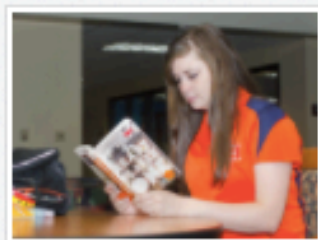


About the Program



SHSU's First-Year Experience office provides incoming freshmen with their first college academic experience before they even set foot in a classroom. The SHSU Common Reading Program gives students a copy of a book to read over the summer. This book is then integrated into some of the classes they take through lectures, a film series, participation in discussion groups, and course assignments.

Our Mission

The mission of the SHSU Common Reading Program is to create a common academic/intellectual experience for incoming freshmen, facilitate a campus-wide cross-disciplinary conversation, and enhance the community among students, faculty, and staff.

We invite the university community to join in on the selection for the 2017-2018 SHSU Common Reader. Please read a book from the list below and rate then rate it at by clicking the link. We will accept ratings until Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CR17ReaderReviews>

2017-2018 SHSU Common Reader Book Selection "Short List"

Alone Together: Why We Expect More from Technology and Less from Each Other by Sherry Turkle

Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood by Trevor Noah

Deep Work: Rules for Focused Success in a Distracted World by Cal Newport

Grit: The Power of Passion and Perseverance by Angela Duckworth

Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption, by Bryan Stevenson

Out of Darkness by Ashley Hope Perez

Player Piano by Kurt Vonnegut

The Good Food Revolution: Growing Healthy Food, People, and Communities by Will Allen

We are Called to Rise by Laura McBride

For more information on the SHSU Common Reading Program, contact Kay Angrove at 936.294.3422 or kangrove@shsu.edu.

Past Common Readers

2016-2017: *An Astronauts Guide to Life on Earth* by Col. Chris Hadfield

2015-2016: *Enrique's Journey* by Sonia Nazario

2014-2015: *Ready Player One* by Ernest Cline

2013-2014: *The Power of Habit* by Charles Duhigg

2012-2013: *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot

2011-2012: *Isaac's Storm* by Erik Larson

2010-2011: *China's Son* by Da Chen

2009-2010: *The Fly in the Ointment* by Dr. Joe Schwarcz

2008-2009: *Affluenza: The All-Consuming Epidemic* by John de Graaf

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