



## **WJHS Summer Reading Program** **for Incoming Pre-AP 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Students**

*Welcome to the Washington Junior High School Summer Reading Program!*

**In Conroe ISD, we encourage all students to read over the summer in order to enrich learning and provoke thought. Summer reading strengthens reading skills, increases academic achievement, fosters a love for reading, and empowers students to become life-long learners.**

**Additionally, students who enroll in a Pre AP or AP English course are expected to engage in summer reading as it prepares students for the upcoming school year and creates an initial common framework for classroom discussion and instruction.**

En Conroe ISD, animamos a todos los estudiantes a leer durante el verano para enriquecer el aprendizaje y provocar el pensamiento. La lectura de verano fortalece las habilidades de lectura, aumenta el rendimiento académico, fomenta el amor por la lectura y permite a los estudiantes convertirse en aprendices de por vida.

Además, se espera que los estudiantes que se matriculen en un curso de Pre AP o AP de Inglés se involucren en la lectura de verano, ya que prepara a los estudiantes para el próximo año escolar y crea un marco inicial común para la discusión en el aula y la instrucción.

### **Directions for Participation in our Summer Reading Program:**

1. Select **one** novel from the reading list provided.
2. Read the novel over the summer.
3. Choose **one** novel response project from the choice board.
4. Obtain a parent or guardian signature attesting to student completion of the novel and project.
5. Submit the report to your WJHS Language Arts teacher for a required major grade.

**Your project will be due Friday, September 7, 2018.**

### **Instrucciones para participar en nuestro programa de lectura de verano:**

1. Seleccione una novela de la lista de lecturas proporcionada.
2. Lea la novela durante el verano.
3. Elija un proyecto de respuesta nuevo del tablero de elección.
4. Obtenga una firma de padre o guardián que acredite que el alumno ha completado la novela y el proyecto.
5. Envíe el informe a su maestro de Artes del Lenguaje de WJHS para una calificación mayor requerida.

**Su proyecto será el Viernes 7 de Septiembre de 2018.**

## **Book List-----Choose a book for your project from this list:**

### **Maybe a Fox by Kathi Appelt**



Sylvie and Jules, Jules and Sylvie. Better than just sisters, better than best friends, they'd be identical twins if only they'd been born in the same year. And if only Sylvie wasn't such a fast—faster than fast—runner. But Sylvie is too fast, and when she runs to the river they're not supposed to go anywhere near to throw a wish rock just before the school bus comes on a snowy morning, she runs so fast that no one sees what happens...and no one ever sees her again. Jules is devastated, but she refuses to believe what all the others believe, that—like their mother—her sister is gone forever.

At the very same time, in the shadow world, a shadow fox is born—half of the spirit world, half of the animal world. She too is fast—faster than fast—and she senses danger. She's too young to know exactly what she senses, but she knows something is very wrong. And when Jules believes one last wish rock for Sylvie needs to be thrown into the river, the human and shadow worlds collide.

### **Soar by Joan Bauer**

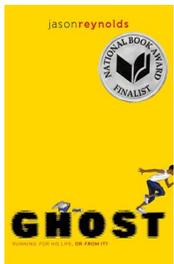


Jeremiah is the world's biggest baseball fan. He *really* loves baseball and he knows just about everything there is to know about his favorite sport. So when he's told he can't play baseball following an operation on his heart, Jeremiah decides he'll do the next best thing and become a coach.

Hillcrest, where Jeremiah and his father Walt have just moved, is a town known for its championship baseball team. But Jeremiah finds the town caught up in a scandal and about ready to give up on baseball. It's up to Jeremiah and his can-do spirit to get the town – and the team – back in the game.

Full of humor, heart, and baseball lore, *Soar* is Joan Bauer at her best.

### **Ghost by Jason Reynolds**



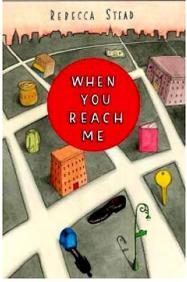
Ghost wants to be the fastest sprinter on his elite middle school track team, but his past is slowing him down in this first electrifying novel of a brand-new series from Coretta Scott King/John Steptoe Award–winning author Jason Reynolds.

Ghost. Lu. Patina. Sunny. Four kids from wildly different backgrounds with personalities that are explosive when they clash. But they are also four kids chosen for an elite middle school track team—a team that could qualify them for the Junior Olympics if they can get their acts together. They all have a lot to lose, but they also have a lot to prove, not only to each other, but to themselves.

Ghost has a crazy natural talent, but no formal training. If he can stay on track, literally and figuratively, he could be the best sprinter in the city. But Ghost has been running for the wrong reasons—it all starting with running away from his father, who, when Ghost was a very little boy, chased him and his mother through their apartment, then down the street, with a loaded gun, aiming to kill. Since then, Ghost has been the one causing problems—and running away from them—until he meets Coach, an ex-Olympic Medalist who blew his own shot at success by using drugs, and who is determined to keep other kids from blowing *their* shots at life.

## When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead

Winner of the 2010 John Newbery Medal



*Four mysterious letters change Miranda's world forever.*

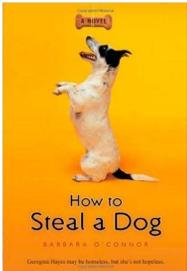
By sixth grade, Miranda and her best friend, Sal, know how to navigate their New York City neighborhood. They know where it's safe to go, like the local grocery store, and they know whom to avoid, like the crazy guy on the corner. But things start to unravel. Sal gets punched by a new kid for what seems like no reason, and he shuts Miranda out of his life. The apartment key that Miranda's mom keeps hidden for emergencies is stolen. And then Miranda finds a mysterious note scrawled on a tiny slip of paper:

*I am coming to save your friend's life, and my own.*

*I must ask two favors. First, you must write me a letter.*

The notes keep coming, and Miranda slowly realizes that whoever is leaving them knows all about her, including things that have not even happened yet. Each message brings her closer to believing that only she can prevent a tragic death. Until the final note makes her think she's too late.

