

2024-2025 Reading Scholar Program for Madison Academic High School

Each month students who wish to participate may read an approved book and prepare and present an oral report to the Reading Scholar Panel. At the end of their presentation they will be asked questions by the panel about the book and about their thoughts about issues addressed by the book. The best presentations, as judged by the panel, will receive a cash prize of \$25, a “Reading Scholar T-Shirt” and other prizes. Students can select their book, but it will need to be approved by a teacher, librarian, administrator, or a member of the Reading Scholar Committee. It should not be a book that was a required assignment for a class at Madison. Each month will have a particular focus. Some teachers will have a suggested list of books to help you find an appropriate book. We will attempt to give students as much freedom as possible in selecting a book of interest. Below are the categories for the months of the 2024 - 2025 School Year.

August: **Inspirational** This book can be any book that you find inspirational. It can be a book you read for fun over the past summer. Just get it approved by a teacher and begin planning your presentation. *Presentation Date: Thursday, August 29, 2024*

September: **Reader's Choice** Choose a book that interests you and read it for the September presentations. It can be a classic, a modern best seller, historical novel, mystery, adventure, suspense, science fiction or fantasy. Presentation date: Thursday, *September 26, 2024*

October: **History or Social/Political Science** Select a book about U.S. history, world history, the study of human society and social relationships, the history of different ethnic or religious cultures, or biographies of people who significantly impacted history. Presentation date: Tues., *Oct.24 , 2024*

November: **Science and Math** Choose a book with a strong focus on science or math. It can be about anthropology, archeology, astronomy, biology, chemistry, physics, (this may include the history of epidemics, plagues, diseases, vaccines, cancer research), mathematical history, or a biography of a scientist or a mathematician. *Presentations: Wednesday, November 20, 2024*

December: **Local Author:** Choose a book by a local author in West TN, fact or fiction and tell us more about the book. Presentations: Thursday, January 9, 2025

January: **Biography** Read a biography or autobiography of a person who has had an interesting life or has made a lasting contribution to the world. *Presentations: Wednesday, February 5, 2025*

February: **Black History Month:** Choose a book on black history, a biography of an African-American, the history of slavery in America, abolitionist and anti-slavery movements, the history of segregation and desegregation, constitutional amendments affecting African-Americans, civil rights legislation, Post Civil War Reconstruction, Jim Crow laws, etc. *Presentations: Wed., Feb.26, 2025*

March: **Pulitzer Prize Fiction** Choose a book that won the Pulitzer Prize from the years 1920 through 2020. This list can be found with an on-line search. *Presentations: Wed. April 3, 2025*

April: **Poetry, Short Stories, and Drama** Read a collection of poetry, a collection of short stories, a dramatic play, biography of a poet, a short story writer, or a playwright. Presentations: *May 1 , 2025*

All Books Must Be Approved by a Teacher