

Rising 11th Grade IB HL 1

Summer Reading 2017

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

- o ALL incoming IB HL 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

- o IB HL 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 book 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

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.

An Unnecessary Woman by Rabih Alameddine

This book celebrates the singular life of an obsessive introvert, revealing Beirut's beauties and horrors along the way. Aaliya Sohbi lives alone in her Beirut apartment, surrounded by stockpiles of books. Godless, fatherless, divorced, and childless, Aaliya is her family's "unnecessary appendage." Every year, she translates a new favorite book into Arabic, then stows it away. The thirty-seven books that Aaliya has translated have never been read—by anyone. Insightful musings on literature, philosophy, and art are invaded by memories of the Lebanese Civil War and Aaliya's volatile past.

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.

Dreaming in Chinese by Deborah Fallows

Deborah Fallows has spent a lot of her life learning languages and traveling around the world. But nothing prepared her for the surprises of learning Mandarin, or the intensity of living in Shanghai and Beijing. As her skill with Mandarin increased, bits of the language—a word, a phrase, an oddity of grammar—became windows into understanding romance, humor, protocol, relationships, and the overflowing humanity of modern China.

Fates and Furies by Lauren Groff

Every story has two sides. Every relationship has two perspectives. And sometimes, it turns out, the key to a great marriage is not its truths but its secrets. At the core of this rich, expansive, layered novel, Lauren Groff presents the story of one such marriage over the course of twenty-four years. At age twenty-two, Lotto and Mathilde are tall, glamorous, madly in love, and destined for greatness. A decade later, their marriage is still the envy of their friends, but with an electric thrill we understand that things are even more complicated and remarkable than they have seemed.

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.

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.