



# Neshaminy School District

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Dear Parent or Guardian of Incoming Eleventh Graders:

The English Department of Neshaminy High School is pleased to announce the continuation of our **summer reading program**, with a new emphasis on student interest and self-selection. Studies have shown that students who continue to read during the summer are more perceptive readers, more expressive writers and more thoughtful speakers. Reading during the summer increases an awareness of the connection between reading for pleasure and reading for knowledge. Summer reading can help students become independent life-long learners.

Students enrolled in 11<sup>th</sup> grade English classes in the fall are asked to either self-select or read one of the suggested titles listed below during their summer vacation. **Students may select any literary title, 100 pages or longer, of interest that is not a required reading from another course.** During first marking period, students will earn a grade for a thematically based in-class writing assignment based on their **self-selected text**.

Students enrolled in **English 11 Advanced Placement should email Ms. Henry (ahenry@neshaminy.org) before the conclusion of the school year.** Information for summer reading can be found on Neshaminy High School's homepage.

Thank you for supporting the **summer reading program**. We encourage you to have a conversation with your child about what he/she is choosing to read. Choice is essential in fostering the love of literature. The books may be borrowed from our school library electronically (Over Drive), local libraries, or purchased at local bookstores.

**Suggested** summer reading options – choose **one** of the recommended titles **OR** self-select a literary title/genre based on \_\_\_\_

***The Color of Water*** by James McBride (biography)

***In the Time of Butterflies*** by Julia Alvarez (historical fiction)

***Something Wicked this Way Comes*** by Ray Bradbury (fantasy)

***Three Little Words*** by Ashley Rhodes Couter (biography)

***Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) getting by in America*** by Barbara Ehrenreich (memoir)

***Challenger Deep*** by Neal Shusterman (fantasy)

***A Hope in the Unseen: An American Odyssey from the Inner City to the Ivy League***--Ron Suskind (fantasy)

***Deadline*** by Chris Crutcher ((realistic)

***Nil*** by Lynne Matson (dystopian)

***Persepolis*** by Marjane Satrapi (biography)

***I Am Malala*** by Malala Yousafzai (biography)

***War Brothers: The Graphic Novel*** by Sharon M. McKay (graphic)

***Over Sea, Under Stone*** by Susan Cooper (fantasy)

***The Great Trouble*** by Deborah Hopkinson (mystery)

***Steelheart*** by Brandon Sanderson (fantasy)