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Dear High School Wildcat,

Have you been holding on to a book waiting for some time to enjoy it? Maybe you’ve been thinking you should read a bit more but haven’t found the right book lately. Fortunately, sweet summer is upon us—and we’ve been listening to you. We know you appreciate choice, and so this summer we’re celebrating that idea by offering you another exciting opportunity. We want you to choose your book.

If you’re not sure where to begin, you’re in luck. Mrs. Christman, our High School Library/Media Specialist, will be hosting some “book tastings” before the end of the year. This means that a number of teachers will be escorting their students to the library in order to preview some texts with Mrs. Christman’s help. You can take a look at books by genres, topics, or authors, but you’ll have assistance if you desire it. But the news gets even better: if you choose, you may sign a book (or more) out of the library for the summer.

If you’d rather explore a book store or another library, that’s your call. We want you to be content with your selection. Feel free to ask your teacher for some suggestions as well; we’re here to help. Once you’re content with your selection, read and enjoy using the skills you’ve developed to this point. Using post-it notes for annotation or keeping Cornell notes as you read are great ideas.

We’re looking forward to working with you and your book selection this fall, but in the meantime, we wish you a lovely summer. See you and your book(s) on the first day of school! Happy reading!

Sincerely,

The Owen J. Roberts HS English Department

P.S. If you are an honors, hybrid, IB, or AP student, your summer reading assignment may include additional materials, so check with next year’s teacher or the district website for the details.