

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am overseeing the school Book Club at Johnstown High School. The purpose of the book club is to engage students in different styles of reading, enhance critical thinking skills, promote literacy through new approaches, establish a safe environment for the exploration of new ideas and viewpoints, and most importantly, develop a lifelong love of reading with students.

Your son/daughter wishes to participate in this club. As a member, he/she will be reading and discussing books that are selected by the club. All materials for the club will be provided to the students at no cost through a partnership with the Licking County Library system. The Book Club will read books chosen by the students, including some that may have content related to violence, sexual activity, drug activity, racial issues, and other conflicts that may be concerning to some parents. I rarely have read the titles before students vote on it, and I experience the book for the first time with the students.

Book Club is entirely optional participation from month to month and book to book. Students never have to read a book with which they are uncomfortable or do not want to read. They can read as few or as many of the books as they choose. Book Club will be held during SMART periods once a month, and selected titles can be seen on the Book Club page of the Library on the JHS website.

This month's title is _____ by _____.

If you are interested in learning more about the book, you may find information at the following book review websites:

www.booklistonline.com

www.slj.com/category/reviews/books/

www.kirkusreviews.com/book-reviews/

www.teenreads.com

If you are comfortable with your student participating in book club and reading the above text, please sign the permission form so that they can join the reading fun. Of course, you are welcome to read the book and discuss with your child as well. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at adoty@jmk12.org.

Sincerely,
Alicia Doty
JHS Library Media Specialist

Book Club Permission Slip

I give my son/daughter, _____, permission to participate in the JHS

Book Club reading and discussion of _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____