The English Department At Cooper High School values the reading students participate in over the summer. We especially value the opportunity reading provides during summers when instruction has been disrupted at the end of the previous school year. Due to the circumstances created by the COVID19 pandemic, we want to ease the burden on our families by changing our normal summer reading assignments. We still want students to read. We will still be asking them to read when they return. But we understand that obtaining specific titles may present a bit of a challenge this summer.

Therefore, we have updated our requirements/recommendations to the following:

- All English I, II, III, and IV (Regular and Honors) courses are recommending students read any book at their appropriate reading level.
- AP English Language and Composition (Juniors) are being asked to read a non-fiction book of their choosing at their appropriate reading level.
- AP English Literature (Seniors) are being asked to read *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close* by Jonathan Safran Foer

We also would like to extend to our students some titles that we recommend! Many of our books have been read or are currently being read by our teachers and staff. We encourage you to read summaries of books that your child is choosing. Please take note of the grade level the teacher instructs with recommendations:

(English 1) Mrs. Mueller Recommends:
- *Hate List* by Jennifer Brown
- *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas
- *Long Way Down* by Jason Reynolds
- *Winter Girls* by Laurie Halse Anderson
- *Speak* by Laurie Halse Anderson

(English 1) Mrs. Dant Recommends:
- *Speak* by Laurie Halse Anderson
- *Educated* by TaraWestover
- *The Impossible Knife of Memory* by Laurie Halse Anderson
- *The Last Lecture* by Randy Pausch

**Recommended by Previous 9th Graders:**
- *Sadie* by Courtney Summers
- *Girl in the Blue Coat* by Monica Hesse
- *Dry* by Jarrod and Neal Shusterman
- *One of Us is Lying* by Karen M. McManus
- *The Quiet Room* by Lori Schiller and Amanda Bennett
The Tattooist of Auschwitz by Heather Morris
Hide with Me by Sorboni Banerjee
Rebel, Bully, Geek, Pariah by Erin Jade Lange

(English 2) Mrs. Moore Recommends:
Hide with Me by Sorboni Banerjee
Saddie by Courtney Summers
The Lovely Bones by Alice Seabold
Between the Shades of Grey by Ruta Sepetsy

(English 2) Mrs. Rodriguez Recommends:
A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier by Ishmael Beah
I Am Malala by Malala Yousafzai

(English 2) Ms. Shipp Recommends:
Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi
Children of Blood and Bone by Tomi Adeyemi
Pride by Ibi Zoboi
The Gentlemen's Guide to Vice and Virtue/The Lady's Guide to Petticoats and Piracy by Mackenzi Lee
Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe by Benjamin Alire Saenz
The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd

(English 3) Mrs. Dierig Recommends:
On The Come Up by Angie Thomas
The History of Jane Doe by Michael Belanger
With the Water On High & The Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo
History is All You Left Me by Adam Silvera
Just Mercy by Bryan Stephenson
North by Scott Jurek

(English 3) Mrs. Taylor Recommends:
A Walk in the Woods by Bill Bryson
Pilgrim at Tinker Creek by Annie Dillard
Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting by in America by Barbara Ehrenreich
Outliers by Malcolm Gladwell
Animal, Vegetable, Miracle by Barbara Kingsolver
Into Thin Air by Jon Krakauer
Lies My Teacher Told Me: Everything Your American History Textbook Got Wrong by James W. Loewen
Stiff: The Curious Life of Human Cadavers by Mary Roach
The Geeks Shall Inherit the Earth by Alexandra Robbins
The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot
The World Without Us by Alan Weisman
Purple Hibiscus by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
Dear Martin by Nic Stone
Black Like Me by John Howard Griffin

(English 3) Ms. Jane Recommends:
The 57 Bus: A True Story of Two Teenagers and the Crime That Changed Their Lives by Dashika Slater

(English 4) Mr. Booher and Mr. Hamilton Recommend:
The Hate You Give by Angie Thomas
Between the World and Me by Ta Nehisi Coates
World War Z by Max Brooks
The Love and Lies of Rukshana Ali by Sabina Kahn
Dracula by Bram Stoker
Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson