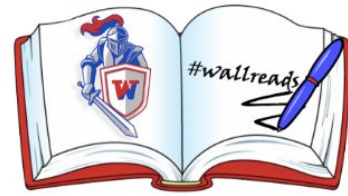


# Wall High School Summer Reading 2023



Parents and Senior Students, Class of 2024:

Wall High School is excited to announce our summer reading program for students entering twelfth grade. It's time to seize the opportunity to relax on the beach and discover new worlds through the joy of reading. While **all students must read at least one book**, it's our hope that parents will encourage students to read more than one novel and discover the love of reading. Summer reading is designed to support an appreciation of reading, while also providing an opportunity for students to reinforce their reading skills throughout the summer months.

The Wall High School administrative team encourages parents and guardians to be actively involved in the summer reading selection process. Please review the grade level recommended readings with your child to best support their choices, interests, and reading ability. If you have any questions regarding the summer reading selections, please contact Dr. Tracy Skinner at [tskinner@wallpublicschools.org](mailto:tskinner@wallpublicschools.org).

## **ELA 12 CP**

Students entering English 12 College Prep, may read **any** book of their choice this summer. Please choose your book prior to the end of the school year and provide the title to your current English teacher.

\*Teachers are not approving selections, simply recording the title for next year's English teacher.

## **ELA 12 Honors**

Students entering ELA 12 Honors, must read at least one book from the attached reading list.

## **AP Literature & Composition**

\*Please discuss summer assignments with your AP English teacher. You do not have to read from the list below.

**ALL ELA 12 CP & Honors Students** - Upon the return to school, students will take a **quiz** on the summer reading. Students should be prepared to answer questions and/or write a short constructed response on their summer reading book.

**HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!**

*Tracy Skinner*

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Supervisor of ELA & Social Studies 6-12

## Wall Township High School Summer Reading Assignment 2023

### Assignment:

- All students will read a minimum of **one** book this summer.
- Honors students are required to read at least one book from the attached list.
- The class assignment will be a **QUIZ** grade due the week of **September 6, 2023**.

### Reading Tips:

Some students find it helpful to take notes as they read. Other readers prefer talking about their books with a friend or a family member to consolidate their thoughts after finishing a book. Please consider the following reading tips as suggestions, not requirements for summer reading.

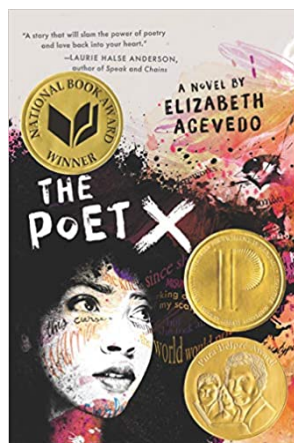
- **Post-it Notes:**

Use a post-it as both a bookmark and a place to record pages you want to return to and a word to label why that page is noteworthy.

- **Annotate the Text:**

Few reading tips are as powerful as writing in the margins. You may find it helpful to use the 'white spaces' to write while you read so that you can recall your thinking.

**HONORS students entering 12th Grade MUST select one book from the following list:**

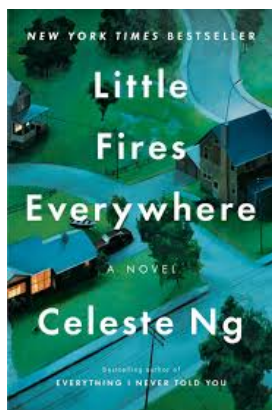


***The Poet X*, by Elizabeth Acevedo**

**Genre:** Young Adult Fiction

**Awards:** YALSA 2019 Best Fiction, National Book Award for Young People's Literature, the Michael L. Printz Award, and the Pura Belpré Award. New York Times Bestseller

**Summary:** Xiomara Batista feels unheard and unable to hide in her Harlem neighborhood. Ever since her body grew into curves, she has learned to let her fists and her fierceness do the talking. But Xiomara has plenty she wants to say, and she pours all her frustration and passion onto the pages of a leather notebook, reciting the words to herself like prayers—especially after she catches feelings for a boy in her bio class named Aman, who her family can never know about. With Mami's determination to force her daughter to obey the laws of the church, Xiomara understands that her thoughts are best kept to herself. So when she is invited to join her school's slam poetry club, she doesn't know how she could ever attend without her mami finding out. But she still can't stop thinking about performing her poems. Because in the face of a world that may not want to hear her, Xiomara refuses to be silent. - Amazon



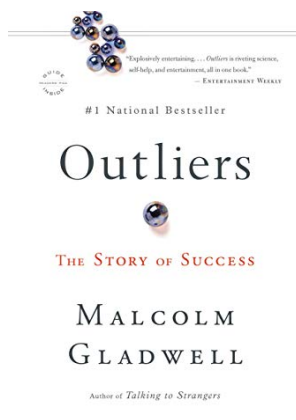
***Little Fires Everywhere*, by Celeste Ng**

**Genre:** Coming of Age Fiction

**Awards:** Named a Best Book of the Year by: *People*, *The Washington Post*, *Bustle*, *Esquire*, *Southern Living*, *The Daily Beast*, *GQ*, *Entertainment Weekly*, NPR, Amazon, Barnes & Noble, iBooks, Audible, Goodreads, Library Reads, Book of the Month, *Paste*, *Kirkus Reviews*, *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, and many more...

