

## Rising 11<sup>th</sup> Grade IB Language A: Language and Literature (HL1) Summer Reading 2017

Welcome to Summer, dear readers! For your assigned Summer Reading:

- ALL incoming IB Lang and Lit 11th graders will read the same Core Novel, which will form the basis of the first unit of study for Trimester 1 in August.

PLUS

- IB Lang and Lit students will choose and read at least one additional book from the Choice List.

Successfully reading (and ENJOYING) these books will translate into starting the year strong. Please return to school in August ready to discuss all aspects of the core novel, as well as your chosen book(s).

Most books are available in several formats, including paperback, audio (Overdrive, CD, Audible.com, iTunes) and eBook (Overdrive, Kindle, iTunes).

Our NBPS Overdrive Collection can be accessed at <https://northbrowardfl.libraryreserve.com>. Sign in with your student id to check out and download ebooks and audiobooks.

No matter which versions you read or listen to, you must also own a print or digital copy of your core novel to bring to class in August.

### **Core Novel**

#### **Welcome to the Monkey House by Kurt Vonnegut**

This is a collection of Kurt Vonnegut's shorter works. Originally printed in publications as diverse as *The Magazine of Fantasy and Science Fiction* and *The Atlantic Monthly*, these superb stories share Vonnegut's audacious sense of humor and extraordinary range of creative vision.

## Choice List

### **A Dog's Purpose** (A Dog's Purpose series bk. 1) by W. Bruce Cameron

Searching for his purpose over the course of multiple canine lives, Bailey is reborn as a golden-haired puppy after a tragic death as a stray and shares a loving bond with young Ethan before he again dies and starts over. More than just another charming dog story, this touches on the universal quest for an answer to life's most basic question: Why are we here?

### **Before We Visit the Goddess** by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni

Three generations of Indian mothers and daughters discover their greatest source of strength in one another. A baker's daughter who dreams of an impossible education, to the daughter who confronts her culture and independence in America, to the granddaughter who learns indelible lessons about freedom and heartbreak.

### **Americanah** by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Ifemelu seems to have everything a Nigerian immigrant in America could desire, but the culture shock, hardships, and racism she's endured have left her feeling like she has "cement in her soul." Smart, irreverent, and outspoken, she reluctantly left Nigeria (and her first love) on a college scholarship to start a new life in America, only to find her dreams are not all she expected.

### **The Reluctant Fundamentalist** by Mohsin Hamid

At a café table in Lahore, a bearded Pakistani man converses with an uneasy American stranger. As dusk deepens to night, he begins the tale that has brought them to this fateful encounter...Changez is living an immigrant's dream of America. At the top of his class at Princeton, he is snapped up by an elite valuation firm. He thrives on the energy of New York and his budding romance with Erica. But in the wake of September 11, Changez finds his position in his adopted city suddenly overturned, his own identity in seismic shift as well.

### **Fight Club by Chuck Palahniuk**

"Fight Club" is a world where young men gather in the basements of bars to fight strangers. Messianic nihilist Tyler Durden is the inventor of Fight Club. Soon thousands of young men across the country are reporting to their work cubes with flattened noses, blackened eyes, and shattered teeth, looking forward to their next bare-knuckle maiming. The oracular, increasingly mysterious Durden then begins to harness the despair, alienation, and violence he sees so clearly into complete anarchy.

### **Stories of Your Life and Others by Ted Chiang**

Ted Chiang's award-winning stories offer a feast of science, speculation, humanity, and lyricism. Standouts include "Tower of Babylon," in which a miner ascends the fabled tower in order to break through the vault of heaven and "Story of Your Life," in which a linguist learns an alien language that reshapes her view of the world. Chiang has the gift that lies at the heart of good science fiction: a human story, beautifully told, in which the science is an expression of the deeper issues that the characters must confront.

### **The Complete Persepolis (1 & 2) by Marjane Satrapi (Graphic Novel)**

Marjane Satrapi recounts her childhood and coming of age in Tehran during the Islamic Revolution, as well as her self-imposed exile from her native country, through comic strips that reflect how her own history is tied to the history of Iran.

### **March: Book 3 by John Lewis (Graphic Novel)**

Simultaneously epic and intimate, this graphic novel spotlights pivotal moments (the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, AL; the Freedom Summer murders; the 1964 Democratic National Convention; and the Selma to Montgomery marches) through the lens of one who was there from the beginning.