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New summer reading program helps Glenbard North freshmen

As a new school year began, Glenbard North High School freshmen got off on the right foot, thanks to a new summer reading program.

In keeping with the school's reading goal, incoming freshmen participated in the Required Summer Reading Program. Glenbard North recognizes that students' increased reading ability is directly related to increased achievement levels.

The new program engages teen-agers in reading throughout the year. It is part of an effort by the Glenbard North Reading Committee, faculty and staff to increase all students' reading ability. Promoting reading supports Glenbard's mission to prepare students to be lifelong learners.

All freshmen enrolled in English 1 and English 1B were required to read at least one book from a list of titles selected by the Reading Committee. Students enrolled in Honors English are exempt from the requirement as their teachers assign them specific reading lists and accompanying assignments. Students enrolled in special education and English language learners education programs are exempt from the requirement at this time, but a possible summer reading program will be included later. Glenbard's Curriculum Committee endorses the Required Summer Reading Program.

Considerable research, planning and organization was involved in introducing this program. Program highlights include:

- Twelve books are selected for each English level.
- Students select and read one book during the summer months.
- Junior high school principals are briefed about the reading program.
- Glenbard North teachers visit eighth-graders in their schools to discuss the reading program.
- Public libraries and bookstores are notified of books students will be borrowing or purchasing.
- During a library orientation in early September, freshmen are assessed to determine completion of the reading program.
- Students who do not complete the assessment successfully take a make-up test within three weeks.
- Guidance counselors provide an orientation to the reading program for new transfer students as they arrive at Glenbard North.

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