



Dear High School Student:

Summer is a wonderful time to relax with a good book. The digital approach to summer reading was initiated last year and was quite successful, so the practice will continue this year. The English Department can't wait for all of our students to see this year's Weebly at:

<http://albanyhighschoolsummerreading.weebly.com/>

At this site, you will be able to access the many titles from which you can choose a book that will satisfy the **summer reading requirement**. Every book on the list was carefully chosen to take into consideration the varied interests of high school students. I feel certain that there is something on the list that you will enjoy. In fact, my guess is that even though we are requiring that you read only one book this summer, you will be tempted to read even more once you see all the great titles we are suggesting!*

Book talks will take place in all English classes this May and June, and your teachers and librarians are prepared to help you choose a book we hope you'll enjoy. Your teachers have been asked to keep a record of your book choice, but if you return in September and have read another book from the list instead, no worries! Sometimes a book you have originally chosen doesn't work out. If you read the first couple of chapters and find you do not care for the story, then put it down and try another from the list. The important thing is to read.

You may be wondering where you can get your book. There are excellent resources for books right here in Albany. You could visit the **Albany Public Library** with branches located throughout the city. Another option is to check out all local libraries on the website www.uhls.org--your local branch can obtain your chosen book from the many libraries in the system. You can borrow books from the library or purchase them. There is an outstanding bookstore in Stuyvesant Plaza called **The Book House**; or of course, you can purchase from **Barnes and Noble**, either at Colonie Center or online. **Amazon.com** is another great place to buy a book and have it delivered right to your door!

The most important thing to do is read this summer. In addition to reading, **I ask you to complete a journal assignment to hand in during the first week of school that will be graded.** Your English teacher will give you the assignment before you leave this summer, but if you misplace it, you can get a copy right off the Weebly, so no excuses! Have a restful and relaxing summer.

*Please note that AP, IB, and Explorations requirements differ slightly. See the weebly for more direction.