

Dear Parents:

The 2020 Manvel High School Extra Credit Summer Reading assignment will allow students to choose their own novels for an optional summer reading assignment. As a district, Alvin ISD believes that choice reading:

- Promotes a love of reading by allowing students to engage with texts that align with their interests, tastes, and values.
- Encourages students to interact with each other about their books in order to create rich literacy communities.
- Combats the gap in achievement most students incur due to summer reading loss.
- Gives students an incentive to read more which is the best known predictor of high reading success.



Students will be expected to **choose any book that they are interested in** that has not been previously read. Then, students will **complete a 1 to 2 minute book talk (digital or live)** for their English teacher OR Mrs. Lee (C113). As incentive, the completed book talk will earn the student a grade replacement coupon to use at any point throughout the first semester of the school year (the original assignment(s) must be attempted to the best of the student's ability) and a pizza celebration in September of 2020.

If the student is unable to acquire a book they want to read they can try the following resources:

- Audiobooksync - Two free downloadable YA audiobooks each week - <https://www.audiobooksync.com/>
- Brazoria County Library System - Students can sign up for new accounts online which they can use to access e-books and downloadable audiobooks - <http://bcls.lib.tx.us/>
- Sora - Download the app or sign-in through the website to access Alvin ISD's bank of e-books - sign in with your AISD login information - <https://soraapp.com/welcome/login/200705>
- Teen Book Cloud - A library of e-books that are temporarily free during the COVID-19 crisis - <https://www.teenbookcloud.com/home.aspx>

Please encourage your child to complete this reading assignment in order to be prepared for the reading expectation of the coming school year and beyond.

Thank you for your cooperation and continuing interest in your student's education.

Sincerely,

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Summer Reading Assignment

The assignment will be broken up into two simple parts: pick and read the book, and do a digital or face-to-face book talk that the student will share with their class or teacher in the first weeks of the school year.

Part A - Read the book:

There are no limitations on book selection for the students, but please consider the following:

1. It should be approximately at the student's grade level in regards to length and difficulty. Sorry, no picture books!
2. The primary goal of this project is to encourage engaged, pleasure reading. It is fine if the book is a challenging and rigorous classic, and it is fine if the book is a light and fun beach read. Students are encouraged to find something they would like.
3. The purpose of a book talk is to tell others about the book in a way that would get them interested. As the student reads they should keep track of interesting parts that they may want to share in their book talk later on. A book talk is sort of like a verbal commercial for the book.

Part B - Book Talk:

During the first few weeks of school, the student will be expected to do a book talk for his/her teacher (or Mrs. Lee), digitally or otherwise. The book talk assignment will be described in further detail by the classroom teacher at the beginning of the year, but all book talks will include basic information about the book, what makes it worth reading, and the type of reader it would appeal to. The goal of an effective book talk is to make others want to read the book without spoiling it. For many students, putting together a small project might act as another way to advertise their book and to make other students interested in reading it.

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