**Summary:** In Shaker Heights, a placid, progressive suburb of Cleveland, everything is planned—from the layout of the winding roads, to the colors of the houses, to the successful lives its residents will go on to lead. And no one embodies this spirit more than Elena Richardson, whose guiding principle is playing by the rules. Enter Mia Warren—an enigmatic artist and single mother—who arrives in this idyllic bubble with her teenage daughter Pearl, and rents a house from the Richardsons. Soon Mia and Pearl become more than tenants: all four Richardson children are drawn to the mother-daughter pair. But Mia carries with her a mysterious past and a disregard for the status quo that threatens to upend

this carefully ordered community. When old family friends of the Richardsons attempt to adopt a Chinese-American baby, a custody battle erupts that dramatically divides the town—and puts Mia and Elena on opposing sides. Suspicious of Mia and her motives, Elena is determined to uncover the secrets in Mia's past. But her obsession will come at unexpected and devastating costs. - Amazon



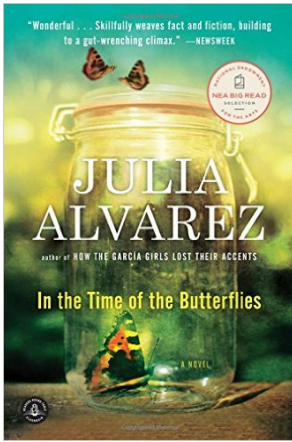
***Outliers*, by Malcolm Gladwell**

**Genre:** Nonfiction

**Awards:** New York Times #1 Bestseller

**Summary:** In this stunning book, Malcolm Gladwell takes us on an intellectual journey through the world of "outliers"—the best and the brightest, the most famous and the most successful. He asks the question: what makes high-achievers different?

His answer is that we pay too much attention to what successful people are like, and too little attention to where they are from: that is, their culture, their family, their generation, and the idiosyncratic experiences of their upbringing. Along the way he explains the secrets of software billionaires, what it takes to be a great soccer player, why Asians are good at math, and what made the Beatles the greatest rock band. - Amazon

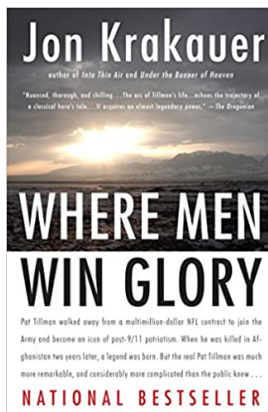


***In the Time of Butterflies*, by Julia Alvarez**

**Genre:** Fiction

**Awards:** *School Library Journal, Publisher's Weekly Reviewed, Los Angeles Times Reviewed*

**Summary:** It is November 25, 1960, and three beautiful sisters have been found near their wrecked Jeep at the bottom of a 150-foot cliff on the north coast of the Dominican Republic. The official state newspaper reports their deaths as accidental. It does not mention that a fourth sister lives. Nor does it explain that the sisters were among the leading opponents of Gen. Rafael Leonidas Trujillo's dictatorship. It doesn't have to. Everybody knows of Las Mariposas—"The Butterflies." In this extraordinary novel, the voices of all four sisters—Minerva, Patria, María Teresa, and the survivor, Dedé—speak across the decades to tell their own stories, from hair ribbons and secret crushes to gunrunning and prison torture, and to describe the everyday horrors of life under Trujillo's rule. Through the art and magic of Julia Alvarez's imagination, the martyred Butterflies live again in this novel of courage and love, and the human cost of political oppression. - Amazon



***Where Men Win Glory: The Odyssey of Pat Tillman* by Jon Krakauer**

**Genre:** Non-Fiction

**Awards:** *New York Times National Bestseller*

**Summary:** Pat Tillman walked away from a multimillion-dollar NFL contract to join the Army and became an icon of post-9/11 patriotism. When he was killed in Afghanistan two years later, a legend was born. But the real Pat Tillman was much more remarkable, and considerably more complicated than the public knew... - Amazon



***Spare*, by Prince Harry**

**Genre:** Non-Fiction

**Awards:** *New York Times National Bestseller*

**Summary:** It was one of the most searing images of the twentieth century: two young boys, two princes, walking behind their mother's coffin as the world watched in sorrow—and horror. As Princess Diana was laid to rest, billions wondered what Prince William and Prince Harry must be thinking and feeling—and how their lives would play out from that point on. For Harry, this is that story at last. - Amazon

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