary: *Of course I want to be like them. They're beautiful as blades forged in some divine fire. They will live forever. And Cardan is even more beautiful than the rest. I hate him more than all the others. I hate him so much that sometimes when I look at him, I can hardly breathe.* Jude was seven years old when her parents were murdered and she and her two sisters were stolen away to live in the treacherous High Court of Faerie. Ten years later, Jude wants nothing more than to belong there, despite her mortality. But many of the fey despise humans. Especially Prince Cardan, the youngest and wickedest son of the High King. To win a place at the Court, she must defy him—and face the consequences. In doing so, she becomes embroiled in palace intrigues and deceptions, discovering her own capacity for bloodshed. But as civil war threatens to drown the Courts of Faerie in violence, Jude will need to risk her life in a dangerous alliance to save her sisters, and Faerie itself. - Amazon



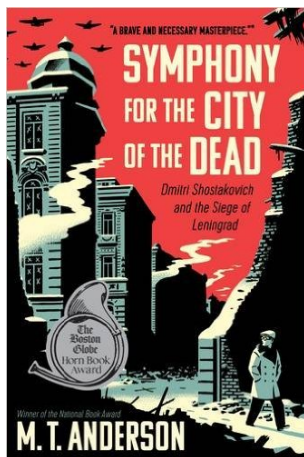
The Perks of Being a Wallflower, by Stephen Chbosky

Genre: Young Adult Fiction

Awards: LA Best Books for Young Adults award, ALA Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults award, and the ALA Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers award.

Summary: Standing on the fringes of life offers a unique perspective. But there comes a time to see what it looks like from the dance floor. This haunting novel about the dilemma of passivity vs. passion marks the stunning debut of a provocative new voice in contemporary fiction: *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*.

This is the story of what it's like to grow up in high school. More intimate than a diary, Charlie's letters are singular and unique, hilarious and devastating. We may not know where he lives. We may not know to whom he is writing. All we know is the world he shares. Caught between trying to live his life and trying to run from it puts him on a strange course through uncharted territory. - Amazon



Symphony for the City of the Dead: Dmitri Shostakovich and the Siege of Leningrad, by M.T. Anderson

Genre: Young Adult Nonfiction

Awards: YALSA Award for Excellence in Nonfiction 2016

Summary: In September 1941, Adolf Hitler's Wehrmacht surrounded Leningrad in what was to become one of the longest and most destructive sieges in Western history—almost three years of bombardment and starvation that culminated in the harsh winter of 1943–1944. More than a million citizens perished. Survivors recall corpses littering the frozen streets, their relatives having neither the means nor the strength to bury them. Residents burned books, furniture, and floorboards to keep warm; they ate family pets and—eventually—one another to stay alive. Trapped between the Nazi invading force and the Soviet government itself was composer Dmitri Shostakovich, who would write a symphony that roused, rallied, eulogized, and commemorated his fellow citizens—the *Leningrad* Symphony, which came to occupy a surprising place of prominence in the eventual Allied victory. This is the true story of a city

under siege: the triumph of bravery and defiance in the face of terrifying odds. It is also a look at the power—and layered meaning—of music in beleaguered lives. - Amazon

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