

# 2016 AHS ENGLISH DEPARTMENT SUMMER READING PROGRAM

## WELCOME TO STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE NINE!

Each summer, students at Amesbury High School are expected to participate in the summer reading program by reading **TWO** books that will be discussed and assessed in test form in the fall during English classes. We are excited about our program since it offers students many choices and opportunities to read books for pleasure.

### BOOK #1: Book Selection for your English Class

- Students who registered for a **college-preparatory (CP)** English class will read *Tuesdays with Morrie* by **Mitch Albom**. They will discuss the book in their English class in the fall and will take a reading test on **Thursday, September 1, 2016**. Copies will be available for loan at the library, or you can purchase your own copy.
- Students who registered for **honors (H)** English class will select **one** of the four memoirs listed below. Copies will be available for loan at the library, or you can purchase your own copy. Students will be tested on the reading in honors English on **Thursday, September 1, 2016**.
  - *I am Malala* by **Malala Yousafzai** (the original memoir, not the young readers' edition)
  - *Same Kind of Different as Me* by **Ron Hall and Denver Moore**
  - *The Glass Castle* by **Jeannette Walls**
  - *A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier* by **Ishmael Beah**
- The high school English teachers recommend that all students take notes on the book selected—the characters, plot, settings, and themes—and review them prior to testing.

### BOOK #2: Faculty Favorites Summer Reading Program

The FACULTY FAVORITES list includes a variety of books that staff members have enjoyed reading. All students entering grades 9-12 will select any **ONE** book from the faculty favorites list to read.

All students will participate in a book discussion group on **Friday, September 9, 2016**, led by the teacher who selected the book. Students will take an assessment at the beginning of the discussion session that will be graded as part of each student's summer reading grade in English class.

- Students may purchase books at area book stores. Limited copies are available through inter-library loan.
- An annotated copy of the Faculty Favorites list that describes each book is available online at the Amesbury High School website at <http://schools.amesburyma.gov/>.
- Click on **AHS** to find the **summer reading link**.