

HAVERHILL: ENTERING GRADE 10 SUMMER READING LIST

June 2013

Dear Parents/Guardians of Students Entering Grades 9-12,

Summer Reading is a great opportunity for all students to enjoy literature and to strengthen the literacy skills necessary for academic achievement. Please find enclosed a list of Summer Reading books that are appropriate for your child's grade level. Students are required to read *at least* ONE book, but are encouraged to read as many books as possible from the attached reading list. All books are available at the Haverhill Public Library and at local bookstores, such as Barnes & Noble.

Your child is responsible for filling out the Summer Reading Log. On Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2013, English teachers will collect the Logs from their students.

In September students will be given a writing assignment related to their summer reading. Teachers create their own assignments, which address basic aspects of literature, such as plot, character, setting, theme, conflict, etc. Students may be asked to write a short essay, interview each other about their books, present a book report to the class, or create a project (book jacket, book cube, collage, poster, etc.). To help with these assignments, students are encouraged to take notes as they read.

Encourage your child to read as many books as possible, but bear in mind that many families rely on the Haverhill Public Library. In consideration of others, please check out only one or two books at a time, and return them as soon as your child is finished reading. This will allow all children to benefit from the local public library – a wonderful resource.

Thank you in advance for your assistance with our Summer Reading Program. This information is also available on the Haverhill Public Schools website at www.haverhill-ps.org.

Happy Reading!

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The list below contains summer reading selections for students entering Grade 10 at Haverhill High School. Choose at least ONE book and have it read by the start of the school year. An assignment will be given during the first two weeks of school and this score will be averaged with your first quarter English grade. Some titles may be available in audio format for readers who would like to listen to the story while they read.

FICTION

Life As We Knew It

Susan Beth Pfeffer

When an asteroid collides with the moon, causing natural disasters, life as 16-year-old Miranda knows it will never be the same. Suddenly, things she has taken for granted electricity, news from the outside world, and three square meals a day are a thing of the past. Thanks to her mother's foresight and preparedness, Miranda and her two brothers are better off than many families in their Pennsylvania community. Yet their situation becomes more critical as other unexpected disasters arise.

An Abundance of Katherines

John Green

When it comes to relationships, Colin Singleton's type prefers girls named Katherine. Yet Colin is always getting dumped – 19 times, to be exact. On a road trip miles from home, this anagram-happy, washed-up child prodigy has \$10,000 in his pocket, a bloodthirsty hog on his trail, and an overweight best friend riding shotgun... but no Katherines. Colin is on a mission to prove The Theorem of Underlying Katherine Predictability, which he hopes will predict the future of any relationship and finally win him the girl.

The Earth, My Butt, and Other Big Round Things

Carolyn Mackler

Sophomore Virginia Shreves lives in Manhattan and attends a prestigious private school. She lives by her Fat Girl Code of Conduct. She has a budding romance with Froggy the Fourth, and her baggy clothing helps her to "hide." Her mother is an adolescent psychologist obsessed with her daughter's weight, and her father is rarely around. Told through first-person narrative, journal entries, and e-mail, Virginia's story will interest readers who are looking for a book with teen angst, a bit of romance, and a kid who is a bit like them or their friends.

A Great and Terrible Beauty

Libba Bray

A new Gothic tale of a Victorian girl's school reveals a terrible secret. At 16, Gemma must leave the only home she's known (India) when her mother kills herself under bizarre circumstances. Although she longed to see London while her family lived abroad, Gemma is disappointed to find that she's being packed off to finishing school there. At school, she stands up to the circle of girls who seem to hold the most power, while dealing with weird hallucinations and the furtive presence of the young man she first saw in Bombay on the day of her mother's death. The school and its administration hold fast to a secret about the class of 1871.

Rats Saw God

Rob Thomas

In order to pass English and graduate from high school, Steve York has to complete a 100-page paper for his guidance counselor. Steve decides to write about his sophomore and junior years examining what turned this National Merit Scholar into a junkie who is barely graduating. He writes about life with his father (a famous astronaut), his friends in the Dadaist art study group, and his first love who ultimately broke his heart.

My Sister's Bones

Cathi Hanauer

Against a backdrop of malls and emerald-carpet lawns, Cassie Weinstein is slowly killing herself, and there seems to be nothing her younger sister Billie can do to stop her. At 15, Billie Weinstein, unlike her accomplished 18-year-old sister Cassie, is a rebel--and a charming mess. Her schoolwork is only adequate in a family that expects straight A's, she harbors an inappropriate crush on a local gas-station attendant called Dom, and her beloved best friend Tiffany is the school hood. When Cassie comes home for Christmas weighing 95 pounds and refusing to eat, chaos erupts.

