

COMMITTEE & HISTORY

The First Read Program is coordinated and implemented by a committee of faculty, staff and students. The charge to the First Read Committee is as follows:

- (i) select the book for the incoming first year students of 2008;
- (ii) share and decide on activities and program ideas that can be implemented surrounding the reading of the book;
- (iii) undertake the implementation of specific program ideas; and
- (iv) regroup and assess the program and provide feedback for future programs.

You will receive your copy of *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* in your Pride Pack. If you have not received a copy of the book, please stop by the Office of Dean of Students, Room 2509 in the Student Union.

PAST BOOKS FEATURED:

2007	Ishmael Beah, <i>A Long Way Gone</i>
2006	Timothy O'Brien, <i>The Things They Carried</i>
2005	Danzy Senna, <i>Caucasia</i>
2004	Ejovi Nuwere, <i>Hacker Cracker</i>
2003	Barry Glassner, <i>The Culture of Fear</i>
2002	Eric Schlosser, <i>Fast Food Nation</i>
1998	Octavia Butler, <i>Parable of the Sower</i>

THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS SERVE ON THE PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR FIRST READ:

RoseMarie Ackerman, Student Success Center
Tom Barden, Honors Program
Charles Blatz, Philosophy Department
Tamara Clark, Office of Residence Life
Della Croci, Student Affairs, HSC
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Brandon Donelson-Sims, FYE Service Learning
Melanie Dusseau, Arts & Sciences
Leslie Edgerton, Faculty, English Department
Lori Edgeworth, Office of Student Involvement
Margaret Fritz, Interdisciplinary Studies
Charlene Gilbert, Eberly Center for Women
Nina Grant, Office of Multicultural Student Services
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Marcia King-Blandford, Academic Affairs
Dennis Lettman, Learning Enrichment
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Sara Yarkin, Faculty, English Department

FIRST READ 2008

The First Read Program at The University of Toledo brings incoming students together to provide a common reading experience that will introduce students to a part of their academic life while developing a strong sense of community with their fellow students, faculty, and staff both inside and outside the classroom.

First Read '08 is sponsored by the Office of Dean of Students and the Office of Student Involvement within the Division of Student Affairs.

Call 419.530.4944 or visit www.utoledo.edu/studentaffairs for more information.



2008 FIRST READ BOOK

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time

by Mark Haddon

Christopher John Francis Boone knows all the countries of the world and their capitals and every prime number up to 7,057. He relates well to animals but has no understanding of human emotions. He cannot stand to be touched. And he detests the color yellow.

This improbable story of Christopher's quest to investigate the suspicious death of a neighborhood dog makes for one of the most captivating, unusual, and widely heralded novels in recent years.

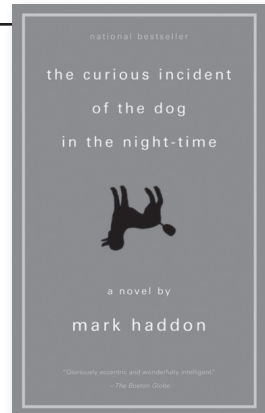
"Gloriously eccentric and wonderfully intelligent." — The Boston Globe

"Superb. . . Bits of wisdom fairly leap off the page." — Newsday

"Haddon illuminates a core of suffering through the narrowly focused insights of a boy who hasn't the words to describe emotional pain." — New York Daily News

Activities generated through the First Read Program are designed to...

1. Engage students, faculty and staff in stimulating and intellectual discussions inside and outside the classroom;
2. Engage students, faculty and staff in projects, co-curricular activities and campus events related to the reading of the common text; and
3. Strengthen reading, writing and critical thinking skills.



SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES:

THE CURIOUS ONLINE QUIZ

Monday, Aug. 25 – Monday, Oct. 6

Check your UT email and find out how you can enter this on-line quiz. Be advised – read the book from cover to cover before you begin taking this quiz. Results will be announced at the Evening with Stephen Shore, the First Read keynote speaker, which is scheduled for Wednesday, October 8th. Please note that winners will be entered in to a drawing to win fabulous prizes. You must be present to win!

