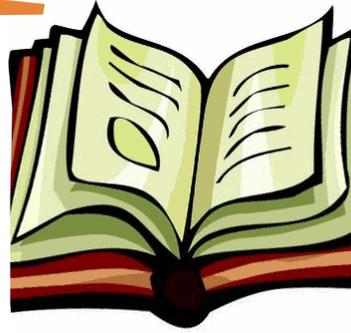


## A Message from the Principal

Dear Students and Parents,

What better time to relax, rejuvenate, and regroup than summer vacation! It is also the best chance to escape into a few good books. Reading provides us with so many limitless opportunities. Truly it is the key to success now and in the future. We encourage all of you to enjoy the power of reading. Parents, you can pave the way for a productive new school year by encouraging your teen to do his/her required reading for September.



**Required Summer Book:** Your English teacher has selected one book according to your grade and level. You are required to read this book. Use the essential questions to guide your reading. By September 15, you will be assessed in class on your understanding.

**Extra Credit:** We know that you like to have choice in the books you read, so we have provided a list of recommended books in a variety of categories on our web site. In September, you will complete a reader evaluation for extra credit in your English class. Your recommendations may end up on next year's list!

Hopefully, throughout the summer you will visit our web site of suggested book choices. However, we recommend that you do the required reading towards the end of the summer so it is fresh in your mind for discussion and assessment in September.

Let reading open many doors for all of you.

Sincerely,

Rosemary Duthie & Denise Cannata

Mark T. Sheehan High School

# Summer Reading



Make Your Summer  
Complete With a Good  
Book!

### Mark T. Sheehan Library

142 Hope Hill Rd.  
Wallingford, CT 06492  
[sofia.lib.overdrive.com](http://sofia.lib.overdrive.com)

### Wallingford Public Library

200 N. Main St.  
Wallingford, CT 06492  
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## Selection for Student Summer Reading Assignments

### Grade 9 - Incoming Freshmen

Level	Title	Author	Description
All Levels	Mindset	Dr. Carol Dweck	In lieu of traditional summer reading, all 9th grade students will participate in a community-wide initiative by reading <i>Mindset</i> . Teachers across the curriculum will reinforce the concepts of a growth mindset throughout the academic year

### Grade 10 - Incoming Sophomores

Level	Title	Author	Description
General	Jacob Have I Loved	Katharine Patterson	A tale of family relationships, and the turbulent rivalry between twin sisters set in the 1940's era in the Chesapeake Bay.
Academic	The Bean Trees	Barbara Kingsolver	A story about love and friendship, abandonment and belonging, and the discovery of surprising resources in apparently empty places.
Honors	Where Men Win Glory	Jon Krakauer	A true story about Pat Tillman who turned down a multimillion-dollar NFL contract to fight in Afghanistan and become a post 9/11 icon.

### Grade 11 - Incoming Juniors

Level	Title	Author	Description
General	Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time	Mark Haddon	This improbable story of Christopher's quest to investigate the suspicious death of a neighborhood dog makes for one of the most captivating, unusual, and widely heralded novels in recent years.
Academic	The Hobbit	J.R.R. Tolkien	Tolkien's epic tale of elves, dwarves, trolls, goblins, myth, magic and adventure.
Honors	The Lord of the Flies	William Golding	A classic tale about a group of English schoolboys who are plane-wrecked on a deserted island.
AP	1984 & Zeitoun	Orwell & Eggers	In addition to these books, students will read a series of non-fiction essays.

### Grade 12 - Incoming Seniors

Level	Title	Author	Description
General	For One More Day	Mitch Albom	The book explores how people might react to the chance to have a dead relative back for a day and how a former baseball player deals a myriad of problems.
Academic	A Thousand Splendid Suns	Khaled Hosseini	The story of the tumultuous lives of two Afghan women and how their lives cross each other, spanning from the 1960s to 2003.
Honors	The Odyssey	Homer	The epic tale of the Greek hero Odysseus and his ten year journey home after the fall of Troy.
AP	1.Cry, The Beloved Country 2.The Kite Runner 3.The Mermaid Chair	1.Patton 2.Hosseini 3.Monk-Kidd	These stories analyze the many facets of human nature from a variety of different places around the world.