

The English Department and McKay Library Summer Reading Program!

Summer Reading Goals:

- Foster a love of reading
- Build a community of readers
- Expose students to new books and genres
- Provide students with some choice
- Accountability without high-stakes assessment

The requirements:

9th Grade

Incoming freshmen should READ, pursuing their own reading interests over the summer. In the fall, students are required to bring two books of their choice to Collegio that they enjoyed reading over summer break. Students should be prepared to write and talk about both books in class.

10-12th Grade

Part 1- Read a Prep Faculty/Staff- sponsored book.

In the interest of building a community of readers at Prep, over 50 faculty and staff are sponsoring one-time book groups in early September. You can find the list of titles through our PowerSchool site [here](#)—we encourage you to peruse the offerings too and talk with your child about what they might sign up for.

We've included content notes for titles with potentially disturbing themes. If a student is unable to complete a book due to heavier subject matter, we ask that they to contact the librarians for assignment to another group. Exposure to adult themes comes along with reading more challenging books, and we invite parents to read along with their child—having an adult to talk to can help a child process what they've read.

Students will sign up on May 23rd for a book group title to read over the summer. Since groups are capped at 18, we're coaching kids to find 3-5 titles that interest them in case their first choice

is full. When groups meet in September, each student should bring a physical copy of the book (even if they listened to the audiobook or read an e-version), a passage to share, and an open-ended discussion question for the group.

Part 2: Read more this summer.

In the fall, all 10- 12th grade students must return to school with a second book that they read and enjoyed over the summer. An activity or assignment focused on this book will be a requirement in Collegio and Sr. English classes. Students should be prepared to write about and discuss this title.*

*Students who take Collegio 101, 201, or 301 over the summer will be reading a common novel and can use the novel studied during the class for this second book requirement.

Questions can be directed to the librarians at library@seaprep.org.