

One School/One Theme Reading

Dear WAHS Family,

In an effort to keep our community connected this summer, the West High English Department is planning our school's first ever *One School/One Theme Community Read* through a donation provided by the A+ Foundation. We are excited to invite all present and former WAHS students, teachers, administrators and parents to participate in this opportunity! We have chosen three book titles that address a central theme: *In what ways does human connection influence one's drive and ultimate achievement of success?* Students and their families are encouraged to choose from among the three titles listed below and participate in facilitated Zoom conversations throughout the summer.

Please know that the *One School/One Theme Community Read* is **not** a graded assignment; instead, our intent is to keep students and their families engaged in literature, while connecting with a wider community through reading and dialogue.

Book Selections: (Click [HERE](#) for book descriptions and discussion questions)

- *Ms. Marvel* - Willow Wilson and Adrian Alphona
- *Just Mercy* - Bryan Stevenson
- *All The Light We Cannot See* - Anthony Doerr



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Instructions for Book Choice and Subscription

We will have unlimited **free** digital copies available for checkout of *Ms. Marvel* and 100 **free** digital copies available for checkout of the titles *Just Mercy* (both in the original and young adult version) and *All The Light We Cannot See*. The digital copies will be available for checkout for June and July only. These free digital copies are available on a first-come, first-served basis to students currently enrolled at West Aurora High School. If you are an incoming or current WAHS student and would like to use a free digital version, please complete the Google Form below. You will then receive instructions and check-out information via your school email on how to access your book.

[Google Form for Book Choice](#)

We also know that many of you may prefer to have a hard copy instead. The Aurora, North Aurora and Montgomery libraries are beginning to offer curbside pick-up. This is a viable option if you prefer. Ultimately, you may also purchase your own personal copy if you so choose.

Zoom Meeting Dates:

Throughout the summer reading activity, we will have two opportunities to meet to discuss the theme, stories, and connections. After you have picked your novel, please use the Google Form link below to sign-up for the Zoom discussions. The day before the Zoom meeting date and times, we will email the Zoom meeting and password codes to you.

[Zoom Meeting Sign-up Registration Link](#)

- **June 26th**
 - *Ms. Marvel* @ 10:00 AM - Mrs. Nicholson-Rigaud
 - *Just Mercy* @ 11:00 AM - Mrs. Hill
 - *All the Light We Cannot See* @ 12:00 PM (Noon) - Mrs. Lancaster
- **July 31st**
 - *Ms. Marvel* @ 10:00 AM - Mr. Pollastrini
 - *Just Mercy* @ 11:00 AM - Mrs. Hill
 - *All the Light We Cannot See* @ 12:00 PM (Noon) - Mrs. Lancaster

Discussion Board:

In addition to two Zoom meetings to discuss the novels, we will also offer discussion boards through Padlet. They can be found on each book's website. Readers can use these boards to record their thoughts on the books and respond asynchronously to comments made by other readers. Participants can also pose questions to other readers.

Please contact Kari Nicholson-Rigaud (knicholson@sd129.org) or Jennifer Lancaster (jlancaster@sd129.org) with questions.