



Kittatinny Regional High School

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Summer Reading Program 9th Grade

Dear Students and Parents:

Summer vacation is a time for leisure and relaxation. It is also an excellent opportunity to engage in reading. For students to reach their full potential, they need a strong foundation in reading and writing. **Summer reading is an important activity for all students to continue intellectual growth and development.**

We encourage students to read as much as possible, however, all students must read the required grade-level book. This year it is The Maze Runner. They are encouraged to read additional books from their grade-level reading list of titles. These books were recommended by our English teachers and include a range of reading levels and interests. During the first full week of school, students will be given an assignment specific to their grade level and book.

The list may be found on the school website and it is available in the Guidance Department. Obtaining a copy of the book is the responsibility of the student. Books can be acquired from the local library, from area bookstores, or through Amazon.com. Parents are encouraged to improve the education of their children by urging them to read during the summer, at least twenty minutes a day.

On behalf of the English Department, we appreciate your support in this endeavor and we wish you a healthy, relaxing summer.

Sincerely,

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Supervisor of Instruction

Check Kittatinny website www.krhs.net for list of books

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Grade 9 Annotated Summer Reading List – May 2018– available on KRHS website www.krhs.net

B - Biography/Autobiography /
Memoir

C - Classic
CF - Contemporary Fiction

GN - Graphic Novel
HF - Historical Fiction

M – Mystery
NF - Non Fiction

SCI/FI - Science Fiction
SF – Sports Fiction

REQUIRED READING FOR GRADE 9

Sci/FI *The Maze Runner* by Dave Dashner

Thomas is left in a community of boys after his memory is erased. He learns they are all trapped in a maze that will require him to join forces with fellow “runners” for a shot at escape. **REQUIRED READING**

B *A Child Called It: One Child's Courage to Survive*
by Dave Peltzer

This is an autobiography of an abused child, isolated from other family members by his alcoholic mother. Through his strong will and inner strength, he describes how he overcame her abuse.

CF *American Born Chinese* by Gene Luen Yang

Various characters help each other with personal issues. Jin Wang wants to be an all-American boy because he's in love with an all-American girl. Danny is a popular athlete but his obnoxious cousin tries to ruin his reputation at school. These characters have to figure out ways to help each other fix their own disasters.

CF *Absolute True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*
by Sherman Alexie

A Native American boy is a regular target for bullies. At the encouragement of a teacher, he leaves the Indian reservation for an affluent school where he makes friends and shows his resilience.

HF *Between Shades of Gray* | by Ruta Sepetys

Lina is from Lithuania, living an ordinary life until Soviet officers tear her family apart. Separated from her father, she and her mother and brother are forced to work in a Siberian work camp. Through her drawings, Lina provides clues of their location and the drawings are secretly passed along, hoping they make their way to her father's prison camp.

CF *The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison

Pecola Breedlove prays for beauty but is mocked by other children for dark skin and curly hair that sets her apart. She desperately longs for blue eyes to bring her love and attention, especially from her mother who offers no defense against others, leaving Pecola to fend for herself.

NF *The City of Z* by David Grann

In 1925, British explorer Col. Percy Harrison Fawcett sets out on a journey to find an ancient Amazonian city. Fawcett, along with his son, Jack, never returned. The book explores the continuation of the obsession of uncovering the mysteries of the jungle adventure.

HF *Ghosts in the Fog: The Untold Story of Alaska's WWII Invasion*
by Samantha Seiple

This is a non-fiction account of how the Japanese invaded and occupied the Aleutian Islands in Alaska during World War II.

Sci/FI *The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman

Following the murder of his family, a baby wanders from his house into a graveyard where he is raised by ghosts and given the name, Nobody Owens, or Bod to his friends. Although there are dangers and adventures in the graveyard, it is safer here for Bod than being discovered by Jack who killed his family.

CF *Hit the Road* by Caroline Cooney

Brit is a brand new driver when her parents send her to stay with grandmother while they're off on a cruise. She quickly learns to put her driving to the test because Nannie and her college roommates are determined to go to their college reunion in an on-the-road adventure.

Sci/FI *House of Scorpions* by Nancy Farmer

Set in the future where clones are despised, Matt is a clone of El Patrón, a powerful drug lord. Other clones have had their intelligence destroyed; Matt's was spared. El Patrón dies & Matt must escape to stay alive.

B *I Have Lived a Thousand Years: Growing Up in the Holocaust*

by Livia Bitton Jackson

This story is an inspiring, detailed memoir of a 13-year-old Hungarian, Jewish girl, held prisoner in Auschwitz. It describes how she and her mother helped each other survive and were eventually liberated.

NF *Into Thin Air* by Jon Krakauer

An account of the 1996 Mt. Everest climbing adventure, when after reaching the summit, a group of climbers were hit by a sudden snow-storm leaving behind many dead. The author describes through his personal experiences, the great heroism and tragedy of those involved.

M *The Killer's Cousin* by Nancy Werlin

After David is acquitted of murdering his girlfriend, he moves to Boston to live with relatives, including his eccentric 11-year old cousin, Lilly, to finish his senior year of high school.

SF *Matched* by Allie Condie

The Society matches Cassia with Xander until she sees Ky Markham's face flash on the screen for just an instant. Although it appears to be a glitch she can't stop thinking about Ky and begins to doubt the Society. She is faced with choosing a path that no one else has followed.

GN *Maus* by Art Spiegelman

A novel about the effects the Holocaust had years later on the survivors and the next generation. The story unfolds in comic-book style with cats representing the Nazis and the Jewish people as mice.

CF *Monster* by Walter Dean Meyers

A 16-year-old boy tells his story from prison after serving as a lookout for a robbery of a drugstore where the owner was shot and killed.

HF *Red Badge of Courage* by Stephen Crane

This American classic takes place during the Civil War. Henry joins against the wishes of his mother. He flees from battle, struggles with guilt, and is called upon to face his fears and overcome cowardice.

CF *Speak* by Laurie Anderson

A teenage girl is ostracized by her friends for calling the police during a summer party. A traumatic event has led to her being unable to speak and the cause unfolds throughout the story.

CF *That Summer* by Sarah Dessen

While dealing with her parents' divorce and her sister's wedding, Haven must let go of myths from the past. Her sense of humor helps her cope with her physical appearance and her ever changing life.

SF *Travel Team* by Mike Lupica

Danny loves basketball and is dedicated to following in the footsteps of his legendary father. When he doesn't make the travel team, his father coaches those who are cut until he is sidelined & Danny takes control.