

YWLCS SUMMER BOOK CLUB

All meetings will be held at 5:30 – 7pm at YWLCS

1st session: Monday, June 27,
2nd Session: Tuesday July 12,
3rd Session: Tuesday July 25th

1. 7th,8th and 9th grade group
Lead Facilitator: Fran Johns

June 27th Selection

Brande, Robin. *Fat Cat*. Alfred A. Knopf, 2009. Overweight teen Catherine embarks on a high school science fair project in which she decides to emulate the ways of hominids, the earliest ancestors of human beings, by eating an all-natural diet and foregoing technology as much as possible.

July 12th Selection

Haddon, Mark. *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*. Doubleday, 2003. An autistic boy keeps a diary of his efforts to solve the mystery of who killed his neighbor's dog. This funny, touching novel is a revealing look into the mind of an autistic person. Alex Award 2004

July 25th Selection (Co-facilitator- Jenny Gillespie)

Cooney, Caroline. *Diamonds in the Shadow*. Delacorte, 2007. The Amabo family, refugees from a tyrannical regime in an African country, is beginning to adjust to its new life with a good-hearted American family—even as another African refugee is pursuing a dangerous course that will impact both families.

2. 10th, 11th, 12th

Lead Facilitator: Shenita Johnson Garrard, Co-Facilitators: Lynn Hoey and Elizabeth Deisinger

June 27th Selection

Danticat, Edwidge. *Brother, I'm Dying*. Alfred A. Knopf, 2007. In 2005, expecting her first child and facing the death of her father, Danticat relates her childhood experiences living in a loving and devoted Haitian family torn by immigration, political upheaval, and violence. A poignant and painful memoir filled with hope and grace. National Book Critics Circle Award 2007; Christopher Award 2008

July 12th Selection

Erlbaum, Janice. *Girlbomb: A Halfway Homeless Memoir*. Villard, 2006. In 1983,

at age fifteen, Janice Erlbaum walks away from her dangerous home life and into the streets of New York determined to make it on her own in this unflinching portrait of being underprivileged, underage, and underdressed.

July 25th Selection

Kwok, Jean. *Girl in Translation*. Riverhead Books, 2010. When Kimberly Chang and her mother emigrate from Hong Kong to Brooklyn squalor, Kimberly quickly begins a secret double life -- exceptional schoolgirl by day, Chinatown sweatshop worker by night -- and she learns to constantly translate not just her language but herself back and forth between the worlds she straddles. Alex Award 2011

3. AP English Group

Facilitator: Joan Hall

June 27th Selection

Their Eyes Were Watching God - Zora Neale Hurston

July 12th Selection (Co Facilitator: Karen Teitelbaum)

The Great Gatsby - F. Scott Fitzgerald

July 25th Selection

Native Son - James Baldwin