COMMUTER BREAK: LATINO MUNCHIES AND WHERE'S WALDO?

Monday, Sept. 22, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Office of Multicultural Student Services, 2500, SU
Stop by and taste some delicious Latino finger food in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month as we introduce the Where's Waldo contest to student participants. The contest will culminate on October 6th. Winners will be announced at the Evening with Stephen Shore on October 8th.

COFFEE HOUR #1 – VISUAL LITERATURE

Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

South Lounge, SU
Exploration of the book as visual literature. Join this discussion group in the exploration of visual literature as it relates to *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*, authored by Mark Haddon. Afternoon refreshments, coffee and tea will be served.

COFFEE HOUR #2 – ELEMENTS OF THE NOVEL

Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

South Lounge, SU
Exploration of the book as a novel. Take part in this discussion group centered on the books form, subject material for the story line, development of character, point of view, use of language, concepts of metaphor and simile, lies and truths, and the use of digression or excursus. Afternoon refreshments, coffee and tea will be served.

COFFEE HOUR #3 – PSYCHOLOGY AND PHYSIOLOGY

Thursday, Sept. 25, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

South Lounge, SU
Exploration of the psychology and physiology of the book. Learn alternate ways of seeing, understanding, and representing experiences and thought through autism as it relates to *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*. Afternoon refreshments, coffee and tea will be served.

COFFEE HOUR #4 – LEARNING STYLES

Monday, Oct. 6, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

South Lounge, SU
Exploration of the alternate ways of learning styles as it relates to *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*. Awareness Exercises will be done to promote understanding of people on the autism spectrum. Afternoon refreshments, coffee and tea will be served.

PANEL DISCUSSION ON DISABILITIES AND AUTISM

Tuesday, Oct. 7, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Ingman Room, SU
Come hear speakers from both the campus and greater Toledo communities as they share their stories about autism and disabilities, the challenges faced by their families, and how they overcame the many obstacles associated with these conditions.

BRING YOUR DOG TO UT DAY

Wednesday, Oct. 8, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Centennial Mall
Gather in Centennial Mall to participate in an informal information fair that will feature the importance of Seeing Eye dogs for individuals with disabilities. All dogs will receive treats and a Frisbee! Students, faculty and staff can bring their dogs to UT. Includes a hot dog lunch for all faculty, staff and students to enjoy.

BE IN CLASS WITH STEPHEN SHORE

Wednesday, Oct. 8, 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

2582, SU
Stephen Shore will spend personal time with you discussing autism, disability awareness and other topics surrounding the book, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*, by Mark Haddon.

MEET & GREET STEPHEN SHORE

Wednesday, Oct. 8, 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

2592, SU
Enjoy casual time meeting Stephen Shore, taking photos, and enjoying finger food. Shore serves as board president of the Asperger's Association of New England, and sits on the board of directors for Unlocking Autism, the Autism Services Association of Massachusetts, MAAP Services for Autism and Asperger Spectrum, and the College Internship Program.

AN EVENING WITH STEPHEN SHORE

Wednesday, Oct. 8, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Auditorium, SU
Do not miss this evening with keynote speaker Stephen Shore as he talks about themes covered in the book, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*, such as disability awareness and autism. Shore is a nationally recognized autism consultant, and in addition to working with children and advocating for a better quality of life for people with autism, he speaks and consults internationally on adult issues pertaining to education, relationships, employment, advocacy and disclosure. The results of The Curious Online Quiz and the winners of the Where's Waldo contest will be announced.

CAP THEATRE THURSDAY: "AUTISM THE MUSICAL"

Thursday, October 9, 8:00 p.m.

Glass Bowl (Rain Location: REC Center)
Following five Los Angeles children over the course of six months, director Tricia Regan captures the struggles and triumphs of their family lives and observes how this musical production gives these performers a comfort zone in which they can explore their creative sides.

The Office of Residence Life will be conducting additional activities associated with the First Read Program. Please call 419-530-2941 for more details, or visit the website at www.utoledo.edu/studentaffairs.