Dawn

Elisha is a young Holocaust survivor, and an Israeli freedom fighter in British-controlled Palestine; John Dawson is the captured English officer he will murder at dawn in retribution for the British execution of a fellow freedom fighter. The night-long wait for morning and death provides *Dawn*, Elie Wiesel's novel with its harrowingly taut, hour-by-hour narrative. Caught between the horrors of the past and the dilemmas of the present, Elisha wrestles with guilt, ghosts, and God as he waits for the hour and his act of assassination.

Elie Wiesel***Marcelo in the Real World***

"Marcelo Sandoval hears music no one else can hear--part of the autism-like impairment no doctor has been able to identify – and he's always attended a special school where his differences have been protected. But the summer after his junior year, his father demands that Marcelo work in his law firm's mailroom in order to experience "the real world." There Marcelo meets Jasmine, his beautiful and surprising coworker, and Wendell, the son of another partner in the firm." (GoodReads.com)

Francisco Stork***Ship Breaker***

"In America's Gulf Coast region, where grounded oil tankers are being broken down for parts, Nailor, a teenage boy, works the light crew, scavenging for copper wiring just to make quota--and hopefully live to see another day. But when, by luck or chance, he discovers an exquisite clipper ship beached during a recent hurricane, Nailor faces the most important decision of his life: Strip the ship for all it's worth or rescue its lone survivor, a beautiful and wealthy girl who could lead him to a better life." (GoodReads.com)

Paola Bacigalupi***Leviathan***

"It is the cusp of World War I, and all the European powers are arming up. The Austro-Hungarians and Germans have their Clankers, steam-driven iron machines loaded with guns and ammunition. The British *Leviathan* is a whale airship, and the most masterful beast in the British fleet. Aleksandar Ferdinand, prince of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, is on the run. All he has is a battle-torn Stormwalker and a loyal crew of men. Deryn Sharp is a commoner, a girl disguised as a boy in the British Air Service. With the Great War brewing, Alek's and Deryn's paths cross in the most unexpected way...taking them both aboard the *Leviathan* on a fantastical, around-the-world adventure. One that will change both their lives forever." (Amazon.com)

Scott Westerfeld**NON-FICTION*****Zlata's Diary***

From September 1991 through October 1993, young Zlata Filipovic kept a diary. When she began it, she was 11 years old, concerned mostly with friends, school, piano lessons, MTV, and Madonna. As the diary ends, she has become used to constant bombing and snipers; severe shortages of food, water, and gas; and the end of a privileged adolescence in her native Sarajevo. Zlata has been described as the new Anne Frank.

Zlata Filipovic***Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace...***

Some failures lead to phenomenal successes, and this American's unsuccessful attempt to climb K2, the world's second tallest mountain, is one of them. Dangerously ill when he finished his climb in 1993, Mortenson was sheltered for seven weeks by the small Pakistani village of Korphe; in return, he promised to build the impoverished town's first school, a project that grew into the Central Asia Institute, which has since constructed more than 50 schools across rural Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Greg Mortenson & David Oliver Relin***Charles and Emma: The Darwin's Leap of Faith***

Beginning with Darwin's notorious chart listing reasons to wed and not to wed, Heiligman has created a unique picture of the controversial scientist and the effect of his marriage on his life and work. Using the couple's letters, diaries, and notebooks the author lets her subjects speak for themselves while rounding out the story of their relationship with information about their time and place. She shows how Darwin's love for his cousin was an important factor in his scientific work, pushing him to document his theory of natural selection for decades before publishing it with great trepidation.

Deborah Heiligman

The Pluto Files

Neil DeGrasse Tyson

When the Rose Center for Earth and Space at the American Museum of Natural History reclassified Pluto as an icy comet, the public was in an uproar. Neil DeGrasse Tyson explores how Pluto is entrenched in our cultural and emotional view of the solar system and why so many wish Pluto was still a planet.

A.D. New Orleans After the Deluge

Josh Neufled

A stunning graphic novel, this book makes plain the undeniable horrors and humanity triggered by Hurricane Katrina in the true stories of six New Orleanians who survived the storm.

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GRADES 9-12 SUMMER READING LOG

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Collected by teacher on Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2013.