



2011 Summer Reading at Watkins Mill High School

- Who:** All students attending Watkins Mill High School
What: Will read a book of their choice and complete an assignment
When: During the Summer of 2011
Where: In a comfortable place
Why: To develop reading skills and to foster a love of literature

The Breakdown

Grades 9 – 12: Students will select a book of their choice either from one of the award winner lists or a book that is of interest to them. Students will complete a writing prompt based on their grade level.

Honors: Students enrolled in Honors English will follow the on-level guidelines.

Advanced Placement: Students enrolled in AP English will receive their assignment based on their upcoming course of study.

International Baccalaureate and Pre-IB: Students enrolled in IB English will receive their assignment based their upcoming course of study.

ESOL: Students enrolled in ESOL classes next year may select any text they want, but the ones with (*) are more appropriate to lower English proficiency. Check the Top Picks page for details.

Special Education: Students in the LFI program will receive information from their teachers.

Assignments were distributed through English classes in June; however, all assignments are located at the following link: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/watkinsmillhs/>
You will find book lists, writing prompts. Graphic organizers & links to additional resources.



Resource Pages

Award Lists

The American Library Association awards numerous authors, illustrators and creators of other works for their contribution to literature and the publishing industry. Below are a list of awards that may be of interest to young adults. Use the link to find the complete list of award winners. <http://www.ala.org/ala/awardsgrants/index.cfm>

Alex Awards: The Alex Awards are given to ten books written for adults that have special appeal to young adults, ages 12 through 18. The winning titles are selected from the previous year's publishing.

Pura Belpré Award: The Pura Belpré Award, established in 1996, is presented to a Latino/Latina writer and illustrator whose work best portrays, affirms, and celebrates the Latino cultural experience in an outstanding work of literature for children and youth.

W.Y. Boyd Literary Award for Excellence in Military Fiction: This award honors the best fiction set in a period when the United States was at war. It recognizes the service of American veterans and military personnel and encourages the writing and publishing of outstanding war-related fiction. Donated by William Young Boyd II.

Sophie Brody Award: This award is given to encourage, recognize and commend outstanding achievement in Jewish literature.

Margaret A. Edwards Award: The Margaret A. Edwards Award, established in 1988, honors an author, as well as a specific body of his or her work, that have been popular over a period of time. It recognizes an author's work in helping adolescents become aware of themselves and addressing questions about their role and importance in relationships, society, and in the world.

Excellence in Nonfiction for Young Adults: An award for the best nonfiction book published for young adults (ages 12-18) during a November 1 – October 31 publishing year.

Coretta Scott King Book Awards: Designed to commemorate the life and works of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and to honor Mrs. Coretta Scott King for her courage and determination to continue the work for peace, the Coretta Scott King Book Awards annually recognize outstanding books for young adults and children by African American authors and illustrators that reflect the African American experience. Further, the Award encourages the artistic expression of the black experience via literature and the graphic arts in biographical, social, and historical treatments by African American authors and illustrators.



More Award Lists

William C. Morris YA Debut Award: The William C. Morris YA Debut Award, first awarded in 2009, honors a debut book published by a first-time author writing for teens and celebrating impressive new voices in young adult literature.

John Newbury Medal: The Newbery Medal is awarded annually by the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association, to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children.

Michael L. Printz Award: The Michael L. Printz Award is an award for a book that exemplifies literary excellence in young adult literature.

Schneider Family Book Award: The Schneider Family Book Awards honor an author or illustrator for a book that embodies an artistic expression of the disability experience for child and adolescent audiences.

Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Medal: The Sibert Award honors the most distinguished informational book published in English in the preceding year for its significant contribution to children's literature.

Laura Ingalls Wilder Book Award: The award, a bronze medal, honors an author or illustrator whose books, published in the United States, have made, over a period of years, a substantial and lasting contribution to literature for children.

Public Library Links

Students can access the public library catalog from their homes to search for a book. The main page for the public library is: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Content/Libraries/index.asp> You may access the catalog from this page and you may click on the "Using the Library" link to the left to learn how to get a library card. A library card must be used to reserve a book and the assigned PIN is usually the year of birth of the cardholder.



Use this site to find out what other students in Montgomery County are reading and doing this summer.

<http://montgomerycountymd.libguides.com/teensite>



Some Top Picks

These are not required books, but some of the ones that are being read in our library.

- Hot Mess: Summer in the City – Julie Kraut
- My Life In Dog Years* – Gary Paulsen
- Water for Elephants : A Novel – Sara Gruen
- The Outsiders – S.E. Hinton
- The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo -- Steig Larson
- The Black Pearl* – Scott O’Dell
- Outcasts United* – Warren St. John
- The Crank Series – Ellen Hopkins
- The Last Lecture* – Randy Pausch
- Goal!: The Fire and Fury of Soccer’s Greatest Moment* – Mark Stewart
- A Hope in the Unseen: An American Odyssey from the Inner City to the Ivy League* -- Ron Suskind
- Rumble Fish* – S.E. Hinton
- Tornado* -- Betsy Byars
- Maximum Ride Series – James Patterson
- Among the Hidden* -- Margaret Peterson Haddix
- Number the Stars* -- Lois Lowry
- The Book Thief -- Markus Zusak
- Cooked : From the Streets to the Stove, from cocaine to foie gras -- Jeff Henderson
- Messenger* -- Lois Lowry
- Double Helix – Nancy Werlin
- Shiver – Maggie Stiefvater
- Three Cups of Tea : one man's mission to fight terrorism and build nations-- one school at a time – Greg Mortensen
- Monsoon Summer – Mitali Perkins
- The Whale Rider* – Witi Ihimaera
- Jacob Have I Loved* -- Katherine Patterson
- Jason & Kyra – Dana Davidson
- Enders Game – Orson Scott Card
- Looking Back* -- Lois Lowry
- The Vampire Academy Series – Richelle Mead
- Flash Burnout – L.K. Madigan
- Hoops – Walter Dean Myers
- City of Thieves – David Benioff
- The Hunger Games Trilogy -- Suzanne Collins
- Running Out of Time* -- Margaret Peterson Haddix
- Stuart Little* – E.B. White
- Gathering Blue* – Lois Lowry
- Funny How Things Change – Melissa Wyatt