



# MOTHER MCAULEY

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Dear Incoming Freshman Students & Parents/Guardians,

Summertime provides a great opportunity for students to continue reading for pleasure and to catch up on reading they did not have time for during the school year. During students' time away from the classroom, it is important they do not lose the literacy skills gained throughout the previous school year. In order to maintain these skills, students are encouraged to read over the summer, but this is not required. They may read a book of their choice, or they may choose one of the recommended books listed below.

Students are encouraged to download the e-text version of their book choice to begin familiarizing themselves with reading on their iPads; however, this is not required and a paperback/hard copy text is always acceptable. Thank you for your assistance. Enjoy your summer vacation, and we look forward to meeting you soon!

Sincerely,

**Freshman English Teachers**

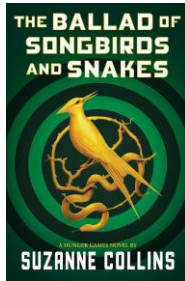
Carolyn Hart

Mary Kate Duffy

Thomas Bochenczak

## **Recommended Reading:**

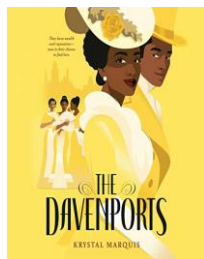
The following books are recommended by The Evergreen Park Library in conjunction with our 9th grade English teachers.



YA Fantasy

***The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes*** by Suzanne Collins

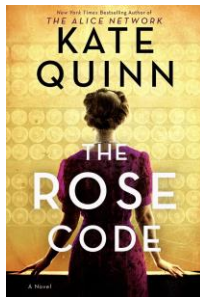
A prequel to *The Hunger Games*. A great read for those who enjoy fantasy and dystopian fiction.



Historical YA Fiction

***The Davenports*** by Krystal Marquis

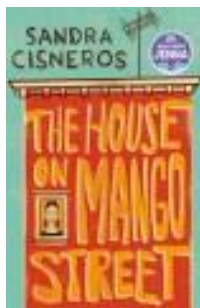
A tale about sisters that offers a glimpse into African American history that is often overlooked.



Mystery, Thriller, Suspense

***The Rose Code*** by Kate Quinn

a captivating novel that sheds light on the contributions of women during World War II. The story follows a group of brilliant women who operate the spy code-breaking machines, playing a crucial role in the war effort.



***The House on Mango Street*** by Sandra Cisneros

Structured as a series of vignettes, it tells the story of Esperanza Cordero, a 12-year-old Chicana girl growing up in Chicago.