## How to Steal a Dog by Barbara O'Connor



*Half of me was thinking, Georgina, don't do this. Stealing a dog is just plain wrong. The other half of me was thinking, Georgina, you're in a bad fix and you got to do whatever it takes to get yourself out of it.*

Georgina Hayes is desperate. Ever since her father left and they were evicted from their apartment, her family has been living in their car. With her mama juggling two jobs and trying to make enough money to find a place to live, Georgina is stuck looking after her younger brother, Toby. And she has her heart set on improving their situation. When Georgina spots a missing-dog poster with a reward of five hundred dollars, the solution to all her problems suddenly seems within reach. All she has to do is "borrow" the right dog and its owners are sure to offer a reward. What happens next is the last thing she expected.

## The Red Queen by Victoria Aveyard



Mare Barrow's world is divided by blood—those with common, Red blood serve the Silver-blooded elite, who are gifted with superhuman abilities. Mare is a Red, scraping by as a thief in a poor, rural village, until a twist of fate throws her in front of the Silver court. Before the king, princes, and all the nobles, she discovers she has an ability of her own.

To cover up this impossibility, the king forces her to play the role of a lost Silver princess and betroths her to one of his own sons. As Mare is drawn further into the Silver world, she risks everything and uses her new position to help the Scarlet Guard—a growing Red rebellion—even as her heart tugs her in an impossible direction. One wrong move can lead to her death, but in the dangerous game she plays, the only certainty is betrayal.

## Where to get the books

Several titles are available through our school's e-library! Here is how you can access those books:

Washington's homepage, under more, click on library.

<http://destinyweb.conroeisd.net/quest/servlet/presentquestform.do?site=213>

Your Destiny Login is:

Your Google username (not using @conroeisd.net) and password is stu#####.

You need to type in ebooks in the search bar. WHEN You ARE DONE READING, YOU NEED TO RETURN THE BOOK ONLINE.

The app is called Destiny Discover or Destiny Quest depending on your phone version. This is great for summer reading.



Most of the following books can be found at your local public library borrowed for free with a free library card, purchased at a bookstore, or access some of the books for free as an E-book. You can check out e-books through the Overdrive App using your public library card number.



### **Websites:**

- [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) (many discounted titles)
- [www.barnesandnoble.com](http://www.barnesandnoble.com) (usually a discount)
- [www.hpb.com](http://www.hpb.com) (Half Price Books)

### **Stores:**

- Barnes and Noble (The Woodlands Mall)
- Walmart
- Target
- Once and Again Used Books (The Woodlands)
- Half Price Books (2 locations off of FM 1960)

If you have any questions or need clarification on this assignment please feel free to email any of the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts teachers:

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## Project choices: Choose ONE.

<p><b>PowerPoint/Google Slides:</b> Create a presentation that will tell the class about your book. Describe/explain the importance of each item in the slides. Include slides on...</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1.) The main characters</li><li>2.) The setting</li><li>3.) The conflict</li><li>4.) The climax</li><li>5.) The resolution</li><li>6.) Your opinion of the book</li></ol>	<p><b>Book Illustrations:</b> If you were hired to be an illustrator for this book, what would you draw? Complete three drawings of main events in the story in sequential order. Must use color, no plain pencil, medium sized poster paper, and no excessive amounts of white space.</p>	<p><b>Book Advertisement:</b> If your book became a movie, what would the movie poster look like? How would you try to persuade people to come see your movie? Create a poster with illustrations and an original tag line. <i>If your book has already been made into a movie, you may not select this option.</i></p>
<p><b>Alternate Ending:</b> Have you ever wondered if your story would be better if it ended differently? Now's your chance to take over the author's job and rewrite the ending of your novel. Please type or write in ink an ending. Your finished product should be about 2 pages in length. MLA style.</p>	<p><b>Frame Story:</b> Show the sequence of your story by creating a series of comic book frames. Show eight major plot points with a brief description of each. Must use color, no plain pencil, medium sized poster paper, and no excessive amounts of white space.</p>	<p><b>Characters Come Alive:</b> If the main character of your story had a Facebook page, what would it look like? What quotes would they have in their profile? What would their profile picture be? Who would write on their wall? Must write clearly in ink or typed, no plain pencil, medium sized poster paper, and no excessive amounts of white space.</p>
<p><b>Letter to the Author:</b> Write a letter to the author asking him or her questions about the novel. Express your opinion about what you have read and let the author know your suggestions for future books. 2 pages typed or handwritten, MLA.</p>	<p><b>Diorama:</b> Create a miniature model of the setting of your story by using materials around you. Can you create Camp Greenlake where Stanley was forced to work in the novel Holes? Must also write a paragraph describing the setting chosen. Must be neat, creative.</p>	<p><b>Poetry Corner:</b> Write a song or a poem that is inspired by the characters or events in your story. Does Malala deserve a rap song? Does your book about the rainforest inspire you to write a poem about the beauty of nature? Typed or handwritten neatly in ink.</p>

\*All projects must contain original content created by the student. Students may not use artwork or catch phrases from the book cover in their projects.

Book Chosen: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_