



Bayard Rustin High School Summer Reading 2017 Creating a Community of Readers

It is our goal to establish a summer reading program that encourages our students to discover a sense of ownership in their reading experience. As noted by the American Association of School Librarians, "The amount of free reading done outside of school has consistently been found to relate to growth in vocabulary, reading comprehension, verbal fluency, and general information. Students who read independently become better readers, score higher on achievement tests in all subject areas, and have greater content knowledge than those who do not."

At Rustin High School, the purpose of summer reading is to promote a building-wide culture of lifelong learning and literacy, to increase reading stamina and fluency, and to enrich students academically and personally by encouraging independent and engaging reading selection from a wide variety of genres, subjects, and styles of writing according to individual students' interests and needs.

Expectations:

All students will independently select at least one non-fiction or fiction text. This assignment is in addition to the History Department's summer reading assignment. Texts should be chosen based on the individual student's interest, ability, grade, and reading level. English teachers can also help students find titles best suited for their reading level. It is recommended that students select a text that they have not previously read. Students could elect to read the same book as others and meet for "book club" discussions throughout the summer. Students may also listen to audio books.

How do I purchase/borrow a book?

Our school library allows students to check out books for the summer. Some titles are available to borrow from Mrs. Abigail Turley, Rustin English Department chairperson (aturley@wcasd.net). These books will be subject to charges if not returned in the same condition they were received. You may use Amazon, local bookstores, ebooks, or the local libraries. You may also use apps such as Overdrive to borrow ebooks and audio books from libraries or Audible to purchase audio books.

How do I select a text?

Prior to the end of the school year, students may:

- Conference with their English teacher or librarian for recommendations
- Visit the library and explore possible texts
- Access websites that help with text selection
- Share their intended summer reading text with their current English teacher via a Google Form