

## Rising 12<sup>th</sup> Grade College Prep Summer Reading 2017

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

- ALL incoming College Prep 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

- College Prep students will choose and read at least one 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

**Strange Pilgrims** by Gabriel Garcia Marquez

This collection of twelve stories recounts the peculiar experiences that befall Latin Americans visiting or living in Europe.

## Choice List

### **The Girl on the Train by Paula Hawking**

Rachel takes the same commuter train every morning and night. Every day she rattles down the track and stops at the signal that allows her to daily watch the same couple. She's even started to feel like she knows them. Their life—as she sees it—is perfect. Not unlike the life she recently lost. And then she sees something shocking. Unable to keep it to herself, Rachel goes to the police. Soon she is deeply entangled not only in the investigation but in the lives of everyone involved. Has she done more harm than good?

### **The Night Circus by Erin Morgenstern**

A circus known as *Le Cirque des Rêves* features two illusionists, Celia and Marco, who are unknowingly competing in a game to which they have been irrevocably bound by their mercurial masters, and as the two fall deeply and passionately in love with each other, their masters intervene with dangerous consequences.

### **Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen**

When Elizabeth Bennet first meets eligible bachelor Fitzwilliam Darcy, she thinks him arrogant and conceited; he is indifferent to her good looks and lively mind. When she later discovers that Darcy has involved himself in the troubled relationship between his friend Bingley and her beloved sister Jane, she is determined to dislike him more than ever. In the comedy of manners that follows, the friendships, gossip and snobberies of provincial middle-class life provide a lively backdrop to this budding relationship.

### **And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie**

Ten strangers--each with a sordid past--are summoned by an absent millionaire to a private island off the coast of Devon and begin to die one by one upon arrival.

### **Double Indemnity by James M. Cain**

Walter Huff, an insurance salesman and the suburban wife of a wealthy client, Phyllis Nirdlinger, conspire to trick Phyllis' husband into signing an accident insurance policy that pays double indemnity for railroad accidents.

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

"Fight Club" is a world where young men gather in the basements of bars to fight strangers. 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 leader then begins to harness the despair, alienation, and violence he sees so clearly into complete anarchy.

### **Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston**

The novel follows the fortunes of Janie Crawford, a woman living in the black town of Eaton, Florida. When Janie, at sixteen, is caught kissing shiftless Johnny Taylor, her grandmother swiftly marries her off to an old man with sixty acres. Janie endures two stifling marriages before meeting the man of her dreams, who offers not diamonds, but a packet of flowering seeds.

### **The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams**

Seconds before the Earth is demolished to make way for a galactic freeway, Arthur Dent is plucked off the planet by his friend Ford Prefect, a researcher for the revised edition of *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* who, for the last fifteen years, has been posing as an out-of-work actor. Together this dynamic pair begins a journey through space.