

## Fairhaven High School Summer Reading Program

*"The man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who cannot read them." ~Mark Twain*

### Who and What?

- Every student who will be in grades nine through twelve next fall will participate in the Fairhaven High School Reading Program by reading one book during summer break. Honors and advanced placement courses will require students to do additional reading.
- In the spring, students will sign up for one of over 30 books, covering a range of reading levels and topics that have been selected by faculty and staff, who will act as facilitators.
- During the first two days of school, students will demonstrate that they read their book by taking a quiz and participating in book discussions.
  - This grade will then be transferred to their English teacher.
- A list of sponsored books is available in the students English class, in the school library, at Millicent Library, and online.
- All students must read the book confirmed on their selection sheet over the summer break.
- **YOU MAY NOT READ THE SAME BOOK YOU WERE ASSIGNED LAST YEAR; THE LIST WILL BE CHECKED**

### When and How?

- Copies of many books are available in the FHS library or Millicent Library.
- You should take a look at the reading level and subject matter before making a choice and discuss your choices with your parents/guardians.
  - A parent/guardian needs to sign the permission slip accepting your three choices.
- **You should select a book (and two alternate choices) between May 9 and June 2 by returning the signed Student Book Selection Form to your English teacher.**
  - **No slips will be accepted before or after this date.**
- You should turn in your Student Book Selection Form ASAP because books are assigned on a first come, first served basis (and the limit is 15 students per book)!
- You will receive confirmation of your book choice through your English teacher indicating which book you should read over the summer.
  - **If you do not return a slip by June 1<sup>st</sup> or are a transfer into the school, you MUST read the assigned book for your grade level:**
    - Freshmen - *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho
    - Sophomores - *Ellen Foster* by Kaye Gibbons
    - Juniors - *Go Ask Alice* (Anonymous)
    - Seniors - *Hole in My Life* by Jack Gantos
- You are responsible for getting a copy of your book (borrowed or purchased).
- If you own your own copy of the book, do not be afraid to mark favorite passages or jot down your thoughts in the margins as many readers do. It may also help you to list short descriptions of characters, keep a chapter-by-chapter summary/response log, or list main conflicts as they occur. This way you can review your notes to refresh your memory just prior to meeting with other students and a teacher who have chosen to read the same book. This will be especially helpful if you read your book early in the summer.

### Where?

- *Borrow a copy at the library.* If a copy is not available, ask your librarian if a copy can be borrowed from another library through Inter Library Loan (a free service).
- *Purchase a copy at a local bookstore.* If purchasing, try to find a paperback copy whenever possible. The book list will be distributed to the following bookstores, which will order extra copies:
  - Baker Books
  - Barnes and Noble
- *Purchase a copy online.* Amazon.com, Borders.com, and Half.com (among others) have both new and used copies of all of the books offered.

## Student Book Options

Honors students will have to read these books in **addition** to the one selected:

- Honors Freshmen: *Revolution* by Jennifer Donnelly (Comes out in Paperback July 26)
- Honors Sophomores: *Warriors Don't Cry* by Melba Pattillo Beals
- Honors Juniors: *1984* by George Orwell
- Advanced Placement Language and Composition:
  - To be Announced
- Honors Seniors: *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini
- Advanced Placement Literature and Composition:
  - *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* by Thomas C. Foster
  - *A Prayer for Owen Meany* by John Irving
  - *Fasting and Feasting* by Anita Desai

### Freshmen/Sophomores Only (15 Students per book)

Title:	Author:	Teacher:	Other Notes:
<i>Speak</i>	Laurie Halse Anderson	Ms. Young	
<i>Joy School*</i>	Elizabeth Berg	Mrs. Jardin	*Girl centered book
<i>Farewell to Manzanar</i>	Jeanne & James Houston	Mr. Gesualdo	
<i>Twilight</i>	Stephenie Meyer	Mrs. Martins	
<i>The Boxer and the Spy</i>	Robert B. Parker	Ms. Clement	
<i>The Pricker Boy</i>	Reade Scott Whinnem	Mrs. Whinnem	

### Junior/Seniors Only (15 Students per book)

Title:	Author:	Teacher:	Other Notes:
<i>Under the Sea-Wind</i>	Rachel Carson	Dr. Welty	
<i>Little Bee*</i>	Chris Cleave	Mrs. Girouard	*Intense/heavy read, but worth it.
<i>Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet</i>	Jamie Ford	Mrs. Whinnem	
<i>Rocket Boys*</i>	Homer H. Hickam	Mrs. Jardin	*Boy-centered booy
<i>A Prayer for Owen Meany</i>	John Irving	Ms. Cordeiro	
<i>One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*</i>	Ken Kesey	Mr. Harding	*Content & Language Advisory
<i>Carry Me Home</i>	Sandra Kring	Ms. Young	
<i>Black Swan Green*</i>	David Mitchell	Mrs. Higgins	*Content & Language Advisory
<i>Trouble</i>	Gary D. Schmidt	Ms. Clement	

### Books Open to All Grades (30 Students per book)

Title:	Author:	Teacher:	Other Notes:
<i>The Five People You Meet in Heaven</i>	Mitch Albom	Mrs. Frias	
<i>City of Thieves</i>	David Benioff	Mr. Pilla	
<i>When the Game was Ours</i>	Bird, Johnson, MacMullan	Mr. Francis	
<i>Ender's Game</i>	Orson Scott Card	Mr. Medeiros	
<i>Notes from the Underground</i>	Fyodor Dostoevsky	Mr. Richardson	
<i>The Graveyard Book</i>	Neil Gaiman	Mrs. Vincent	
<i>The Education of a Coach</i>	David Halberstam	Mrs. Kohler	
<i>Water for Elephants</i>	Sara Gruen	Ms. Rhodes	
<i>On the Road*</i>	Jack Kerouac	Mr. Hevey	*Content & Language Advisory
<i>The Long Walk</i>	Stephen King	Mr. Burlinson	* Mature Content Advisory
<i>Monster</i>	Walter Dean Myers	Ms. Vernacchio	
<i>Once a Runner</i>	John L. Parker	Mrs. Charette	
<i>My Sister's Keeper</i>	Jodi Picoult	Mrs. Pittsley	
<i>Stiff*</i>	Mary Roach	Mr. Williams	* Discussion of dead bodies
<i>Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows</i>	J.K. Rowling	Ms. Brady	
<i>Not Without Hope</i>	Schuyler and Longman	Mr. Davis	
<i>The Art of Racing in the Rain*</i>	Garth Stein	Mrs. Lacasse-Elliott	*Mention of adult subjects

